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NANOSCIENCE AND NANOENGINEERING An artists rendering of what the new facilities will look like once the project is completed.

GATEWAY to the future

Groundbreaking on the A&T & UNCG joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering gets under way

STORY BY MALCOLM S. EUSTACHE | *Managing Editor*
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In the human body, a joint is a junction of two bones that permits movement. On Monday, November 9th, North Carolina A&T State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro officially broke ground on their own joint venture that will allow Greensboro's major institutions to move as one body.

The Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN) is a joint academic unit between A&T and UNCG and will be a 100,000 square-foot research facility located at the South Campus of Gateway University Research Park.

"Both of these great universities have always played a significant role in the life and well being, and economic prosperity of this region," said Erskin Bowles, President of the University of North Carolina System.

"But I am convinced that with the combined brain power, and the talent, and the state-of-the-art facility, along with the great equipment, that what we're going to do here to change tomorrow in this town I love so much is hard to imagine."

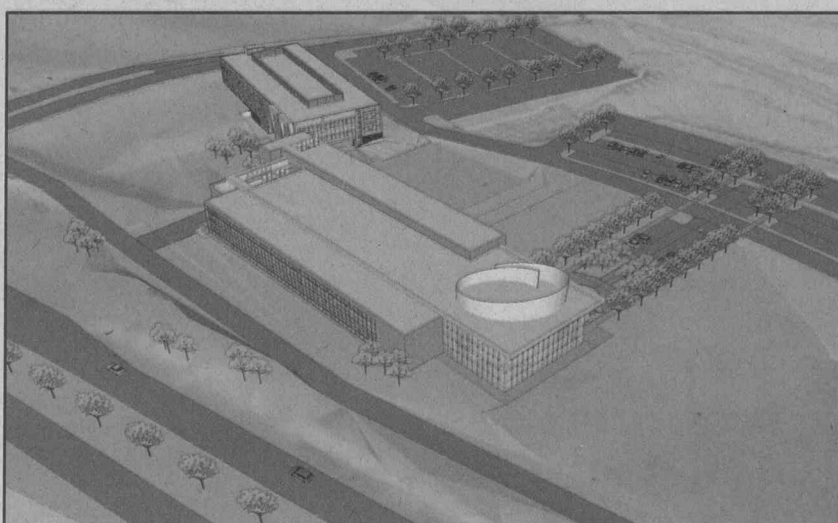
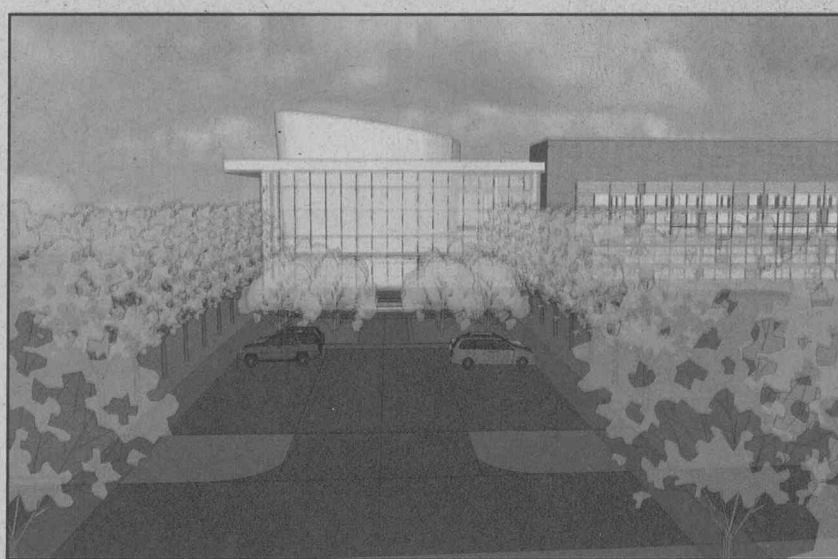
However, nothing is imaginary about the potential opportunities for students that the JSNN will provide. Its mission, as stated by the school, is to train students to conduct basic and applied research in nanoscience and nanoengineering.

And the JSNN has already acquired a piece of equipment worthy of international envy – the helium ion microscope.

"It's the fourth of its kind in the United States," said James Ryan, Founding Dean of the JSNN.

"The other three are at Har-

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Obama will serve as 'counselor in chief' at Fort Hood

TODD J. GILLMAN
MCT Campus

WASHINGTON — When President Barack Obama stands Tuesday before the mourning children, spouses and comrades of those cut down last week at Fort Hood, he will confront one of the most delicate and painful duties a president undertakes.

Only a president can offer the condolences of a nation. In a moment of crisis and sorrow and anger, only a president can soothe the raw emotions, allay fears, elevate a senseless act into a call to action, and offer the assurance that — as his aides put it Monday — no stone will be left unturned.

This is by far the biggest test of Obama's ability to fulfill the role of counselor in chief.

The Fort Hood massacre is the worst single tragedy on his watch. And — because the victims were soldiers, and because the suspect is Muslim and Obama has put such a premium on repairing relations with the Muslim world — the expectations on him, as



Obama

commander in chief, are especially high.

"He's taking a message from the American people as a whole to the victims and their families," said Martha Joynt Kumar, a Towson University professor who studies presidential communications. "He represents the American people and can express the feelings of pain and tragedy and put it into words."

Standing before a sea of grieving Americans, acknowledging communal pain, is a task presidents have always undertaken.

George W. Bush, more than most, was called on to flex his empathetic side — rallying the nation and its allies after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Bill Clinton captured the nation's dismay after the Oklahoma City bombing. Ronald Reagan offered comfort after the space shuttle Challenger exploded.

The military tragedies seem to have particular poignancy for White

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SUAB helps diversify students' palates

NISHA STREETER
Contributor

The Student Union was filled to capacity as students eagerly awaited outside the doors of the Exhibit Hall. Lines were extended outside of the Union due to high attendance.

The Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB) organized the event, which featured dishes from Mexico, Japan, Italy, China, and the Caribbean Islands. Students anticipated the opportunity to sample dishes from different regions around the world.

Students were elated, at the stunning settings as the doors opened. Each country had special lighting and authen-

tic décor to ensure that students received a real-feel of all the cultures.

Students were able to taste samples of the dishes, while watching a short slide show featuring the dishes and educating them on each culture. Authentic music from each region filled the air, causing students to dance and feel as if they were truly in the countries.

Caterer Alex Sanabria said, "It's like stepping into a jet airplane, and traveling the world."

"You get to feel the ethnicity of all these regions," said Sanabria explaining his perspective from the evening. "The food was absolutely delicious." Students got to travel the world inexpensively, better yet free. The program provided an op-

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DIG DEEP Erskine Bowles, University of North Carolina System President, Dr. Linda Brady, UNCG Chancellor, and Dr. Harold Martin, NCA&T Chancellor with System leaders broke ground on the New Nao Engineering building off E. Lee Street.

International food night brought Aggies exotic tastes

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portunity to take a flight without actually purchasing tickets.

First stop on the flight was Mexico. Sombreros and cactuses bordered the main dish; chicken tacos. The background setting was illuminated in green, white and red lighting accenting the Mexican flag and guitar ornate.

Freshman business management major Shauntae Tratt said, "I didn't expect so many people to attend."

"I enjoyed this event because it gave students an opportunity to experience food from different places, not to mention a good breakaway from McDonalds," said Tratt who is also a Bermuda native.

Japan was the next destination as kimonos, fans and swords framed the area. Students had the choice of sampling tuna, lobster, salmon and vegetable sushi rolls, and California rolls. Both choices were served with soy sauce and gusabi.

"International Night at A&T was a wonderful experience. We were able to intake various cuisines, five that I never visited before," senior economics major Derian Quick said. "After this experience I would love to visit these places to try even more cuisines," said Quick.

Stops to the Caribbean Islands, Italy, and China followed. The Jamaican jerk chicken was a favorite among students, catered by the well-known restaurant the Reggae Café.

Sophomore psychology major Alicia Richardson said, "I have been working with The Student Union Advisory Board for two years now. I am also a member of the International Minority Affairs Committee."

Richardson said, "I enjoy organizing events that Aggies

will remember, learn and enjoy from. International Food night is an ideal way to bring A&T students together through culture."

Students indulged in Italy's famous meatballs and mozzarella sticks. China offered attendees pigs in a blanket, egg rolls, Kun Pao Chicken and rice.

Mr. Aggie, James Shropshire said, "SUAB always puts on successful events and we really care about the students. I enjoyed promoting this event everyday, through Facebook, flyers and word of mouth."

"When I put the flyers on Facebook, I tagged all of my friends so they could view the flyers and pass on the event to others," said Shropshire. Shropshire said he also updated his statuses on Facebook to remind students of the event.

Attendees were given a survey with a series of questions about the event. The purpose of the survey was to find out what students enjoyed, disliked and would like to experience in the future.

Quick said, "I enjoyed the commodity of Aggies. I like everything that puts us together even after homecoming. Most people think we won't get together after a big event like that, but this showed that we still have AGGIE PRIDE."

"This was a very unique experience. Not only did students get to encounter the culture, but they were also able to witness something tangible," said Shropshire.

Shropshire said the atmosphere created for each country allowed students to place themselves within the culture.

"It gave them a chance to be in the moment of people coming together to share the Aggie experience, which is both educational and cultural," said Shropshire.

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House residents.

After the bombing of the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 1998, Clinton stood before a convoy of black hearses at Andrews Air Force Base, tears streaming down his face.

"We will never know them as you did or remember them as you will: as a new baby, a proud graduate, a beaming bride or groom," Clinton said.

Then, as presidents do in such moments, he pivoted from an acknowledgement of grief to an effort to seek meaning and inspiration in tragedy:

"We must honor the memory of those we mourn today by pressing the cause of free-

dom and justice for which they lived."

An explosion aboard the battleship USS Iowa killed 47 sailors in 1989.

In Norfolk, Va., a week later, the first President George Bush fought back tears as he spoke to mourners.

"Your men are under a different command now, one that knows no rank, only love; knows no danger, only peace," he said, hurrying through the lines in an apparent race with the tears.

He was so overcome with emotion he abruptly left the lectern without delivering the final lines of his text.

Reagan became tearful at the memorial for the 248 soldiers killed in the crash of a chartered DC-8 in Newfoundland on Dec. 12, 1985, telling families:

"In life they were our heroes, in death our loved ones, our darlings. You do not grieve alone."

Much of Obama's efforts Tuesday will be out of public view.

Shortly after arriving at Fort Hood, he and First Lady Michelle Obama plan to meet with families of those killed, at III Corps Headquarters.

They'll also meet with some of the wounded and their families before the memorial service that starts at 1 p.m. CST.

Before returning to Washington, they'll stop by Darnall Army Medical Center, where the suspect had worked, to visit other wounded soldiers.

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vard, NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) and UCSD (University of California at San Diego). It's about \$2.5 million worth of equipment. Our intent is to have leading edge technology in order to attract industries and economic partners."

The JSNN's four areas of focus will be nanobiology, nanometrology, nanocomposite materials, and bioelectronics.

Initially the school will only offer a professional master of science degree and a Ph.D in nanoscience before expanding the degree program.

Nanotechnology is scientifically engineering the arrangement of atoms and molecules in materials, enabling novel applications with customized properties. That means giving boring materials the ability to do cool things.

Businesses from each end of the spectrum are using nanoscientists in everything from pharmaceuticals, defense and sporting goods.

And it's big business as well.

The projected economic impact of nanotechnology on the global economy is \$3.1 trillion by 2015 according to Lux Research.

