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## WELBORNE RETIRES

After 38 years of service, Vice Chancellor Welborne will depart after this year

DEXTER R. MULLINS  
Editor In Chief

In a phone interview yesterday, Dr. Sullivan Welborne, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, told The A&T Register that he would be retiring from his post at North Carolina A&T. The Register was the first official source to confirm this report.

After working at A&T for over 38 years, Welborne says he feels that he has served in his full capacity, and it is his time to go.

"I tried my best to do my job, in making sure that student affairs runs smoothly," Welborne said.

"I wanted to give Dr. (Harold L.) Martin the appropriate time to have the right selectee. I did not just quit, it just that this is what I think I was supposed to do."

Welborne started working at A&T in the Memorial Student Union, sweeping the floors. From there he said that he became what was then known as the Dean of Students for Services.

He later went on to become the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, then the Vice Chancellor in 1989, and he remained in that position until 2001.

In 2002, Welborne retired, but he came back to A&T as a professor in the Chemistry department, and he taught until 2006.

It was not until 2006 that Welborne would become Vice Chancellor again, at the request of then Interim Chancellor Lloyd "Vic" Hackley.

"I've never worked anywhere else except for A&T. This has been the greatest experience of my life."

DR. SULLIVAN WELBORNE  
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Welborne would hold this position until 2009, all while working for not two, but three Chancellors before retiring again.

"I've never worked anywhere else but A&T," Welborne said. "This has been the greatest experience of my life."

Chancellor Martin spoke with The Register at approximately 5:48 p.m. on Tuesday evening and shared his thoughts on Welborne's decision to retire.

Martin said that he doesn't think he can replace Welborne and the impact that he has made on the campus, but that he will do his best to find someone to fulfill the position.

"Dr. Sullivan Welborne has been a significant contributor to North Carolina A&T State University as an administrator. He has just been a major, major supporter of our students, and an excellent roll model for students," Martin said.

"We have a great debt of gratitude that we owe to Dr. Welborne who served the institution, retired once, and because of his commitment to the institution, came out of retirement to serve an additional three years."

Martin said that he and Welborne had discussed his possible retirement nearly a

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## Career fair seems one-sided, but career services tries to be fair

MARCUS THOMPSON  
Senior Reporter

North Carolina A&T is known around the country for having one of the largest career fairs out of any historically black college or university, but ask students here on campus, and you may find a difference of opinion.

Many students complain that they don't even go to the career fair because there is never anyone from their majors, and they feel it is only for engineering and business students.

While it may not seem like it, the truth is that all of the blame may not rest on the people who organize the career fair and set up the program.

Joyce Edwards, executive director of career services and experiential learning, explained that in coordinating the career fair the Office of Career Services (OCS) uses a

database with over 4,000 different company contacts from across the U.S. and they also take suggestions from the deans of every department to aid in the deciding who should be invited.

Cynthia Downing, assistant director for Career Counseling Programs, explained that representatives from A&T's OCS attend conferences that target specific majors in order to compile information for their extensive database system.

Downing also said that the OCS has also formed a partnership committee with representatives from each college to aid the department and exchange information so that the event benefits everyone.

She stated that there were over 2,000 employers invited for the career fair that specifically seek arts and science majors.

"We invite a broad spectrum but it all depends on who

decides to accept that invitation and that's what it all boils down to," Downing said.

"All those companies that came to the [career fair] have positions for arts and science majors. They may be looking for one particular segment, but if a student networks with them, asks them who recruits for their particular major at the company they can get a contact, so if nothing else it has been a good networking event for them."

"They really have to understand what they want to do with their major, if they are in arts and sciences depending on what they want to do with their major, based on that they can find out how that major fits within that company and then when they approach the recruiter they can let them know 'this is what we can do for your company'."

Both Edwards and Downing alluded to students who

majoring in journalism and mass communications, English, and political science and found success in companies that specialized mainly in technology such as Vanguard and BMW.

Downing also gave her own personal account of how she was a political science major in college but she also took some classes in business.

"In my first job, I worked in an accounting department in taxes so my first job didn't even have anything to do with arts and sciences," Downing said.

"I did something else with it, but it's just a matter of what you want to do with your degree as well and so that's what's going to help you."

"Our message to the students is that it's important that they network at every opportunity and our website has a lot of information on it, but if you go over to that fair and you

didn't prepare and you don't have a plan, you're going to get that reaction when you go over there because you're not ready," said Edwards.

Downing also mentioned job postings, e-mailed announcements and Aggeliink, a nationwide database for gaining information on employers in search of college students, as alternate methods of finding employment outside of the career fair.

"We even had a company, Fox 8 News, that was [at the career fair] and they have about 40 positions they're looking to hire for at their company and they're looking for communications majors there," said Downing.

"But if students don't actually research and see who's coming and know what they want to do they miss out on opportunities."

Edwards also emphasized the importance of research-

ing the companies who send recruiters to A&T in search of qualified students in all majors.

"Even though NSA is technical they look for all majors, but if you didn't do your research then you wouldn't have known that," Edwards said.

"The CIA and a lot of those federal agencies will have positions for non-technical majors."

If you look at your major and box yourself into one avenue then you're going to miss the boat.

All your major, your degree, does is show that you have the ability to learn, the ability to gather information and then take that learned information and apply it to any situation.

So we encourage the students to start looking at what's available and put their best foot forward instead of spending their time and energy talking about what's not there."

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The Register's Kelcie McCrae goes inside the world of the School of Agriculture.

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YOUR CAMPUS

Aggies, you have given A&T to the administration, and it is time you took back what is rightfully yours.

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QUARTERBACK?

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Alumnus and celebrity Terrence J comes back to A&T to host the Black College Tour event.

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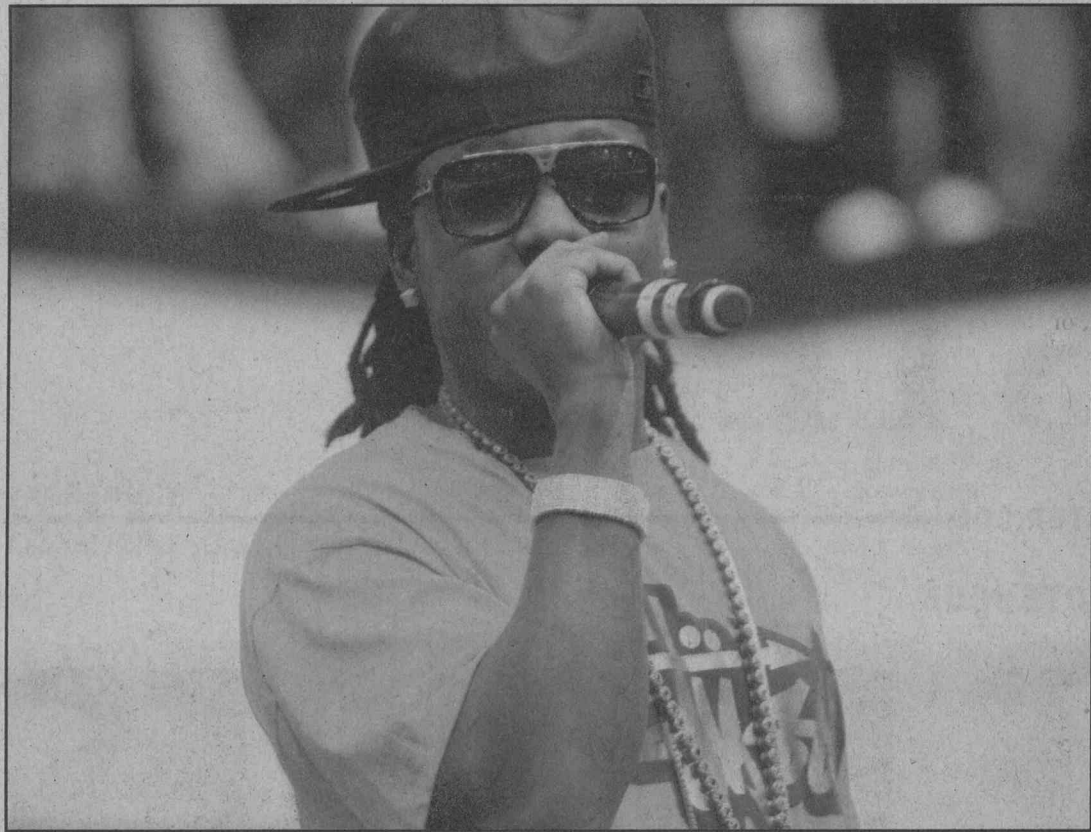
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## inFOCUS



ACE HOOD Def Jam recording artist Ace Hood performs at the BET Black College Tour in Corbett on Friday.

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## Aggies celebrate 'Day of Peace'

DEREK LINEBERGER & U'LEASA JOSEPH  
Register Reporter

Students at North Carolina A&T joined thousands of groups from around the world on Monday outside the Memorial Student Union Fountain in festivity for the International Day of Prayer for Peace.

Outside the Union, united together in prayer, were Aggies from all different cultures and walks of life with the cause of ceasing-fire from parts of the world in turmoil as well as binding mankind together through the power of prayer. Under the direction of Dr. Maria T. Palmer, Director of the Multicultural Student Center, the atmosphere was marked by the essence of an interfaith of prayers from Christian, Native American, and Santerian traditions. "We ask all the faith communities to be in power for the results of this day to be the seeds of peace," says Dr. Palmer. "The Multicultural Student Center decided to do this because it really brings together all the different communities on campus. There's not a community of faith that's not concerned with peace."

Established by a United Nations resolution to correspond with the opening of the general assembly in 1981, The Day of Peace is a secular holiday in which people from all over the

world gets a chance to connect with humanity through acts of peace whether its prayer, humanitarian work, or philanthropy. "At the Multicultural Student Center, we're trying to bring awareness of diversity to the campus but also bring people who are different together for the common issues and common causes," says Dr. Palmer when accentuating the purpose of the secular holiday.

Since its advent, the holiday has been celebrated by millions of people throughout the world. This 24-hour "peace day" provides not only an opportunity for organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace, but also for individuals to take the opportunity to make peace within the confines of their own personal lives. The Day of Peace is also the global cease-fire day, which according to the national ceasefire campaign, "is an evidence-based public health approach to reduce shootings and killings." The ultimate goal of secular holiday is promoting worldwide peace in which "all of mankind is encouraged to work in cooperation of this goal," says secretary-general Ban-ki Moon.

"We are one global family, all colors, all races united. We pray for peace, peace for all nations, peace within ourselves, as we join as one, our love contains the power to transform our

world, may peace prevail," said Cecilia Sierra, a sophomore bio-engineering major, who delivered a powerful opening prayer.