University officials expect that over the next 20 years, Gateway University Research Park as a whole will contribute \$250 million to the economy of the region.

"This joint initiative creates

a tremendous opportunity to take full advantage of successful research that has the potential for patent discovery and will lead to small companies handing out jobs for the future," said Chancellor Harold Martin.

"It's a great example of two universities that are strong in particular areas coming together and actually being able to do more," said UNCG Chancellor Linda Brady.

"This was really an initiative on the part of the chancellors of the two universities, but the faculty is really what drives this effort."

Doing more together is exactly what has been on the agenda for the cross-town universities for years.

Gateway University Research Park is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entity conceived in 2006 to manage and operate the joint collaboration between A&T and UNCG for the purposes of research and economic development within the Triad.

University officials hope for it to serve as a bridge from successful commercial application to scientific research.

"The nanoscience and nanoengineering industries are a direct pathway to the future of major technological breakthroughs in the areas of nanobiology, nanometrology, nanocomposite materials and bioelectronics," said John Merrill, Executive Director of Gateway University Research Park. "Gateway University Research Park is once again making history by positioning the Triad region for growth in these arenas."

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You Think You Know Social
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Couture Productions Word Open Mic
New School of Education
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7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Memorial Student Union
Stallings Ballroom
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Ladies of Excellence Business Seminar
McNair Hall
Room 240 Auditorium
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

OFF THE YARD

Federal government to take over student loans

MARA ROSE WILLIAMS
McClatchy Newspaper

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - College students are facing a sea change in borrowing to pay for their degrees — unfortunately, many would still be drowning in debt. The change, perhaps as soon as July, would end the Federal Family Education Loan program that has dominated the federal student loan pool for more than 40 years. Banks and other private sources would be cut out of the process by the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, passed in September by the U.S. House. The measure still must be considered by the Senate. Colleges that once kept a long list of lenders are converting to the Direct Loan Program, in which student loans come directly from the government. The trend was accelerated by many private lenders dropping out of the business when the economy tanked. That led Congress to pass temporary legislation — expiring in June — to assure that students and families still would be able to get loans for school. In the last two years, students already were relying more on federal loans. The volume of loans from private sources fell by 52 percent in the 2008-

2009 school year, according to a recent report by the College Board, a nonprofit organization that watches trends in higher education. “Moving to direct lending will ... eliminate the uncertainty families have experienced due to the turmoil of the financial markets,” said Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. That’s all well and good, said Tony George, director of financial aid at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, which is preparing to switch to the Direct Loan Program by December. But the cost of borrowing would remain the same as under the old system. “Will students get any better interest rates with direct lending? No.” The balance of outstanding federal loans assumed by students or their parents continues to grow. By 2007-08, two-thirds of four-year undergraduate students had some debt along with their degrees. The average cumulative debt incurred was \$27,803, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. During the same time, 56 percent of graduate education students owed, with the average cumulative debt \$40,297. The range was \$119,400 for those with medical degrees to

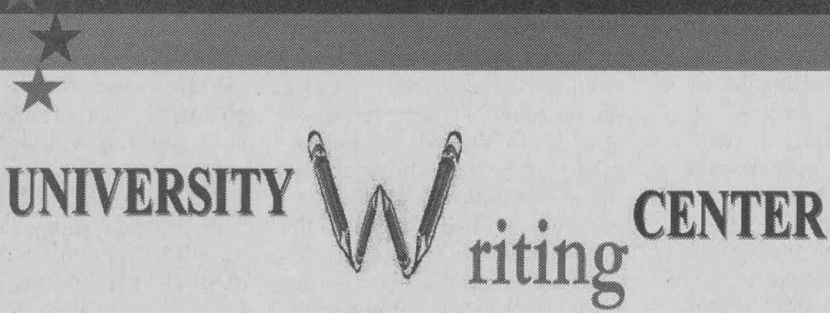
\$29,975 for those with a master of arts degree. “Students are big fans of direct lending,” said Amanda Shelton, a member of the Missouri Students Association, which represents the undergraduates at the University of Missouri in Columbia. “But direct lending does not solve the student loan debt problems. “We would like a lot more grant money, more work study, financial literacy training,” Shelton said. “I need student loans, but I have not taken out any because I remain cognizant of the negative reality of student loans — they bind you to find an excellent job out of college, and in this economy that is next to impossible.” For the last 10 years, college costs on average rose faster than inflation. Published tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities rose at an average annual rate of 4.9 percent beyond general inflation from 1999-2000 to 2009-10, more rapidly than in either of the previous two decades, according to the College Board. In this school year — 2009-2010 — four-year public colleges in the U.S. raised the average tuition cost by 6.5 percent to \$7,020. At private colleges,

tuition went up by an average of 4.4 percent to a cost of \$26,273 — at a time the consumer price index had gone down. Letting the government federally guarantee student loans was advocated by President Barack Obama. Now some 3,000 colleges across the U.S. are gearing up to make the switch. Proponents estimate saving more than \$80 billion over 10 years by eliminating the federal subsidies paid to private lenders. They say the money should go into college funding and more grants to students — raising the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,500 in 2010-2011. “President Obama has set a goal for America to once again have the highest proportion of college graduates by the end of the next decade,” Duncan said. “To get there, we need to increase college access and do a much better job at helping students stay the course and complete their college education.” The proposed legislation would provide a variety of flexible repayment options. And more grant money is promising, too. Neotashia Jackson, 32, a single parent and education major at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, works 15 hours a