At noon by the Memorial Student Union, A&T students met to help celebrate the international day of peace. People listened attentively to the message of peace being given, through prayers, spoken word, and music.

Following an introduction of Pease Day, prayers soon followed including a Santeria (Wilbert Guilford), Christian (NuNu Lo), Native American (Brittany Mercer) and lastly the prayer for the Congo (Taylor Martin). The Poetic Insurgents Word Troop had a performance of three people, expressing the need for peace in today's society. This successful event ended with a poem by Taylor Martin, sophomore, speaking with conviction about the disparity, going on in Congo and its extreme need for peace.

"It was when Taylor Martin spoke, I felt remorse because it shows us that same emotion she felt," says Nathan McClough, a sophomore at A&T who participated in the Day of Peace. "One of the most important causes is for people listen because if you don't take the time to stop talking and start listening, you'll understand the aspect of what someone is trying to say."

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month prior to today. At Martin's request, Welborne agreed to stay on board and work until Martin had at least completed the search to find his replacement.

The official search committee was formed yesterday after Martin signed the memo to appoint one.

"I am certainly looking for an experienced administrator in student affairs matters. Someone that values the rule of our students, and has experiences in developing with a strong leadership team, and student support...that has demonstrated success in building leaders and preparing students for graduation."

While Martin and Welborne both say that there is no rush to find a new Vice Chancellor, Martin said that it is potentially possible to fulfill the vacancy as early as Jan. 1, 2010, but Martin wants to have someone in place by July 1 at the latest.

"I have charged the committee with a Jan. 1 date, but if that is not plausible, we will work toward July 1," Martin said.

Now that the search process has begun, Martin says that the University will begin to celebrate all of his contributions to the University before he leaves.

Welborne says he will miss the job, but he is ready to rest.

"I'm going home to my wife and my dog," he said. "I've loved every minute of this."

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**Larceny of MV**  
September 14 2:19 p.m.  
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On 9/14/09 at 2:19pm, a male student resident reported that an unknown black male had taken his vehicle. PTL McPhail located and stopped the vehicle but was unable to apprehend the suspect, who jumped out the vehicle and ran. The suspect also struck a vehicle while trying to flee the scene. The damage to the victim's vehicle is estimated at \$2775.00. The damage to the vehicle that was struck is estimated at \$378.00

**Fire Call**  
September 14 7:41 p.m.  
Hines Hall

On 9/14/09 at 7:41pm Lankford Security reported a strong odor coming from the second floor of the building. It was later discovered that someone accidentally left a heating source on causing the classroom to be filled

with smoke. The estimated damage to the building is \$5000.00, no further damage was reported.

**Assault**  
September 15 8:00 a.m.  
Cooper Hall

On 9/15/09 at 8:00am, a male student athlete reported that he was assaulted by the strength coach after he showed up late for practice. The student reported that he was pushed in the back by the strength coach.

**Underage Drinking**  
September 16 3:40 p.m.  
Morrow Hall

On 9/16/09 at 3:40am a female student resident reported, that her roommate (student resident) had been drinking and that she was under the age of 21. The female was charged and cited for underage drinking. This report is forwarded to Student Affairs and Counseling Services.

**Hit & Run**  
September 18 1:05 p.m.  
Sullivan St.

On 9/18/09 at 1:05pm, a female staff member reported that a late model sedan hit her vehicle and another parked vehicle on Sullivan St. The estimated damage to both vehicles is \$1300.00. No one was injured during this incident.

**Information Robbery**  
September 19 7:48 p.m.  
Boyd St.

On 9/19/09 at 7:48pm, two female students reported, that they had been robbed at gunpoint by four suspects. The students stated that suspects took various items from them. The estimated value of the items taken is \$540.00. The students were not injured during this incident.

Compiled by Chanel Nicole



Every dot you see on this map is a crime that happened on campus. If it is blue, it happened last year. If it is yellow, it happened this week. Want more info? Check out each crime, and the description online at [www.ncatregister.com](http://www.ncatregister.com)

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Memorial Student Union  
Memorial Room  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**COP Full Body Meetings**  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
Section A  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Mr. Aggie Interest Meeting**  
Memorial Student Union  
Room 209  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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**Iota Phi Theta Pageant**  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Couture Productions Word Open Mic**  
New School of Education  
Room 160 Auditorium  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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**Hispanic Heritage Celebration**  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Blue Light District Gym Jam**  
Moore Gymnasium  
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

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**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**  
Moore Gymnasium  
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**WNAA Fundraiser**  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
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Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
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Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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**Health & Wellness Fair**  
Memorial Student Union  
Exhibit Hall  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



OFF THE YARD

## Gates Foundation gives grants, loans

KRISTI HEIM  
MCT Campus

SEATTLE — The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gives away \$3.5 billion a year in grants, but to stretch its dollars further, the nonprofit has begun making loans, equity investments and loan guarantees.

Its investments so far include \$20 million to a German company to expand banking services for entrepreneurs and low-income groups in Africa, \$20 million to an international consortium to boost commercial micro-credit lending in Africa and Asia, and an \$8 million equity fund to invest in health-related ventures, such as dis-

tribution of bed nets to protect against malaria in Africa.

The Gates Foundation is also working on loan guarantees toward U.S. education.

Known as program-related investments, or PRIs, such methods are meant to further the charitable mission of a nonprofit, not to make money. They also impose financial discipline on recipients to help them operate more like businesses, said Karen Haque, the Gates Foundation's associate general counsel.

"We're going to treat these as business deals," she said. Backing from the world's largest private philanthropy also acts as a stamp of approval to help

organizations raise other funds, she said.

Last year's stock-market plunge hit many foundations hard; it shaved 20 percent from the Gates Foundation's \$35.1 billion endowment, causing it to rethink spending plans.

Foundations are looking for ways to maximize their impact at a time when assets have shrunk and budgets have been cut back. As more managers move from corporations into philanthropy, they are also bringing business-world approaches with them.

Program-related investments have been in the U.S. tax code since 1969, but only recently have begun to attract broad interest among charities, said La-

Verne Woods, a lawyer and partner at Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle.

"They're becoming a tool of great interest to a wide array of foundations," said Woods, who specializes in the nonprofit sector. Since the money comes back and can be reinvested, "it's the gift that keeps on giving."

With PRIs, nonprofits can make loans or equity investments in for-profit companies. One example is a Gates Foundation investment in a for-profit pharmaceutical company to develop vaccines for poor countries, Woods said.

"These can be used as tools to promote economic activity in the for-profit company where

there is no incentive financially," she said. "There is no lucrative market for vaccines that have applications only in the Third World, but clearly it forwards a charity mission to encourage development and distribution of those vaccines."

But it's not the same as mission-related investments, which align investment of assets with a charity's mission, and include actions by shareholders to affect the behavior of companies.

The Gates Foundation came under fire in 2007 after the Los Angeles Times reported it was investing in companies contributing to health problems and other human suffering the foundation was working to alleviate

through its grants.

"I fully commend them for PRI investments, said Lance Lindblom, chief executive of the Nathan Cummings Foundation, "but that's a separate issue from using their voice as owners."

He advocates that foundations and nonprofits use their voting power as shareholders to persuade companies they own to act more responsibly on climate change and other issues, "especially when that stock is owned by a foundation with that mission," Lindblom said.

Considering the billions that the Gates Foundation has at its disposal, "they could have tremendous influence."

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## Prosecutors to weigh false rape charges

ANN GIVENS  
MCT Campus

MELVILLE, N.Y. — Prosecutors deciding whether to charge the woman who falsely reported that she was gang-raped in a Hofstra University men's room last week will have serious issues to weigh, experts said yesterday.

On the one hand, they will want to discourage people from lying to law enforcement, and show that there will be consequences for doing so, experts said.

On the other, they don't want to discourage legitimate rape victims from coming forward, or discourage people who lied at first from telling the truth later on, experts said.

"That's the tension right now in the D.A.'s office," said Jim Cohen, a criminal law professor

at Fordham University.

"There should be some sanction for the consequences she caused," he said.

"On the other hand, if they charge this woman, then someone similarly situated in the future might decide to stick with her story rather than coming clean.

A law enforcement source said Sunday that it is likely that the woman, who prosecutors have not named because she has not been charged with a crime, is "likely" to face charges this week.

The woman told Nassau, N.Y., police that she was tied up and gang-raped about 3 a.m. Sept. 13 in a Hofstra University dormitory bathroom by five young men, authorities said.

Four of the men, one of them a Hofstra student, were charged with rape in a case that gained

nationwide attention

She recanted Wednesday evening, after prosecutors interviewing her told her that a cell-phone video of the incident might exist.

Cornell Bouse, president of the Nassau Criminal Courts Bar Association, said the crimes the woman would most likely be charged with are all Class A misdemeanors, carrying a maximum of a year in jail.

Lois Schwaeber, director of legal services for the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said cases where people make false reports of rape hurt all legitimate rape victims seeking justice.

But she said prosecuting someone who has made a false report will discourage real rape victims from coming forward as well.

"They may feel that if they can't support the charges they are making with enough proof, they could be charged."

KC Johnson, who wrote a recent book about the false rape charges filed against three Duke University lacrosse players in 2006, said the mental health of the person making the false report may also be an issue.


In the Duke case, the state attorney who took over from Durham District Attorney Michael Nifong, did not charge the woman, in part because he had seen voluminous medical records proving she was deeply disturbed.

"This is one of the reasons prosecutors have discretion about whether to file charges," Johnson said. "It is perfectly appropriate for them to take all these factors into account."

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## FCC chief plans to protect open Internet with rules

JEFFRY BARTASH  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's top regulator of telecommunications networks said Monday he will push for formal rules to protect the Internet from discriminatory practices that could block consumers from accessing certain Web sites or services.

Julius Genachowski, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, said a free and open Internet remains critical to the future growth of the U.S. economy. He plans to circulate his proposal soon among the FCC's five commissioners and hold public hearings later this year.

The Republican-led FCC adopted four principles in 2005 designed to keep the Internet open. Genachowski, a Democrat chosen by President Barack Obama, wants to turn the FCC's principles into concrete rules and add two more. That would give additional legal muscle to the enforcement of the agency's rules.

The debate over how to regulate the Internet — an issue known as "Net neutrality" — has simmered in Washington for the past decade. So far there have been few instances of major violations, but Genachowski warned that "we're seeing the breaks and cracks emerge." Most notably, cable giant Comcast Corp. was discovered last year to be secretly blocking some large file transfers between users.

"We need to think about the networks we need today as well as the networks we'll need tomorrow," Obama said during a speech in upstate New York after Genachowski's initiative was unveiled.

One of the new rules proposed by Genachowski would bar owners of both wireless and wireline networks from blocking access to any Web site or application, including services that compete with their own, except in very limited circumstances. Wireless has been excluded from the FCC's Internet-

protection oversight.

"It is essential that the Internet remain open, however users reach it," Genachowski said in a speech Monday at the Brookings Institution.

The FCC would continue to allow operators to institute "reasonable" rules to manage their networks to protect against spam, fraud, congestion or other problems.

Yet another proposal by Genachowski would force operators to clearly disclose their network-management practices.

The FCC chairman left open the possibility that network operators could sell enhanced Internet services to customers willing to pay more, so long as "ample" speed and bandwidth is available for other consumers and businesses.

Genachowski also emphasized the FCC would not overstep its bounds. Citing his experience as a media executive and high-tech investor, he acknowledged that excessive rules could crimp innovation and investment.

"This is not about government regulation of the Internet," he said. Some of the nation's largest network operators — and gatekeepers — of the Internet include AT&T Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and Comcast.

David Young, a senior Verizon executive based in Washington, said his company supported an open Internet, but he expressed concern that new FCC rules could cause harmful unintended consequences.

Arguing that the Internet has grown rapidly with minimal regulation, Young said: "I truly don't understand what the problem is we're trying to solve."

Yet Ben Scott of Free Press, a consumer-advocacy group, said greater regulatory scrutiny is necessary to prevent similar incidents like the one involving Comcast. He applauded Genachowski's call for formal rules and said it would be good for both consumers and businesses.

"This is not something we should be wary of or frightened about," he said.

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## Senate starts work on sweeping health bill

DAVID ESPO  
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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under pressure from fellow Democrats, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee endorsed additional measures to defray the cost of insurance for working class families on Tuesday as the panel opened debate on sweeping health care legislation.

Aides said the changes announced by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., would commit an additional \$50 billion over a decade to making insurance more affordable.

The change was one of several Baucus outlined in legislation he said gave Congress "an opportunity to make history" after generations of failed attempts to overhaul the health care system.

"Let us do our part to make quality, affordable health care available to all Americans," he

said. But Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., attacked the legislation as a "stunning assault on our liberty," citing several provisions to strengthen the government's role in health care.

Baucus convened the committee after months of bipartisan negotiations that failed to produce agreement on a compromise measure, although he held out hope that Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, would eventually announce her support.

Baucus' list of changes included several sought by Snowe as well as Democrats.

The chairman announced he was revising his bill to increase the subsidies going to families with incomes of up to 400 percent of poverty.

Baucus also exempted policies sold to workers in high-risk fields from a proposed excise tax. At the same time, to recover some of the revenue that would

be lost, he proposed raising the tax from 35 percent to 40 percent.

Additionally, Baucus called for a stricter limit on the additional charges that insurance companies may impose on older consumers seeking coverage.

On another point, he scaled back a proposed penalty on families who defy a requirement to purchase insurance, dropping them from a maximum of \$3,800 to \$1,900.

Baucus' legislation is designed to make coverage more available and affordable, at the same time it restrains the growth in the cost of medical care generally.

Its 10-year price tag is below \$900 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Baucus made numerous concessions to Republicans in his unsuccessful stab at bipartisan compromise, jettisoning calls for the government to sell insurance in competition with private

industry, as well as a proposed requirement for large companies to offer insurance to their workers.

In his opening remarks, Baucus sought to pre-empt Republican criticism.

"Despite what some may say, this is no 'government takeover' of health care," Baucus said.

"Our plan does not include a public option. We did not include an employer mandate. And we have paid for every cent."

But Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the panel's ranking Republican, said the White House and Democratic leaders short-circuited the bipartisan talks by imposing a mid-September deadline.

"I find it utterly and completely appalling," he said.

Grassley criticized many of the plan's key components, from a requirement that all Americans get insurance, to the taxes that would pay for subsidies to make

the coverage affordable.

He also said the bill falls short in guaranteeing that illegal immigrants won't get government help to buy insurance, as well as in preventing funding for abortion.

The Finance Committee is the last of five panels to have a say before the full Senate debates legislation.

Senators have filed 564 amendments, some of which would make major changes to Baucus' carefully crafted framework.

The Baucus plan would extend coverage to about 29 million Americans who lack it now, and end onerous insurance company practices, such as charging higher premiums for women and denying coverage to people in poor health.

It would make almost everyone buy insurance or pay a fee, while expanding

Medicaid to cover more low-income people and providing

subsidies to many in the middle class.

It would create new online exchanges where small businesses and people without government or employer-provided insurance could shop for plans and compare prices.

A number of committee Democrats had raised concerns about whether subsidies in Baucus' bill are generous enough to make insurance truly affordable for low-income people.

There also are worries about a new tax on high-cost insurance plans, which critics fear would hit some middle-class workers, including many union members in risky occupations such as mining and police work.

Those concerns were shared by Snowe, whose support could become even more critical if legislation makes it to the Senate floor, where Democrats likely will need 60 votes to pass the bill.

## Stadiums, hotels, complexes on alert amid terror probe

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NEW YORK (AP) — The government expanded a terrorism warning from transit systems to U.S. stadiums, hotels and entertainment complexes as investigators searched for more suspects Tuesday in a possible al-Qaida plot to set off hydrogen-peroxide bombs hidden in backpacks.

Police bolstered their presence at high-profile locations. Extra officers with bulletproof vests, rifles and dogs were assigned to spots such as Grand Central Terminal in New York.

Plainclothes officers handed out fliers at a nearby hotel with a warning in large block letters: "If you suspect terrorism, call the NYPD."

The warnings come amid an investigation centering on Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old Denver airport shuttle driver who authorities say received al-Qaida explosives training in

Pakistan and was found entering New York City two weeks ago with bomb-making instructions on his computer.

Zazi's arrest in Colorado last week touched off the most intense flurry of government terror warnings and advisories to come to light since President Barack Obama took office.

Though Zazi is charged only with lying to the government, law enforcement officials said he may have been plotting with others to detonate backpack bombs on New York trains in a scheme similar to the attacks on the London subway and Madrid's rail system.

Backpacks and cell phones were seized in raids on apartments Zazi visited in New York.

Two law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the investigation told The Associated Press that more than a half-dozen people were being

scrutinized in the alleged plot. The FBI said "several individuals in the United States, Pakistan and elsewhere" are being investigated.

"There's a lot more work to be done," said Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, cautioning that the probe was still in its early stages.

In two bulletins sent to police departments Monday and obtained by the AP, federal counterterrorism officials urged law enforcement and private companies to be vigilant at stadiums, entertainment complexes and hotels.

The bulletin on stadiums noted that an al-Qaida training manual specifically lists "blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality and sin ... and attacking vital economic centers."

Counterterrorism officials are also advising police officers to be on the lookout for any possible bomb-making at self-storage facilities, noting that

terrorists have used such places to build bombs.

The bulletins came just days after similar warnings about the vulnerability of the nation's mass transit systems and the danger of hydrogen peroxide-based explosives.

In a statement, the FBI and Homeland Security said that while the agencies "have no information regarding the timing, location or target of any planned attack, we believe it is prudent to raise the security awareness of our local law enforcement partners regarding the targets and tactics of previous terrorist activity."

A half-dozen terrorism warnings and alerts have been issued in the past week amid the investigations in New York and Denver. Bulletins — particularly about hotels as possible terrorist targets — are common, and often don't make news. In fact, they are so common that many Americans in the past few years have accused Washington of

fearmongering.

Some Americans were base about the latest warnings.

"If it happens, it happens," said Lynn Calhoun, an Indianapolis computer programmer who visited Conesco Fieldhouse, the home of the NBA's Indiana Pacers, to buy a ticket for a Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert there in December.

"Where are you going to go? What are you going to do? You can't just go and hide out in Canada for a month."

James Orash waited for a commuter train outside Camden Yards, Baltimore's ballpark, with his wife.

"If they're going to hit us, there, that's where they're going to hit us," Orash said, looking at the stadium.

"They already took two buildings down once. Eventually, that's what's going to happen. If they hit us next time, it's going to be big."

In the lobby of New York's Grand Hyatt, 81-year-old Bar-

bara Kane's eyes widened when she heard of the warning.

"If something were to happen, what do people do?" said Kane, of Lafayette, Ind.

"Do they run? Do they get into a building? Do they stay out in the open?"

"Hold my cross?" she added, fingering her crucifix.

New York's transit agency said it increased the police presence around the city.

The vigilance is playing out during a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, with Obama and other leaders from around the world in town.

Also, thousands of policymakers and other visitors are arriving in Pittsburgh for a two-day economic summit of wealthy and developing nations.

New York's Police Department produced a 10-minute videotape it has begun showing at roll call instructing officers to be on the lookout for potential bomb-making ingredients.

## Asian markets higher amid recovery optimism

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HONG KONG (AP) — Asian stock markets were narrowly higher Tuesday amid optimism the region's economies can help lead a global recovery.

Most markets gained in lackluster trade, with Japan and a couple other countries' bourses closed for holidays.

Crude oil prices rose following a big fall overnight as the dollar weakened against the yen and euro.

Investors have been piling

into Asian equities this year as easy money made available by monetary loosening around the world flows toward regions with stronger growth prospects.

The Asian Development Bank said Tuesday that Asia has held up better than expected amid the global downturn and raised its growth forecasts for China and India.

"The Asian region has proven more resilient than earlier thought," said ADB chief economist Jong-Wha Lee as the Manila-based bank issued a report on developing Asian economies.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 109.20 points, or 0.5 percent, to 21,582.05, and South Korea's Kospi gained 24.19 points, or 1.4 percent, to 1,719.69. India's Sensex was up 0.7 percent.

Elsewhere, China's Shanghai market fell 1.3 percent, while Thailand and Singapore stocks rose.

Markets in Taiwan and Australia traded lower.

Overnight in the U.S., Wall Street closed down as a stronger dollar pushed down commodity prices and investors grew jittery about the market's six-month rally.

The Dow fell 41.34, or 0.4 percent, to 9,778.86. It has fallen in two of the last three days.

The S&P500 index fell 3.64, or 0.3 percent, to 1,064.66, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 5.18, or 0.2 percent, to 2,138.04.

Oil prices were higher, with benchmark crude for October delivery up 45 cents at \$70.16 a barrel. The contract fell \$2.56 overnight.

The dollar slipped to 91.69 yen from 91.98 yen. The euro climbed to \$1.4710 from \$1.4675.

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# FDIC could seek bailout from banks

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Regulators have approached big banks about borrowing billions to shore up the dwindling fund that insures regular deposit accounts.