week in the university’s financial aid office. Jackson borrowed all the money going for education, as well as child care for her 2-year-old daughter, rent and food. At \$8,000 a semester, she is going to graduate \$64,000 in debt and get a job teaching, a field in which the average starting annual salary is \$32,500. “Yes, I’m worried. But the way I see it, I was a licensed cosmetologist and to better myself I had to increase my skill,” she said. “I woke up one day and said, ‘Oh my gosh, how am I going to pay for this?’” According to the U.S. Department of Education, Jackson’s loan payments on a 10-year program would be \$748 a month. But she would need an annual salary of \$112,203. On a 25-year program, payments would be \$451 a month; she would need to make \$67,672 a year. “I just hope that when I graduate the government will help me pay back some of this debt,” Jackson said. Jackson is just the kind of student Cindy Butler, director of financial aid at MCC-Kansas City, worries about under direct lending. Financial aid offices such as Butler’s this summer were over-

whelmed by the crush of federal aid requests from financially strapped students. Because staff was cut under recessionary pressures, she said, “We are not staffed to give students financial counseling and to do default management after they graduate; the private lenders did that.” Then there is this worry, said Jan Brandow, financial aid director at UMKC: “About 70 percent of the schools are not on direct lending.” If they wait until the last minute to switch and flood the government’s electronic loan communication system, it could collapse under the volume. Last week Duncan sent a letter to thousands of colleges and universities urging them get ready to use the Direct Loan Program by summer. But U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said she thought schools would have plenty of time to change to the Direct Loan Program. “I would be shocked if something like this were to become effective in the same year that it is passed,” McCaskill said. “It would be more like 2011. If I had to guess or die, the Senate is not likely to even pick up the student aid bill until after it’s done with health care reform.”

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Police: Laid-off residents become vigilant against home burglaries

DON BABWIN
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Ever since he was laid off in March, Frank Beil has been on the lookout. He keeps an eye out for cars moving slowly down the street or strangers walking along the sidewalk of his suburban Chicago neighborhood. He wonders about the times he answers the phone and the caller hangs up. “You don’t know if that might be people staking you out, finding out if you’re home or not,” said the 71-year-old hospital chaplain from Glenview. Beil is watching for burglars, and police nationwide credit him and those like him for one of the few bright spots of the recession: The number of home burglaries is falling in some cities and towns. “With a lot more unemployed people, a lot more people are staying home, and they see more in their neighborhood,” said Sgt. Thomas Lasater, who supervises the burglary unit of the police department in St. Louis County, Mo., where authorities recorded a whopping 35 percent drop in burglaries during the first six months of 2009. In Minneapolis, the number of burglaries reported in roughly the first nine months of the year dropped more than 15 percent compared with the same period last year, and more than 25 percent compared with that period

in 2007. In Boston, the 2,199 burglaries reported in roughly the first nine months of the year is 335 fewer than in the same period last year. Aurora, a city of 170,000 outside Chicago, had 560 burglaries through the end of September, a 15.5 percent decrease from the same period last year. And in Shelby, N.C., a town of 21,000, the number of burglaries through August was 23, compared with 60 for the same time last year. In many cities, other crimes including homicide, robbery and rape have been dropping for several years, according to FBI statistics. But burglary stands out because it was actually rising between 2007 and 2008, and experts expected that trend to continue as the recession dragged on and unemployment rose. The phenomenon has surprised both police and crime researchers. “We were thinking, ‘Here we go,’” said Theo Glover, deputy police chief in Rockford, a struggling manufacturing community in Illinois that consistently has the state’s highest jobless rate, hitting 16.9 percent in August. Instead, Rockford had 1,849 burglaries through mid-October, or more than 400 fewer than in the same period last year. A national total of this year’s

burglaries will not be available from the FBI until late next year, but experts said the anecdotal evidence from individual cities paints an unexpected picture. Richard Rosenfeld, a sociologist at the University of Missouri-St. Louis who has studied crime trends, said rates typically rise during a recession, especially property crimes. “We’ve seen that in every single recession in the U.S. at least since the ‘50s,” he said. “I would have expected by now some upward movement in burglary numbers.” The burglary rate has, in fact, climbed this year in some cities, including Houston, San Jose and Chicago. But in Chicago, the rate is climbing at a slower clip than it did last year. And in Houston, this year’s slight increase comes after a substantial drop in burglaries between 2007 and 2008, the first full year of the recession. In other places where burglary rates already were dropping, they are falling even faster. That includes Los Angeles, where the number of burglaries in the first three quarters of 2009 fell 6 percent, compared with 1 percent during the same period in 2008. In Phoenix, there were 429 fewer burglaries in the first nine months of 2008 — and 4,000 fewer in the first nine months of this year.

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Pro-lifers challenge Senate

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion opponents in the Senate are seeking tough restrictions in the health care overhaul bill, a move that could foil a shaky Democratic effort to pass President Barack Obama's signature issue by year's end.

Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., said Monday he could not support a bill unless it clearly prohibits federal dollars from going to pay for abortions. Nelson is weighing options, including offering an amendment similar to the one passed by the House this weekend.

"I want to make sure something comparable ... is in there," Nelson said.

The House-passed restrictions were the price Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., had to pay to get a health care bill passed, on a narrow 220-215 vote. But it's prompted an angry backlash from liberals at the core of her party, and some are now threatening to vote against a final bill if the curbs stay in.

Obama said the legislation needs to find a balance.

"I want to make sure that the provision that emerges meets that test — that we are not in

some way sneaking in funding for abortions, but, on the other hand, that we're not restricting women's insurance choices," Obama said in an interview with ABC News.

Senate Democrats will need Nelson's vote — and those of at least a half-dozen other abortion opponents in their caucus. They face a grueling debate against Republicans who are unified in their opposition to a sweeping remake of the health care system. It's unclear how the abortion opponents would line up; the pressure on them will intensify once the legislation is on the floor.

Former President Bill Clinton, whose failed effort to revamp the health care system contributed to the Republican takeover of the House and Senate in 1994, was expected to speak to Senate Democrats about health care legislation during their weekly caucus on Tuesday, officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss his schedule.

An intraparty fight over abortion is the last thing that Majority Leader Harry Reid needs. Reid, D-Nev., is already facing a revolt among Democratic moderates over the

government-sponsored health plan that liberals want to incorporate in the legislation as a competitor to private insurance companies.

Reid, who is himself opposed to abortion, will have to confront the issue directly as he puts together a Democratic bill for floor consideration. The committee-passed Senate versions differ on abortion, but none would go as far as the restrictive amendment passed by the House.

The House bill would bar the new government insurance plan from covering abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or the life of the mother being in danger. That's the basic rule currently in federal law.

It would also prohibit health plans that receive federal subsidies in a new insurance marketplace from offering abortion coverage. Insurers, however, could sell separate coverage for abortion, which individuals would have to purchase entirely with their own money.

At issue is a profound disagreement over how current federal restrictions on abortion funding should apply to what would be a new stream of federal funding to help the uninsured gain coverage.

Abortion opponents have sought to impose the same restrictions that now apply to the federal employee health plan, military health care and Medicaid, the federal-state health program for the poor.

Abortion rights supporters say such an approach would threaten women's right to a legal medical procedure already widely covered by private insurance.

The Senate health committee bill is largely silent on abortion, a stance that abortion opponents interpret as permitting coverage by private insurance plans that would receive federal subsidies.

The Senate Finance Committee bill attempts to craft a compromise, as the House unsuccessfully tried to do before this weekend's vote tightened restrictions.

The Finance plan would require insurance carriers to separate federal subsidy moneys from any funds used to provide abortions, and it would prohibit abortion coverage from being included in a minimum benefits package. It would require that state and regional insurance markets offer one plan that covers abortion, and one plan that does not.

AP sources: U.S. troops likely for Afghan in January

STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is nearing a decision to add tens of thousands more forces to Afghanistan, though not quite the 40,000 sought by his top general there, as Pentagon planners work to make room for the influx.

Administration officials told The Associated Press on Monday the deployment would most likely begin in January with a mission to stiffen the defense of 10 key cities and towns. An Army brigade that had been training for deployment to Iraq that month may be the vanguard. The brigade, based at Fort Drum in upstate New York, has been told it will not go to Iraq as planned but has been given no new mission yet.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs, meanwhile, said the president would meet again on Wednesday with key members of his foreign policy and military team but was unlikely to announce final plans for Afghanistan until late this month, when he returns from an extended diplomatic trip to Asia.

Gibbs said the Pentagon is "working on additional recommendations" to present to Obama and that Obama has made no decision on troop numbers, or even on what the ratio should be between combat troops and trainers.

Military officials said Obama will have choices that include a phased addition of up to 40,000 forces over some six months or more next year, based on security conditions and the decisions of NATO allies.

Several officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision has not been made also said Obama's announcement will be much broader than the mathematics of troop numbers, which have dominated the U.S. debate.

Officials said a substantial increase in troops is all but inevitable, but the precise number is less important than the message that an expansion and refocus of

U.S. commitment in Afghanistan would send.

It soon will be three months since Afghan commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal reported to Obama that the U.S. mission was headed for failure without the addition of about 40,000 troops.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because final plans have not been disclosed, dubbed the likely troop increase as "McChrystal Light" because it would fall short of his request. They also said additional small infusions of troops could be dispatched next spring and summer.

The more gradual buildup, the officials said, would allow time to construct needed housing and add equipment needed for transporting the expanded force.

Besides being sent to cities and towns, the new forces would be stationed to protect important roads and other key infrastructure.

Part of the debate leading to Obama's decision has been whether to move toward a more robust counterinsurgency strategy by attempting to retake territory from the Taliban insurgency and holding that turf while Americans work to rebuild and improve services for the population.

By using the new troops to protect cities and towns, the administration appears to be moving toward a middle ground that would deny Taliban advances on urban districts with the intention of shoring up support for the government of President Hamid Karzai.

That in turn would allow the fight against the Taliban then to expand to remoter regions.

With winter coming to Afghanistan's towering mountains, fighting could taper off as movement becomes difficult along the border with Pakistan. The Taliban has used the winter lull to resupply and regroup in years past, and the U.S. and a NATO-led alliance of countries fighting in Afghanistan are planning how to best place reinforcements for heavy fighting.

20 years since fall of Berlin Wall

KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Ulrich Sauff and his wife stared at the mammoth domino pieces marking the path where the Berlin Wall once stood and reminisced about life in the barrier's shadow.

"It was like a prison," said Sauff, 73, who lived on the Western side of the wall. "For us 'Wessis,' the few kilometers from our old home to our new home (in the East) was unthinkable."

The Sauffs were among those who gathered Monday to celebrate 20 years of unity, marking the day the wall came down. Thousands cheered as 1,000 colorfully decorated dominoes along a mile-long route were toppled to symbolize both the moment the wall came crashing down and the resulting fall of communist governments in

Eastern Europe.

It was the finale to a day of memorial services, speeches and events that attracted leaders from around the world, including former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Chancellor Angela Merkel and 78-year-old Gorbachev stood shoulder to shoulder as they crossed a former fortified border crossing point between East and West Berlin to cheers of "Gorby! Gorby!"

"Looking back, we can see many causes that led to the peaceful revolution, but it still remains a miracle," German President Horst Koehler told the leaders of all 27 European Union countries, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Merkel — Germany's first chancellor to be raised in the former communist East — called the events of Nov. 9,

"Freedom must be fought for. Freedom must be defended."

1989 an "epic" moment in history.

"For me, it was one of the happiest moments of my life," Merkel told a crowd of tens of thousands packed around the Brandenburg Gate.

In a video message screened at the main event, President Barack Obama paid tribute to the dissidents and demonstrators who ushered in the fall of the wall 20 years ago.

"Let us never forget Nov. 9, 1989, nor the sacrifices that made it possible," Obama said to applause and cheers.

Clinton paid tribute to Germany and other countries who shook loose communist bonds.