The loans would go to the fund maintained by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. that insures depositors when banks fail, said two industry officials familiar with the conversations, who requested anonymity because the plans are still evolving.

Regulators also are considering levying a special emergency fee on all banks, charging regular fees early or tapping a \$100 billion credit line with the U.S. Treasury, the officials said.

FDIC spokesman Andrew Gray said that while borrowing from the banks "is an option, it's not being given seri-

ous consideration." The board meeting where the plans will be discussed is scheduled for next week.

But a government official familiar with the FDIC board's thinking said earlier Tuesday that the plan was being considered.

He requested anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter.

The fund, which insures deposit accounts up to \$250,000, is at its lowest point since 1992, at the height of the savings-and-loan crisis.

Ongoing losses on commercial real estate and other loans continue to cause multiple bank failures each week.

FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair wants to avoid tapping the Treasury credit line, and Treasury officials insist that the strongest big banks have enough extra capital to operate, the officials

said. Comptroller of the Currency John Dugan, who is a voting member of the FDIC board, has said he doesn't want to levy another fee on banks while the industry is still recovering.

The loans would give big, healthy banks a safe harbor for their money and would limit their risk-taking, said Daniel Alpert, managing director of the investment bank Westwood Capital LLC in New York.

It also would allow the industry's strongest players — which still rely on FDIC loan guarantees and other emergency subsidies — to help weaker banks avoid paying another fee, he said.

"Lots of banks are going to require more capital, and (Bair is) trying to rob from the rich and give to the poor," said Alpert, who supports the plan as a creative way to avoid another bailout.

Bankers and lobbyists strongly support the plan to have some big banks lend money to the fund, since it would help struggling institutions avoid another fee.

In a letter to Bair Monday, American Bankers Association CEO Ed Yingling endorsed borrowing from the industry or collecting regular premiums early as alternatives to charging another fee.

An earlier special fee already is having a negative economic impact, and another fee "may do more harm than good," he said.

The FDIC may settle on a plan that combines two or more of the options being considered.

A spokesman for the agency did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday morning. The New York Times reported details of the possible bank lending plan earlier Tuesday. The FDIC estimates bank

failures will cost the fund around \$70 billion through 2013. Ninety-four banks have failed so far this year. Hundreds more are expected to fail in coming years largely because of souring loans for commercial real estate.

The FDIC's fund has slipped to 0.22 percent of insured deposits, below a congressionally mandated minimum of 1.15 percent.

The \$10.4 billion in the fund at the end of June is down from \$13 billion at the end of March, and \$45.2 billion in the second quarter of 2008.

Bair last week said the FDIC board would meet at the end of the month to consider options including taking Treasury funds, assessing fees on banks in advance and again increasing the fees they must pay.

"We don't want to stress the industry too much at this time, when they're still in the process

of recovery," she said.

Congress in May more than tripled the amount the FDIC could borrow from the Treasury if needed to restore the insurance fund, to \$100 billion from \$30 billion.

The FDIC then adopted a new system of special fees paid by U.S. financial institutions that shifted more of the burden to bigger banks to help replenish the insurance fund.

The move cut by about two-thirds the amount of special fees to be levied on banks and thrifts compared with an earlier plan, which had prompted a wave of protests by small and community banks.

The FDIC emergency premium, to be collected from all federally-insured institutions, is 5 cents for every \$100 of a bank's assets minus its so-called Tier 1, or regulatory capital, as of June 30.

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## U.S., China focus on climate summit

JOHN HEILPRIN  
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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao each vowed urgent action Tuesday to cool an overheating planet, even as prospects dimmed for a full treaty by the end of the year.

The world's two biggest greenhouse-gas polluting nations were the focus at the U.N.'s unprecedented daylong climate change summit, which drew more than 50 presidents and 35 prime ministers, along with many environment ministers and at least one prince.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the gathering with an appeal to leaders to set aside national interests.

Think about the future of the globe — and a rebuke for their foot-dragging thus far.

"The climate negotiations are proceeding at glacial speed. The world's glaciers are now melting faster than human progress to protect them — and us," the U.N. chief said.

Failure to reach a new international pact on climate change "would be morally inexcusable, economically shortsighted and politically unwise," Ban warned.

"The science demands it. The world economy needs it."

Tuesday's U.N. gathering and the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh this week are seen as an attempt to pressure rich nations to commit to a global climate treaty at

Copenhagen, Denmark, in December.

And to pay for poorer nations to burn less coal and preserve their forests.

With a mere 76 days to go before the pivotal conference, it appeared an interim agreement might be the most that could be expected in December, leaving difficult details for later talks.

"We are on the path to failure if we continue to act as we have," French President Nicolas Sarkozy cautioned.

Much attention was fixed on Obama's first U.N. speech, in which he pledged the United States is "determined to act."

"The threat from climate change is serious, it is urgent, and it is growing," Obama said, after receiving loud applause.

"And the time we have to reverse this tide is running out."

But while Obama campaigned for the presidency vowing to push through stringent cuts in U.S. emissions, he has run up against stiff resistance among Republicans.

The Senate most likely won't have written climate legislation until after the Copenhagen meeting.

By comparison, Hu runs a command economy and was unencumbered by political opposition.

He outlined an ambitious program that included plans to plant enough forest to cover about 150,000 square miles.

An area the size of Montana — and generate 15 percent of its

energy needs from renewable sources within a decade.

He said the communist nation would also take steps to improve energy efficiency and reduce "by a notable margin" its growth rate of carbon pollution as measured against economic growth — though he did not give any specific numerical targets.

"At stake in the fight against climate change are the common interests of the entire world," Hu said.

"Out of a sense of responsibility to its own people and people across the world.

China fully appreciates the importance and urgency of addressing climate change."

Still, China and other developing nations "should not ... be asked to take on obligations that go beyond their development stage," Hu said.

China and India, the world's fifth-biggest greenhouse gas emitter, both want to link emissions to their growth in gross domestic product, meaning they still may increase emissions even if they take fundamental steps to curb them in the long run.

Experts were watching China closely because it has in the past largely ignored global efforts to diminish emissions.

The United States, under former President George W. Bush's administration, stayed away from international commitments citing inaction by major developing nations like China

and India.

China and the U.S. each account for about 20 percent of all the world's greenhouse gas pollution, created when coal, natural gas or oil are burned.

The European Union is next, generating 14 percent, followed by Russia and India, which each account for 5 percent.

In his speech Tuesday, Obama detailed the steps his administration is taking to reduce America's carbon footprint.

Including doubling the generating capacity from wind and other renewable resources in three years.

Launching offshore wind energy projects and spending billions to capture carbon pollution from coal plants.

Obama previously had announced a voluntary target of returning to 1990 levels of greenhouse emissions by 2020, but action awaits Congress passing legislation to make those goals law.

By contrast, the EU has urged other rich countries to match its pledge to cut emissions by 20 percent from 1990 levels by 2020, and has said it would cut up to 30 percent if other rich countries follow suit.

On Tuesday, Japan's new prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama, whose nation generates more than 4 percent of the world's greenhouse gases, pledged his nation would seek a 25 percent cut in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2020.

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## RISE UP AGGIES, RECLAIM YOUR CAMPUS

Dear student,  
**YOU ARE POWERLESS.** That's right, powerless. Without even realizing it, you have turned over the keys to your campus to the administration, and no one seems to notice.

It is really tragic that a campus of over 10,000 students cannot seem to find within its ranks the courage to stand up and speak out. But there is hope. Once you manage to break out of your shell of oblivious living and open your eyes, you can see that the solution has been resting in your hands all along.

But to speak against something, you must first know what it is. Here is the problem:

We quickly pride ourselves on the revolutionary and groundbreaking history of our campus, throwing the names of the A&T Four and Jesse Jackson everywhere we go, yet we cannot find a way to verbalize the names of the administrators that systematically hold us back.

We complain and mumble about how funds are unequally divided amongst the differ-

ent disciplines, but no one asks the University for a copy of the budget, something the school must provide in a reasonable timeframe upon request.

Instead of researching the proper method to obtain the information, or find the supporting laws that give the students power, we allow administration to tell us the files are "classified" or not for public disclosure.

How many times have you wondered how much your professors and administrators get paid? The Vice Chancellor for Information Technology makes over \$175,000 a year and considering the condition of the technology at our "technical" University, are you really getting your money's worth?

What we have on our hands is the suppression and assassination of both students' power and voice. It is truly a sad when a student organization cannot freely change its name to re-



**DEXTER MULLINS**

flect the growth and change of the campus because of the non-transitional mentality and self-satisfaction of the campus administration and when people have lost all definition of what governance truly is and settles for programs and cease to demand action when it is needed the most.

We can find the voice to complain amongst ourselves, but all we ever do is talk. We talk about what we would do if our money comes in late, or how we plan to "fix" the grades we feel were wrongfully given.

Every year we talk about how this year will differ from the previous year. How student injustices and a lack of student leadership will not exist. Talk is cheap and no matter how much talking we do, we will never be able to talk our way into fixing our problems.

I commend the students of Howard University, as they have done what we should have

long ago.

When they returned to campus, students with full scholarships were not validated, students did not have housing, faculty and staff were not properly getting paid and the quality of the education became an issue. They stopped talking and took action.

Students marched on the administration building, defied the campus police trying to lock them out of a public space and forced their way into the administration building. They demanded that the University take action and fix the numerous issues they had, many similar to our own.

Students at HU who did not have housing were quickly offered an appropriate solution. When A&T students came back and did not have a place to stay, you did not hear about outraged students. Did you even know?

Howard students demanded the financial aid office relocate to a more convenient location to validate students and it was done. Aggies, we could not even

get the secretary of the financial aid office to come to the lobby of Dowdy, let alone force the entire office to move to Corbett at our request.

It was amazing to see the formal list of grievances the Howard students were able to create and put in the hands of administration. The University president even addressed each issue on the list line by line in the student paper. A&T students have not been able to get a list of grievances together since the refund check "uprising," and I use the term lightly.

The one time we planned to take action and speak our minds, we allowed a little bit of rain and cold weather to completely derail the motivation and drive for the cause. We just let the leaders of the movement "handle that." What if they had not been able to handle it?

Now that you have become aware of the problem, here is the solution:

Consider this your call to action Aggies. You want change? Be the change you want to see.

If you are questioning the rules, carry yourself to the SGA office in the union, find your elected officials, and demand they do something about it. Do not get it twisted; SGA's only agenda is the people's agenda. The entire purpose of SGA is to represent the needs and concerns of the masses, so think of them as your platform to get your point across.