"We remember the people of the Baltics who joined hands across their land ... we remember the students of Prague who propelled a dissident playwright from a jail cell to the presidency," she said. "And tonight we remember the Germans, and especially the Germans in the East who stood up to say 'No more.'"

Merkel also recalled the tragic side of Nov. 9 for Germans — the Nazis' Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass — an anti-Semitic pogrom 71 years ago. At least 91 German Jews were killed, hundreds of synagogues destroyed and thousands of Jewish businesses vandalized and looted in the state-sanctioned riots that night.

"Both show that freedom is not self evident," Merkel said. "Freedom must be fought for. Freedom must be defended time and again."

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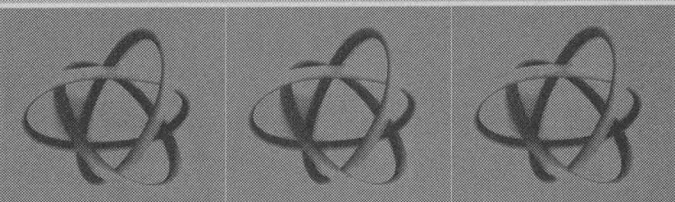
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Why A&T isn't to blame for the mayor's loss

It was, I thought, a guaranteed win. Former mayor Yvonne Johnson was the first black mayor in the city and we as a nation had just elected the first black president. Surely the city would pull out another win, right?

Unfortunately I, along with many others, thought incorrectly. Not only did the mayor not win, but she also lost by a margin so small, one can only wonder what happened.

That's when everything became A&T's fault. "Aggies should have" done this, "A&T could have" done that, or "this is why black students" don't know this. WAKE UP. This loss is not our fault. If anyone, it was the

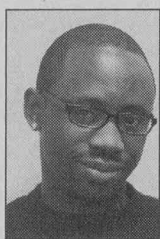
mayor herself who did her in.

Here is what I mean; I have not personally seen the mayor set foot on campus just to be there in the last two years other than for the candidate forums that were held a few weeks ago. If it was not a major event with other politicians, she wasn't there. Don't believe me? Let's look back together.

Convocation-nada. Coronation-nada. Opening ceremony for freshman-no mayor. ANY of our home football games-still no mayor. Pep rallies, campus debates, forums, or safety programs-no, no, no, and no. As a matter of fact, I don't even think she used a different cam-

paign sign. Hey, wait a minute. That's it she didn't actively campaign!

It's not A & T's fault Yvonne Johnson lost because she didn't actively seek the votes A&T would have undoubtedly given her. I think that she, along with so many others, felt that she had already secured "the black vote" and didn't need to do much of anything. Which



DEXTER MULLINS

would explain why she only placed one ad in the paper this year.

Now I got up on Election Day, went to my new polling place, voted and came to campus. In fact, I missed part of a test just so that I could vote (sorry Dr. Reyes) because I knew I wouldn't have enough time to do it later. However, I didn't consider the fact that the people who voted for the mayor previously had already graduated.

I didn't think about the 2000 or 3000 new faces on campus that really didn't know who Yvonne Johnson is. It didn't really dawn on me that she wasn't at the Pep Rally, where she

could have easily found the 955 votes she would have needed to win out of a crowd of 7000.

Too often, politicians undervalue the power of the vote of black people. And too often black people as a whole undervalue themselves. Only 18 percent of the entire city of Greensboro voted last week. Less than 50 people actually voted in the Memorial Student Union polling place. That's including the tens of thousands of people who live around campus, and the few thousand students, that could vote there.

In a county of over 449,000 people, only 80,000 actually voted. That, ladies and gentle-

men, is pitiful. If you are going to blame anyone for this loss Greensboro, blame yourself.

Is it important that students are politically aware? Absolutely. But realistically, many students who just voted in the elections of the President haven't yet re-registered in their new polling areas and many still like to vote at home.

That's the same at any college. It pisses me off to the utmost when people make A&T the cause of everything.

Did A&T want Yvonne Johnson to win? Absolutely. But that's not what happened. Now let's try to make the best of a really...special situation.



Racial rifts still linger year after election

GEORGE CURRY
The Philadelphia Inquirer

When Barack Obama was elected president, 70 percent of Americans were convinced that race relations would improve as a result. A year later, however, optimism about solving race problems in the United States has dropped to where it was nearly 50 years ago, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

The Oct. 29 poll asked respondents: "Do you think that relations between blacks and whites will always be a problem for the United States, or that a solution will be worked out?" Gallup reported, "Responses to this longstanding trend today are almost exactly where they were in December 1963, when Gallup first asked the question. Fifty-five percent of Americans in 1963 were hopeful that a solution to the race-relations problem would eventually be worked out. Now, some 46 years later, the 'hopeful' percentage is an almost identical 56 percent."

Maybe that's why Obama titled one of his books "The Audacity of Hope." Americans were never more hopeful about race relations than when Obama, the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Kenya, was elected president. A Gallup poll on Nov. 5, 2008 — one day after the election — found that 67 percent of Americans felt a solution to problems between blacks and whites would eventually be worked out.

A year later, that figure has shrunk by 11 percentage points.

In the 2008 poll, 70 percent of those questioned said they expected race relations to improve as a result of Obama's election; 28 percent said they expected

race relations to get a lot better, and 42 percent expected things to get a little better. An additional 17 percent said they expected race relations to remain unchanged, and 10 percent expected them to worsen.

On the campaign trail, Obama audaciously raised hopes that he could help close the racial divide. In his Philadelphia speech on race, he said "race is an issue that I believe this nation cannot afford to ignore right now." He continued, "Contrary to the claims of some of my critics, black and white, I have never been so naive as to believe that we can get beyond our racial divisions in a single election cycle, or with a single candidacy — particularly a candidacy as imperfect as my own."

As it turns out, far from moving beyond our divisions, America remains a sharply divided country even as it grows more diverse.

Obama has for the most part studiously avoided directly addressing race during his time in office. The chief exception was a comment he made on a confrontation between Henry Louis Gates Jr., a black Harvard professor, and James Crowley, a white Cambridge, Mass., police sergeant. At a prime-time news conference, Obama accused Crowley of "acting stupidly" in arresting the professor for disorderly conduct after the two exchanged words when Crowley went to Gates' home to investigate a possible break-in.

Obama later softened his language and invited Crowley and Gates to meet with him over beers at the White House. The president said, "My hope is that as a consequence of this event, this ends up being what's called

a teachable moment."

But nothing was ever taught by Obama or anyone else. In fact, blacks and whites were sharply divided over the incident. A Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll found that 30 percent of blacks faulted Sgt. Crowley, and only 4 percent blamed Gates. Among whites, it was the opposite: 32 percent said Gates was more at fault, while 7 percent said Crowley was.

Race came up again when former President Jimmy Carter told NBC News, "I think an overwhelming portion of the intensely demonstrated animosity toward President Barack Obama is based on the fact that he is a black man." Press secretary Robert Gibbs quickly distanced the White House from the comment, saying Obama "does not believe that the criticism comes based on the color of his skin."

Despite such unequivocal statements, conservative commentators such as Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck have repeatedly tried to paint the president into a racial corner. Criticizing Obama's appointment of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, Limbaugh said Obama is the "greatest living example of a reverse racist, and now he's appointed one." Beck accused the biracial president of being a "racist" who has "a deep-seated hatred for white people and the white culture."

Fortunately, the improvement of race relations does not hinge on the attitudes of those on the fringes, left or right — or on President Obama, for that matter. His election a year ago did not usher in an era of racial harmony. It looks as if that's something we'll have to accomplish ourselves.

C.A.S.E. in point, students should serve up more community service hours

The word serve is defined as being useful, rendering commitment and contributing to purpose. It is also the root word in term service. However, many of us define service as fulfilling our C.A.S.E. requirement—, a resume booster or another source of gain for ourselves.

As the future generation of leaders, inventors and activists, we take the act of service for granted. The purpose behind doing service should not include any self-benefit; it should be a passionate act of giving. How many of us really consider the change and lessons that come out of commitment, giving and sacrifice?

A&T does provide numerous community service projects and opportunities, but the mindset behind students performing service is not sincere enough. Don't get me wrong, there are plenty of students I see doing community service every weekend, but there are also just as many or more students who only do community service to graduate or for resume purposes.

This past weekend two A&T students performed what I considered to be sincere and passionate community service. Joseph Escobar and Chris Hand went looking around Greensboro this past weekend with 300 sandwiches to feed the homeless. No one called to ask them to help feed the homeless, nor did they call Student Development to make sure they would be rewarded service hours for

completing the task. They just did it.

True service comes from the heart. When you see a need in your community or a purpose you can contribute towards that is service. Helping the older women carry her bag across campus is serving your community. Going out into the local communities finding out what issues are concerning residents and providing solutions is serving your community. Even more specifically, fighting for changes and creating opportunities right here within the A&T community, whether you see the benefits or not, is providing service.

Participating in annual walks is great, but your service to your community should not stop there. Miss Senior 2008-2009, Emilee Christopher, went beyond her duties as Miss Senior to provide an opportunity to students to help their community directly. Christopher went to food pantries in the city of Greensboro to discover that many of them were empty. Families in need were in danger of not having food and even formula for babies.

Christopher created the ARK movement, which consisted of students donating can foods and non-perishables to restock the food pantries.

Not only did students donate food, but they also went into the surrounding student housing complexes convincing other students to donate to the cause. At the end of the ARK movement, there were enough can foods and non-perishables to not only feed five families in need, but also replenish the stock in the local food pantries.

Christopher held a ceremony in Stallings Ballroom to present the five families with their gift boxes and as a participant in the ARK movement, it was truly touching to witness the joy and gratefulness in the eyes of these families that were the recipients of our service.

Just like Christopher, Escobar and Hand, we should also go out into our communities and see where service is truly in need.

In order for us to become effective leaders, inventors and activists, we must first learn how to be servants. How can you provide change for communities if you cannot humble and find passion in serving them first?

Community service should not become another "thing" to do during your career at A&T. Service is an act of sacrifice, it is not about you and it never will be.

Some of the most historic figures today were the result of admiration in someone who showed commitment in their lives. Remember, the life that you touch through service today may be the same life to change generations in future.

Security Committee, has

rightly called for a congressional inquiry. The American people — and the families of the dozens of U.S. soldiers killed or wounded in Hasan's bloody rampage — deserve answers.

At a minimum, they are entitled to know whether the government could have stopped Hasan — and why it didn't.

It's understandable, commendable even, that Gen. George Casey, the Army's chief of staff, worries about reprisals against Muslim troops. They should not be unfairly tarred with Hasan's foul deed.

Yet the best way to prevent that is not through politically correct diversity lectures but rather by making sure no Muslim serving in the armed forces is an Islamist rooting for America's enemies.

After 9/11 and eight years of war, one might have thought this to be basic common sense.

But again we see the wisdom of George Orwell: "To see what is in front of one's nose needs a constant struggle."

How did the Army miss so many clues with the Fort Hood shooting suspect?

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
Dallas Morning News

As we learn more about Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the accused Fort Hood killer, what we discover is deeply disturbing — but not as disturbing as evidence piling up that military authorities knew for months, if not years, that he had displayed radical Islamic tendencies and did nothing about it.

The portrait now emerging is that of a troubled loner who turned increasingly to his Islamic faith for consolation.

The form of Islam to which he turned, though, appears to have been a radical, highly politicized version that he may have first encountered a few years back at a Virginia mosque (the former imam of which, now living in Yemen, praises Hasan as a "hero").

Many who knew Hasan, including fellow Muslims, relate that he often spoke about his religion-based opposition to the U.S. war effort. In one PowerPoint presentation, he framed his objections in terms favored by Islamic terror groups — that is, that the war

on terror is a war on Islam.