Instead of administration telling you when the gym you pay for is going to be open and closed, why not tell them when you want to go? Do not let someone sell you a parking pass that costs you more than the insurance you pay for the car in the parking space. Most importantly, remind them that if we were not here, they would not be either.

It is funny that you are letting the same people that shook the frameworks of our nation, tell you not to be civilly disobedient when they actually wrote the book on rebellion. North Carolina A&T is YOUR university. Take it back.

Good luck, the movement.

## Obama can't delay decision on Afghan strategy any longer

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President Obama wants to postpone a full-scale debate over Afghan policy until Congress passes health-care reform.

Unfortunately for Obama, Afghanistan won't wait on health care. A debate on the direction of his Afghan policy is already brewing in Congress — especially over whether to send more troops.

Yet this debate is being conducted in a vacuum. True, the president has laid out his aim: to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al-Qaeda and other extremists in Pakistan and Afghanistan and prevent their return to either country.

The U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, has submitted his (still classified) assessment.

Administration officials have briefed Congress on a list of 50 "metrics" by which to judge whether the policy is succeeding.

But the crucial element in the debate is missing: The presi-

dent hasn't resolved the dispute among advisers and within his party over his Afghan strategy. Until that strategy is set, the arguments over troop levels cannot be settled.

The strategy dispute basically revolves around three approaches. The minimalists want to use drones, missiles, and special-ops forces to go after the Afghan Taliban while decreasing U.S. troop levels. This is the classic counterterrorism model.

Unfortunately, it won't work. Gen. David Petraeus has pointed out that we tried launching cruise missiles at al-Qaeda targets in Afghanistan in the 1990s and failed to eliminate the danger.

Were we to quit Afghanistan, and the Taliban to retake control, we would lack the intelligence and infrastructure on the ground to find jihadi targets — or to effectively target terrorists inside Pakistan.

Moreover, as Ryan Crocker, the former ambassador to Iraq and Pakistan, noted in congressional testimony last week, McChrystal is a former special-

operations commander. "If he thought it could be done that way," Crocker said, "I think we'd be seeing different sets of recommendations."

The second approach is one on which most everyone agrees — in principle: expanding and accelerating the training of Afghan security forces to replace NATO troops, while trying harder to woo some Taliban to stop fighting.

Sen. Carl Levin, the Michigan Democrat who is chairman of the Armed Services Committee, says these steps should precede any increase in U.S. troop numbers. This sequencing is likely to please many congressional Democrats.

Yet the Levin approach won't work either — at least until the security situation eases in Afghanistan.

To understand why, look back at the U.S. effort to train Iraqi security forces.

The numbers increased too quickly; when violence soared, the inexperienced Iraqi army nearly crumbled. It took an enormous U.S. effort to help Iraqi forces regain their footing.

Similarly, if the new Afghan army is thrust too quickly into major combat roles while Afghan violence is increasing, it will crumble. "I think we and the Afghans have to be careful not to put more of a burden on these developing forces than they can bear at this time," Crocker said.

In other words, Afghan forces are far from capable of bearing the brunt of the fighting. A decision on U.S. strategy and force levels cannot wait until they are fully trained.

Nor can that decision be postponed while pursuing a strategy of reconciliation with Taliban forces.

Such reconciliation efforts are key, but U.S. commanders believe there is little chance of major breakthroughs while the Taliban think they are winning.

Only when NATO forces, along with Afghans, regain the initiative, are more Taliban (and tribal leaders) likely to shift to the winning side.

Which brings us to the third approach: the classic counterinsurgency strategy favored by Petraeus and McChrystal. This

one aims to protect and support parts of the Afghan population by clearing out Taliban and funneling in economic aid. The goal is to buy time to train Afghan troops, woo midlevel Taliban, and stabilize Pakistan.

This strategy would require more troops. But McChrystal has reportedly been told by the administration to delay a request for higher numbers. Any McChrystal testimony to Congress is on hold.

Were he to testify, he would face many questions about an Afghan counterinsurgency strategy. Skeptics such as Vice President Biden say they believe it will distract from stabilizing Pakistan. (Knowledgeable Pakistanis such as the top expert on the Taliban, Ahmed Rashid, tell me the opposite.)

If we don't curb the Afghan Taliban, the blowback will reinvigorate the jihadis inside Pakistan.)

Others worry about a weak, corrupt, possibly illegitimate government in Kabul, after disputed elections. They ask about the risk that Afghans will reject us as an occupying force if we

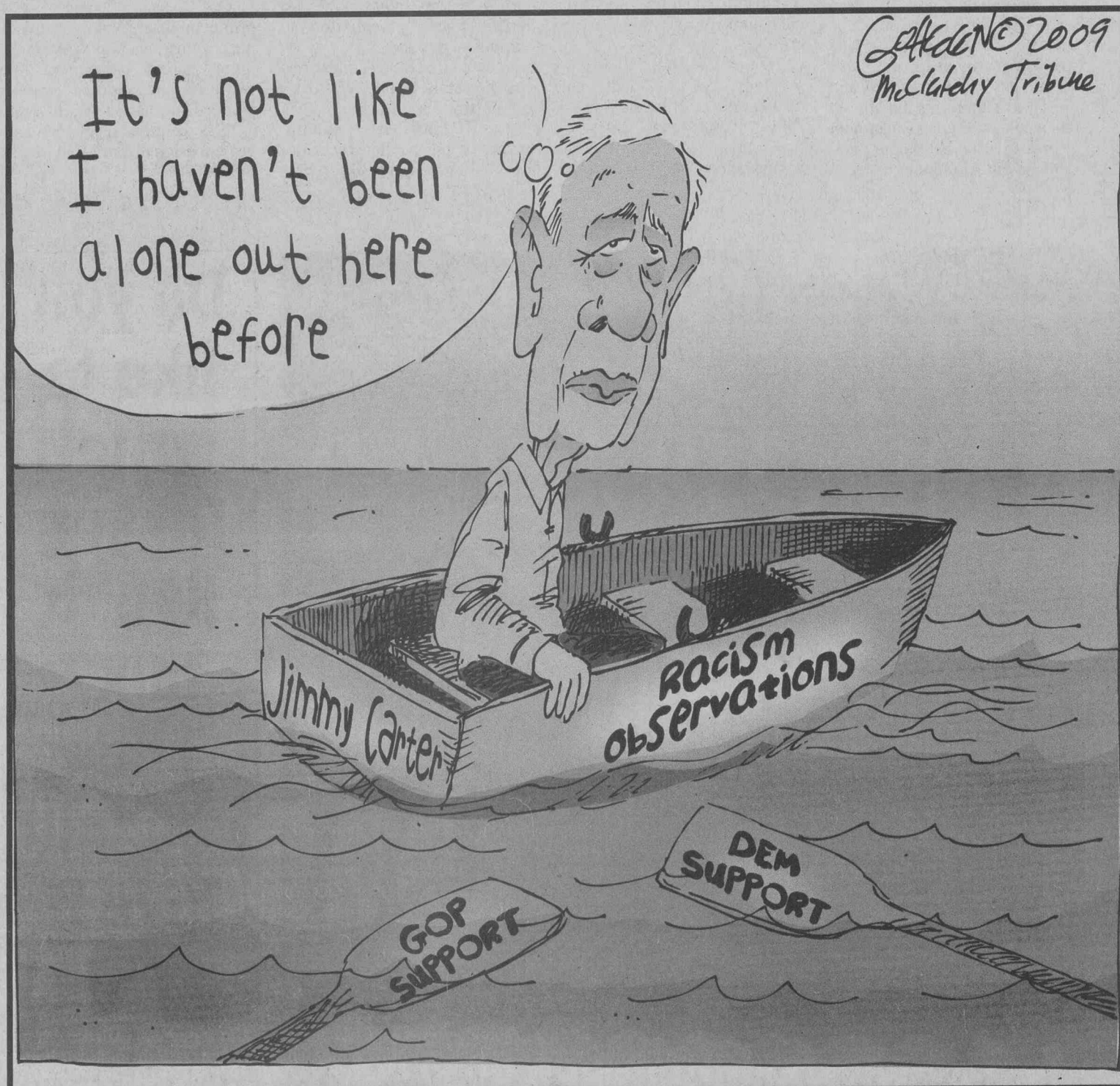
increase our footprint.

My guess is that McChrystal and his civilian counterparts could give Congress solid answers. No doubt they would say U.S. military and civilian experts can work with local leaders and fund local aid projects, even if Kabul politics are unsettled.

They would add that Afghans, who still overwhelmingly dislike the Taliban, according to polls, will judge U.S. forces less by their numbers than by their behavior, and what they deliver. Under McChrystal's new rules of engagement, Afghan civilian casualties have dropped.

But McChrystal cannot get out ahead of the commander in chief. He cannot make the case for more resources before Obama sets a strategy for him to implement.

So the debate over Afghanistan in Washington has a strange quality — going in circles without an essential framework. It's easy to understand why Obama wants to delay tough Afghan policy decisions. But he won't be able to do so for long.



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## Coach on QB position: 'the best man will play'

**DANIEL HENDERSON**  
Sports Editor

When North Carolina A&T head coach Alonzo Lee decided to bench his starting quarterback against Hampton on Saturday, it sparked an open competition that appeared to be over prior to the season opener.

Lee said every position on the team is open to competition every week, including quarterback.

Senior Carlton Fears was replaced by freshman Lewis Kindle at the start of the fourth quarter as Fears struggled to move the offense after throwing a touchdown in the second quarter.

And with the Aggies pinned in their own territory and trailing 17-7, the quarterback swap only made matters worse for them.

The inexperienced freshman threw a crucial interception that was returned for a touchdown, increasing Hampton's lead to 24-7 and putting the Aggies down by three possessions in the final quarter.

But the costly turnover still did not faze Lee - to him it was a bigger picture behind the substitution.

"We put him in some heat and he'll learn from the heat," Lee said about Kindle's season debut.

"He came off after he threw that interception and I said son, hey - you know, just regroup."

Lee said coming in with the freshman quarterback could help the players and the offense improve as a unit.

"The objective is about production - it's not about a guy," Lee said.

Despite Kindle's sluggish start, he does not feel any added pressure in competing to take over the starting duties.

"You always wanna learn and do whatever you have to do for the team," Kindle said. "That's my mindset."

And this is not the first time A&T has replaced a starter with a freshman.

Having trouble finding consistency at the position in the recent past, the Aggies

replaced former sophomore starter Herb Miller for redshirt-freshman Shelton Morgan in 2007 after Miller's knee injury.

Including a stint by Wayne Campbell, the Aggies have started four different quarterbacks since 2006.

These quarterbacks have totaled just five wins and 25 touchdowns.

The team has not yet matched up against some of the better defenses in the MEAC this season.

Lee's former defense at Morgan State ranked nationally last season and is set to host the Aggies in two weeks, and South Carolina State and Florida A&M are also waiting and allowing just 7.5 ppg. to MEAC opponents.

They are set to make their first roadtrip to Coastal Carolina for the first time in the school's history this Saturday.

Lee hopes that his guy will be determined as the season progresses.

"They both are getting the same amount of reps and the best man will play," Lee said.



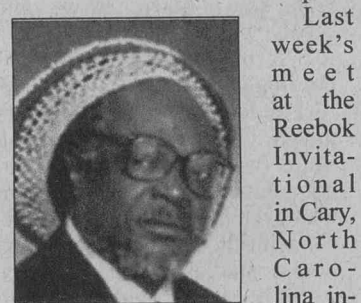
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CARLTON FEARS threw a 29-yard touchdown pass before being benched in the fourth quarter.

## XC coaches impressed with teams' efforts on, off the field

**SHALON BELL**  
Register Reporter

The Aggie cross-country team continues to thrive each week as they work towards the October 31 District Championships.



Roy Thompson

Last week's meet at the Reebok Invitational in Cary, North Carolina included the Aggies along with the University of Maryland, N. C. State, Winston-Salem State, St. Augustine College, Peace College, Barton College, Shaw University, NC Wesleyan and St. Paul's College.

Of the nine teams participating, the Aggies women's team earned third place overall and the men took fifth under the leadership of Steven Liggins.

Coach Roy Thompson has been optimistic about the season and is thrilled with this year's team. "I am very happy about both teams this year," said Thompson, "particularly the women's team."

"I have three freshmen girls who ran 3.1 miles under twenty minutes, which is really outstanding."

Among the freshmen that placed were: Kristin Rush 12th, Janessa Benn 13th, and Araianna Betts 17th.

Diamond Marks and Samira Johnson also placed with notable running times.

Though both teams have gotten off to an impressive start, coach Thompson believes there is always room for improvement.

"I want to see more of my guys and girls run under 20 minutes and become more competitive by the end of the season," Thompson said.

"Cross-country running is a sport that requires a great deal of will power and temperance."

Thompson believes his team is special because they use these restraints to become strong in academics.

"Cross country requires self discipline," Thompson said. They get up at 6 am and run twice a day, they come on Sundays after meets and practice. Everything they learn out here on the field they take it in the classroom."

The Aggies' next meet is September 26 at Hagan Stone Park.

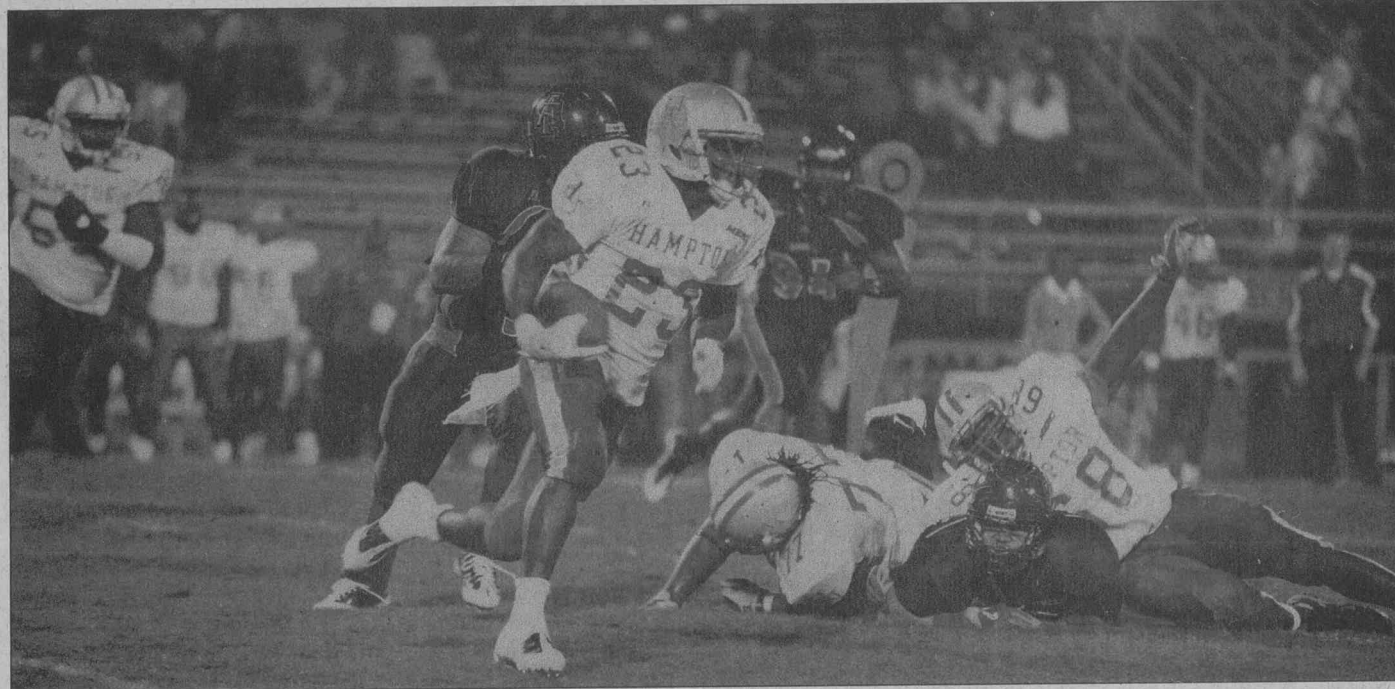


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LAMARCUS COKER and the Hampton Pirates pulled away from the A&T Aggies in the fourth quarter on Saturday. A&T (2-1 overall, 1-1 MEAC) has lost six straight to the Pirates (2-1, 1-0).

## Perfectly plundered

### Hampton Pirates deal A&T season's first loss, 24-14



PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS - THE A&T REGISTER

COKER rushed for 112 yards as the Pirates handed the Aggies their first loss of the season Saturday evening.

**CARLTON BROWN**  
Register Reporter

The Hampton Pirates defeated the Aggies 24-14 at Aggie Stadium Saturday afternoon handing them their first loss of the season.

Both teams came out sluggish in the

beginning going scoreless in the first quarter.

But the Aggies three turnovers were ultimately the leading cause in the loss.

An interception was turned into six after Pirates linebacker Brandon Roundtree robbed freshman quarterback Lewis Kindle in the fourth quarter.

"Hampton has a pretty good defense," A&T head coach Alonzo Lee said. "We just have to get more consistent in catching the football."

The Aggies threw the first punch in the early portion of the second quarter with quarterback Carlton Fears throwing a crucial 29-yard touchdown pass to wide out Terrance Whitaker. But the Pirates came back with a little ammunition of their own with quarterback Herbert Bynes throwing an impressive 62-yard touchdown pass to Damon McDaniel to make the score 7-6 in the second quarter.

"I thought that it was really going to be a big defensive battle going on for a while, as it was scoreless in the first half and then 7-7 for a while and then 14-7 and I knew that they were known for keeping their opponents under 20 points, in the case with Winston-Salem State and Norfolk State," Pirates head coach Donovan Rose said.

However the Pirates weren't done scoring - just before the end of the half Hampton completed a 2-point conversion to make the game 14-7.

The Aggies offense could never regroup after their only touchdown as they punted six times and turned the ball over twice.

"Offensively, we just have to get more consistent catching the ball," Lee said.

"People are trying to crowd me running game - we still have a good solid running game and people are going to try and crowd us."

"We just have to make some good solid catches on the outside when the ball is there."

They did manage to find the end-zone again on Mike Mayhew's 59-yard touchdown run in the final minutes, but by this time the game clock was not on their side.

Hampton's offense finished the night with 333 yards total offensive yards, led by the duo of Coker and Bynes.

Bynes finished 11-for-20 with 208 passing yards passing and two touchdowns.

He connected with McDaniel on five of those completions while accumulating 104 receiving yards.

Coker rushed for 112 yards and caught three passes for 42 yards on the evening.

A&T finished with 242 yards of total offense.

"I'm still excited about our football team," Lee said.

"We're only going to get better. I'm not down at all. We lost to a football team that's going to win a lot of games."

## Lady Aggies fall short in roadtrip

**PRINCE ASKEW**  
Register Reporter

The Lady Aggies left the state for the first time in two weeks for the College Bookstore Invitational at the University of Indiana. The team continued to struggle this weekend, losing all three games of the tournament.

On Friday, Alabama A&M took claim to a victory over North Carolina A&T in three sets (25-10, 14, 17). The Aggies got off to slow starts in each set. The third set saw the ladies fight back strong after going down 6-0 to pull back within three points at 9-6. The momentum was soon stifled however and that was the closest the Aggies would come to grabbing a lead before falling short.

On Saturday, Western Michigan (6-7) came into the match against A&T very inspired after defeating Indiana (11-3) Friday evening. They went on to defeat the lady Aggies (25-18, 19, 12) in a very competitive game. The Aggies had a lead late in the first set at 16-15; it appeared they had a chance. The Broncos

went on to score six of the final seven to win the set. Senior Janae Mitchell recorded eight kills and nine digs for A&T.

The lady Aggies would go on to suffer another loss that evening to Indiana University. IU posed the best record out of all the teams at the College Bookstore Invitational. They beat the Aggies in straight sets as well. Senior Tiffany Mellette had five kills and six digs against the Hoosiers. Mitchell added seven kills. She is encouraged by the competition. "By competing against schools from other conferences and learning to recover quickly, MEAC should be promising."

The one positive that fans can take from this season so far is that the lady Aggies are moving forward finally at full strength. They have been playing with a shuffled lineup for the majority of the season. This was the first tournament that Inman has been available for.

Inman says, "We just need a lot of fan support right now, and for them to come out and support us on Tuesday, September 30." That date is their next home game, which is against their city rivals of UNCG.

## AGGIES RUNDOWN

### FOOTBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Florida A&M	2-0	3-0
South Carolina State	1-0	2-0
Hampton	1-0	2-1
<b>North Carolina A&amp;T</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2-1</b>
Morgan State	0-0	1-1
Norfolk State	0-1	1-2
Bethune Cookman	0-1	0-2
Delaware State	0-1	0-2
Howard	0-1	0-2

### UPCOMING GAMES:

Saturday  
vs. Coastal Carolina  
Conway, S.C.  
7 p.m.

October 3  
vs. N.C. Central  
Aggie Stadium  
6 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
MD Eastern Shore	0-0	9-5
Delaware State	0-0	6-8
Morgan State	0-0	5-13
Hampton	0-0	3-10
Howard	0-0	1-16
Coppin State	0-0	0-12
South Carolina State	0-0	5-9
Florida A&M	0-0	3-6
Bethune Cookman	0-0	3-8
Norfolk State	0-0	2-12
<b>North Carolina A&amp;T</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-13</b>

### UPCOMING GAMES:

Friday-Saturday  
N.C. Central Tournament  
Durham, N.C.  
11 a.m. 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

September 30  
vs. UNCG  
Corbett Sports Center  
6 p.m.

## AROUND SPORTS

### NFL PLAYER SENTENCED

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Former Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress was sentenced Tuesday to two years in prison after accidentally shooting himself in the thigh at a nightclub and later reaching a plea deal on weapons charges.

### MLB MANAGER FIRED

**HOUSTON (AP)** - The Houston Astros couldn't wait until the end of the season to fire manager Cecil Cooper. The Astros made the move on Monday and promoted third-base coach Dave Clark to interim manager.

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## They put the 'A' in North Carolina A&T

KELCIE MCCRAE  
Register Reporter

Ask anyone in North Carolina A&T's School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, and they will be sure to tell you that an Aggie is not the beloved yellow bulldog, that is the official mascot for N. C. A&T. An Aggie is actually a student of the agriculture school.

"We put the A in A&T," said D'yana Mack, sophomore laboratory animal science major. Although N. C. A&T was founded as a land grant institution that specialized in agricultural studies, the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences currently serves as the sixth largest school on campus with 767 of the campus' 10,388 students enrolled according to 2008 enrollment figures.

To an uneducated eye, these numbers may not reflect a positive light on SAES, however to the educated; they represent a program that is moving on a fast track. Still, it is the largest agricultural school at a Historically Black College or University in the nation.

SAES has the only department of animal science at an 1890's land grant school, and it is one of the top five schools in the nation when it comes to producing blacks with Baccalaureate Degrees in Agriculture, Agricultural Operations, and related sciences," Issues in Higher Education magazine reported recently.

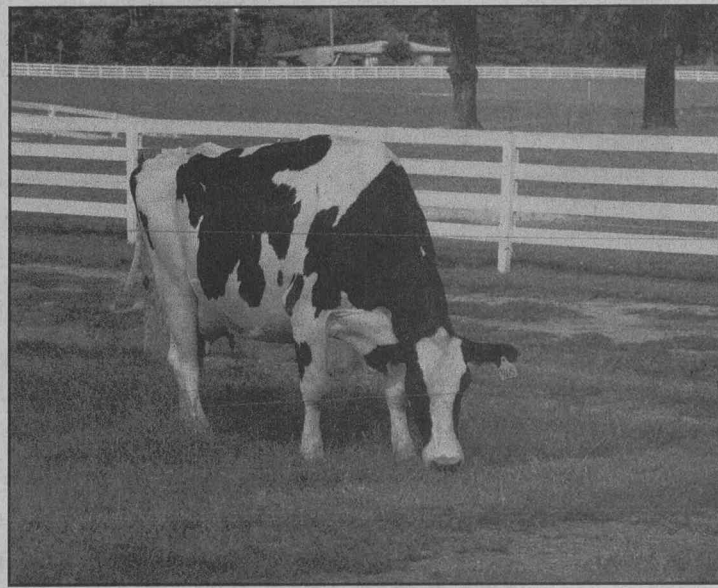
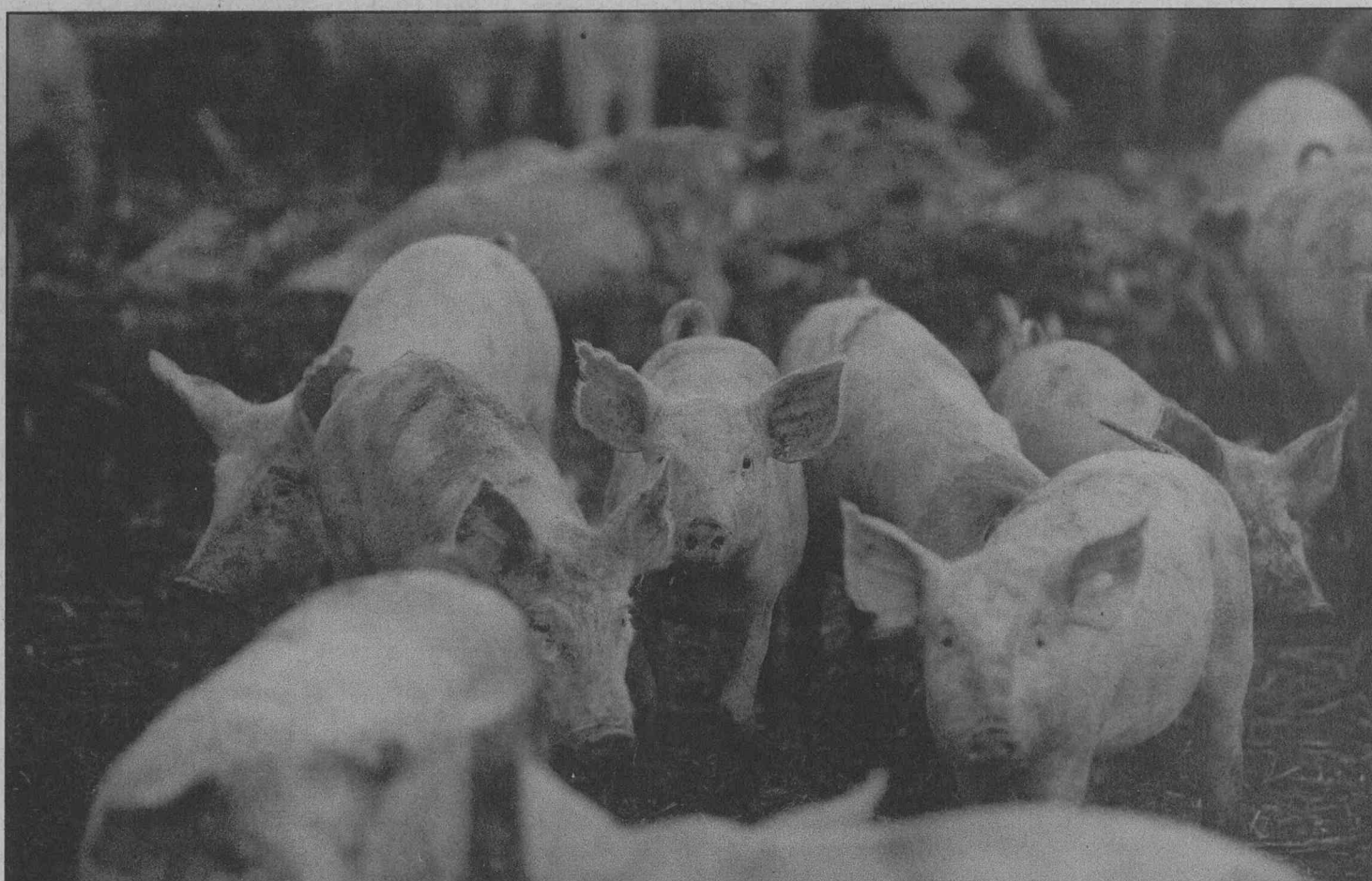
"It's not quantity, but quality," said Donald McDowell, the school's Interim Dean of SAES. "All 13 of our program areas are nationally accredited except for four, which has no one to accredit them."

McDowell said while he was happy with the amount of students currently enrolled, strong methods of recruitment have been put in place. Each department within the Ag school is responsible for creating recruitment strategies such as sending representatives to high schools, or having programs that spotlight the benefits of earning an agricultural degree.

The school's Discover Agriculture program allows children to come to the farm and learn about different careers within the department. It also helps bring in a new generation of students to agriculture education.

Last year, one of the Ag School's researchers was featured on CBS for his work on finding a solution to get allergens out of peanuts. This brought national attention to the school and the university's farm.

"It is the most important [the farm]," said Willie Willis, Poul-



TOP A&T's University Farm is completes research daily on animals and testing conditions. BOTTOM LEFT Chickens are just a few of the many animals find on the 600 acre farm. BOTTOM RIGHT Cows graze the land of the farm. A&T has one of the largest agriculture programs of any historically black college or university in the nation.

try Unit Coordinator. "If you look at 1890 land grant status, it's important to have people of color involved in the process. You can't learn the compliments of food production or protection in the classroom, you have to get out here and see it."

The university's farm has been around almost as long as the school. It serves as the largest classroom on campus, and is the place where students can go to get hands on experience in their fields.

"Hands on experience is our

strength," said Department of Animal Science Chair Ralph C. Noble

Currently, the farm houses seven different types of animals. Each animal has its own unit where specialists take care of them, and research them as well. In addition to the animals, there are numerous amounts of different plants as well as food crops.

"My first hands-on experience on the farm was castrating pigs. Everyone else's pigs were squirming, and mine just sat

still," Mack said. Pigs are castrated in order to make the meat less tough.

The animal units serve as a teaching experience, as well as a research facility for the students. Students have opportunities to learn how to manage animals, and make them safe for consumption. The experiences they have on the farm increase their chances of gaining internships as well as jobs after graduation.

"A lot of the time projects that go on with the animals have students involved," said Noble.

"They get a chance to travel to meetings. Some have been in Canada, Texas, and Georgia, and our students get the jobs with some of the biggest industries such as Tyson or Butterball.

The farm also serves as a place for research labs.

All seven of the animal units have researchers dedicated to better the consumption of their animal as well as better the livelihood and effectiveness of their animal.

The poultry unit has been utilizing its manpower and re-

sources by trying to find ways to better chickens for consumption.

"We educate our students about the poultry industry, we train the students who are going to make up the work force of the industry, and we do research that answers question and problems in the industry," said Noble.

Some of the trials researchers and students have been conducting include ways to cut down antibiotic use with chickens. Some consumers feel more confident eating chicken that has little to no antibiotic use, said Willis.

By having access to the farm and the animals, students wanting to be small farmers have an advantage even in a time when the small farmer is almost unheard of. A&T's farm is used to help that farmer in whatever capacity needed.

By collaborating with North Carolina State University, which is also a land grant institution, A&T students have opportunities to learn in a variety of different ways in some aspects with projects and land capabilities. Bigger programs like N.C. State have access to bigger labs, when A&T may have smaller labs. Although the labs may be smaller, A&T can perfect them and make them a specialty of the university.

"We pick out labs that are most important to small farmers, minority farmers, and black farmers.

"We ask what are their biggest problems, and what will make their life change the fastest. This is not for the university, but for the people of North Carolina," said Noble.

Since A&T is a land grant university, it has to uphold the three responsibilities implemented to such a university.

They must educate the population with a focus on agriculture, study new answers and resolve problems when it comes to agriculture and extension, according to Noble.

The farm works with farmers in N.C. as well as neighboring states by holding workshops to help educate those farmers in whatever is needed. They partner with them to do research as well as studies.

SAES is currently working on numerous amounts of research and productivity on its farm, as well as the other program areas. In efforts to do so, it relies heavily on its educational mission.

According to McDowell it is to provide students with understanding and skills to address problems of the agricultural economy and help those involved in it to lead more productive and satisfying lives.

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## Interactive whiteboards replacing chalk and blackboards

ROBIN ERB  
Detroit Free Press

**DETROIT** — Today's college classrooms are high-tech marvels overhead projectors and grease pencils replaced by document cameras, handheld clickers, and interactive whiteboards.

Multimedia carts with a TV and DVD player? Relics.

Even PowerPoint has lost some of its shine.

And faculty most of them see technology as a way to better connect to students in their interactive, multi tasking, app-ready world.

"Some are ... not going to change without kicking and screaming. But for the most part, even our older faculty are embracing it," said George Preisinger, Oakland University's assistant vice president for classroom support and instructional technical services.

The school recently spent \$15,000 in technology upgrades in each general purpose classroom for students, Preisinger said.

In some classrooms, a professor can watch each student's computer screen simultaneously to monitor their progress on a

project or even catch them Facebooking.

A lot has changed since his first days in the tech department, Preisinger laughed: "We were the ones wheeling the old AV carts around."

Of course, technology has its limits and it still takes a skilled speaker to engage students, said Charles Parrish, political professor at Wayne State University.

Likewise, a lack of technology is far from debilitating, said Parrish, who uses the Internet and posts his notes on the university-wide Blackboard system for instant student access.

"A good professor is a good professor," he said. "Socrates sat under trees and didn't have PowerPoint."

Central Michigan University this year opened its \$50-million Education and Human Services Building. Inside is 76 miles of Internet networking cable, 11 miles of phone cable, and 27 "RoomWizards" keypads outside classrooms to allow users to reserve rooms.

Motion-sensitive cameras follow a pacing professor or link out-of-town students with the classroom.

Whiteboards upload to e-

mails. Elsewhere, clickers tiny remotes in which students send answers instantly to a professor's hand held computer screen allow professors to pop-quiz a class or take quick surveys.

At Central Michigan's education building, students can walk a treadmill while strolling through the Internet exercises brain cells as well as leg muscles.

At Wayne State University last month, Tynise Penn, 29, was studying at the library. She finished her master's degree through classes and her laptop, finding the most up-to-date research and discussion online.

Books? She shrugged, chuckling: "No, never picked one up."

The contrast of education old vs. new is tangible at Eastern Michigan University, where an ongoing \$90-million upgrade to the Mark Jefferson science complex will offer state-of-the-art, reconfigured class and lab space.

The university has set aside about \$2.5 million for audiovisual and communications technology and security, Scott Storrar, head of facilities planning and construction.

Nearby is a one-room school-

house much like the one where Eastern's President Sue Martin began her education in the 1950s.

But just as her teacher engaged 30 students every day with no more than shelves of books and a piano, good teaching transcends time and light-speed changes in technology.

"A faculty member still has to lead the experience," Martin said.

Such gadgetry is hardly a surprise for many students.

Even in the K-12 system, book reports have been replaced by interactive presentations on interactive whiteboards.

Rather than being fed information like their parents once were, students have learned to explore and research, even teach each other.

"It even changes the idea of show-and-tell," said Denise Brandt, media specialist Lone Pine Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills (Mich.) Schools, a district that has installed more than \$2 million in interactive whiteboards, projectors, document cameras, sound amplification and playback equipment in every classroom.

Still, how much is too much?

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## BET brings 'Black College Tour' to A&T

**SYLVIA OBELL & MAKAILAH FENNEL**  
Register Reporters

Last Friday, the BET Black College Tour made its way to North Carolina A&T. The event took place in Corbett Gym from 4-8pm. Before the event, WNAA 90.1 held a discussion hosted by NC A&T alum and 106 & Park host Terrence J.

The program was scheduled for 2:00 pm but Terrence J was an hour and 20 mins late. He began by telling his story and how he got started.

While he was a student at A&T he was very involved with WNAA 90.1 and the television station.

The key to his success at BET was persistence. He auditioned for BET in New York but they told him he wasn't good enough. He flew to Atlanta the very next day with the same clothes on to try again. He was cut again but told the President of BET that he wasn't going to give up and he was going to follow him to every audition until he was offered something.

The President liked his drive and offered him an internship. After about six or seven months he received a call and they told him they had a job for him and signed a contract with BET for \$250,000 to host 106 & Park. He said it was very important to come back where he first started to give his story.

Microsoft, BET, and Def Jam all had tables at the College Tour and distributed free items including posters and free

software trials. There were also some interactive tables. BET had a table that allowed students to play a trivia game and win some BET paraphernalia. Xbox had tables where students could compete in a video game tournament with a variety of games. There was also a section of the gym marked off for three point shoot-out basketball. All the tables were run by A&T students who volunteered to help BET with this event.

Around 4:30pm, Terrence J and Rocsi, hosts of BET's hit show 106 & Park, made their way on stage. The two announced that there would be a singing competition, a guess the beat competition, a 2 on 2 basketball competition, and a freestyle competition. Each competition had three rounds; preliminary, semi-finals, and finals. The winner of the singing competition won an I-pod shuffle and a book. The winner of the "guess the beat" competition received the new Beats by Dr. Dre headphones. The winner of the Sierra Mist freestyle competition was also chosen Apollo-style. "Rev." Grey Stanford won a \$200 gift certificate to Best Buy. The winners of the 2 on 2 basketball competition, Orlando Daye and Tirelle Daye, each won a Verizon cell phone.

BET's Black College Tour also showcased performances by SoSo Def artist's Vistoso Bosses, and Def Jam artist's Lil' Ru and Ace Hood. There was also an impromptu performance by some members of Omega



**BLACK COLLEGE TOUR** A&T alum and 106 & Park host Terrence J dances on stage with a student and co-host Rocsi at the BET Black College Tour in Corbett Sports Center on Friday.

Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. They by-passed security and ran on stage to do their famous step to "Atomic Dog" along with Terrence J. That could explain why when asked for her thoughts about being at A&T, a laughing Rocsi said, "I am completely and extremely happy to be here but I'm staying away from the purple shirts because Terrence and the Que's are wild".

Terrence J's thoughts on being back at his alma matter were a little more in-depth.

"I feel like I never left. I'm excited to see all the young faces that I know will continue to go on to do great things."

It seems there was a mixed overall feeling of the Tour from A&T students. Sophomore Nia Smith said, "It was whack. It wasn't what I expected. The video game tournament, for instance, wasn't hyped up at all."

Janay Price, a first year grad student and A&T alumni said, "I think it was great. I also think

it was really well organized for the location having to change last minute due to the weather".

Tracy Durandis, a freshman Public Relations major, "It was a good show, I enjoyed watching my friends compete in the 2 on 2 basketball game."

NC A&T was the BET Black College Tour's first stop ever, and the tour has sure come a long way from its initial 2 on 2 basketball game and freestyle battle. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the BET Black College Tour.

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Sept. 23 to 30

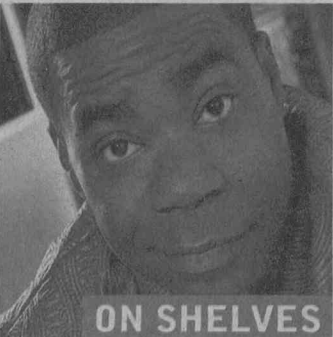
The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

**FAME** is a remake of the 1980 film that follows a talented group of performers at the New York City High School of Performing Arts. Naturi Naughton stars as Denise, and it is directed by Kevin Tancharoen. It hits theaters Friday.

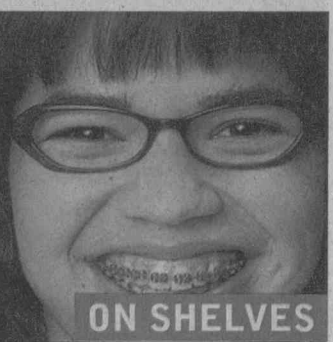
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ON SHELVES

**30 ROCK** the complete 3rd season is now on DVD. This 3-disc collection stars Tina Fey, Alec Baldwin, and Tracy Morgan and includes the behind-the-scenes fun with lots of exclusive content and all 22 episodes of the acclaimed series from executive producer Lorne Michaels.

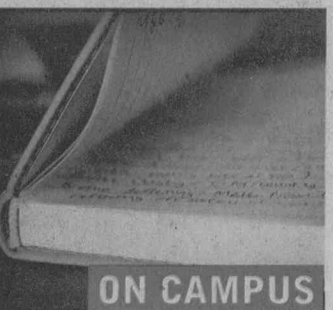
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ON SHELVES

**UGLY BETTY** the complete 3rd season is now on DVD. This 6-disc collection stars America Ferrera as Betty Suarez, the loveable assistant at the high-fashion magazine "Mode". The series also stars Vanessa Williams as Wilhelmina Slater.

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ON CAMPUS

**SIGMA STUDY HALL** will be held on Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. There are three locations: Carver Hall Room 165; GCB Room 109; and Webb Hall Room 208. If you need a tutor or want to be a tutor, come out and join Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

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## 20 QUESTIONS

1. Did you really think that we were going to be 3-0?
2. What exactly were you smoking?
3. Did the rain scare you away from the game?
4. Would you have played the freshman QB in the 4th quarter?
5. Did you leave after the interception like everybody else?
6. Did any of your friends at other schools watch the game on ESPN U?
7. Did you receive a heckling phone call afterwards?
8. Did you notice that both A&T and Hampton's bands played Michael Jackson at halftime?
9. Aren't you tired of seeing an MJ tribute at EVERY SINGLE halftime?
10. Have you seen the "Run This Town" spoof by Affion Crockett?
11. Who's gonna hunt Chris Brown tonight?
12. Are you tired of the Kanye West jokes yet?
13. Have you made up a couple of your own?
14. Since when are Khloe' Kardashian and Lamar Odom getting married?
15. Since when are they even dating?
16. Is she trying to be like Kim with the "dating black men" thing?
17. How dumb is Plaxico Burress for shooting himself and getting 2 years for it?
18. How do you go from the Super Bowl to jail?
19. Should he and Michael Vick be on a "World's Dumbest" list?
20. Will Vick start this upcoming week?

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