This could not have been a secret to the U.S. military, based on his apparent openness with fellow soldiers. Some who worked alongside Hasan have said he shared his religious radicalism freely.

Colleagues at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where Hasan, a psychiatrist, was posted until his transfer this summer to Texas' Fort Hood, reportedly say that he delivered a bizarre religious lecture proclaiming "infidels" would be tortured for their lack of faith.

Other doctors say they felt afraid to complain for fear of looking as if they were picking on a Muslim colleague.

Dr. Val Finnell, an Army physician who did speak up, now says, "The system is not doing what it's supposed to." Plainly not. Worse, ABC News, citing unnamed intelligence sources, says the CIA knew months ago that Hasan was trying to contact al-Qaeda. If true, it's scandalous that a would-be freelance jihadist was allowed to remain on active military duty.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, chairman of the Homeland

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AGGIES INSIDER

We all do it for fun from time to time. It actually gets a little competitive on those nights bowling against your friends. Sometimes we wish we could just throw a 200 up every time and shut down every bit of trash talking. Not happening! But at least you don't have to bowl against April Terry. She is a sophomore on North Carolina A&T's bowling squad and averaged 166.8 in tournaments last year, and she can bowl a 200. A&T Register reporter Prince Askew had a chance to talk with April as she gave him insight about herself.

PA- When do you plan on graduating?

AT- December 2010

PA- What are your plans for when you graduate?

AT- I want to go into grad school, to be more specific as to what I want to do print research.



APRIL TERRY

PA- What's your major and classification?

AT- Sophomore, Journalism Major.

PA- Where are you from?

AT- Greensboro

PA- When did you start bowling?

AT- I have been bowling in leagues since I was about ten and for fun since I could pick up a bowling ball.

PA- What makes bowling special to you? What do you like about it?

AT- I grew up around bowling and my family bowls so I guess it's in the blood. I just love it because you can always get better and there is always more to learn.

PA- What's the highest score you ever bowled?

AT- In league 278 and in practice 279.

PA- For those who don't understand how team bowling and scoring works explain that.

AT- In college we have a minimum of 5 people on each team and at our tournaments we bowl Saturday and Sunday. One day is team which means we each bowl one game against each opposing team. Then the other day we bowl baker which means the team as a whole bowls one game and each person on the team only bowls two frames which makes up the 10 frames in each game.

PA- How well did the team do last year?

AT- We made it to the Championship last year and during the season we did very well as a team. We were not an easy team to beat at all.

PA- What exactly does head coach the head coach do? What does he tell you guys?

AT- We have a new head coach this year. His name is James Williams.

He helps us a lot with learning how to shoot spares and become a more accurate and consistent player. He also keeps us grounded mentally so we can keep a cool head and stay focused.

PA- What are some of your hobbies? What do you like to do on the weekends?

AT- My hobbies would be photography and bowling of course. I actually spend about 90% of my time in a bowling center even on the weekends.

PA- What are your plans for when you graduate?

AT- After graduating I plan to pursue my dream of becoming a photographer.



PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS - THE A&T REGISTER

THE AGGIES offense accumulated a season high 362 yards in their road loss to Florida A&M this weekend. The freshmen accounted for 319 of the yards.

Rattlers slither past Aggies

A&T's freshman players step up in 31-27 loss to FAMU

PRINCE ASKEW
Register Reporter

The future stars of North Carolina A&T went into Tallahassee with a winning mentality as they trailed with 1:04 left in the game.

But no. 3 Florida A&M quickly changed that mindset.

Aggie freshman Dontavious Payne was manhandled on a fourth down run by Rattler defenders as A&T fell short 31-27 loss in Tallahassee, Fla.

It was the Aggies second consecutive loss, as they finished winless to Florida teams in the MEAC this season.

Although the Aggies came up empty-handed on in the winner's column, they didn't statistically mainly because of their underclassmen heroics.

Freshman quarterback Lewis Kindle completed 16-of-30 passes for 206 yards and a touchdown.

He also added 54 yards and another touchdown with his legs, and freshman running back Dontavious Payne rushed for 71 yards and a touchdown of his own.

The defense, which started two freshman linebackers and a freshman safety, forced six turnovers and the special teams blocked a 46-yard field goal attempt in the fourth quarter.

"I felt we had the first down," said head coach Alonzo Lee about their final offensive play.

"We didn't get a measurement because the sticks were already moved. That was a bitter taste for me to swallow, but we're moving on."

Florida A&M's 7-2 record qualifies them as the third best team amongst black colleges, and A&T's young lineup nearly took them down.

With a 3-4 record in the MEAC and a conference championship out of reach, Coach Lee also decided to start a freshman wide receiver and tight end against the very experienced Rattlers.

"We are a young team that is growing each and every week," Lee said.

"Today, we went against the No. 2 team in the conference and made some big plays."

"We just have to get to a point where

we are making enough big plays to win.

The Aggies got one of those big plays midway through the second quarter trailing 17-7.

Kindle hit senior tight end Brett Fisher for 22 yards and a touchdown to pull within a field goal.

A fumble by Florida A&M's Eddie Rocker on the ensuing possession gave the Aggies the ball on the FAMU 23.

The very next play was a touchdown from Kindle to junior Terrence Whitaker. The Aggies took a 21-17 lead into halftime. In the third quarter, A&T saw their freshman running back turn the ball over on fumbles twice.

The second of which was turned into a touchdown for Florida A&M on the next play. Four minutes later they returned a punt for a touchdown to go up by ten points.

They wouldn't surrender the lead anymore as they went on to win.

The Aggies will head to Orangeburg, S.C. on November 21 to end the season against top-ranked South Carolina State.

Lady Aggies earn second win at home

SHALON BELL
Register Reporter

After their win against Winston Salem State University, the Aggie Volleyball Team appears to be back in full affect! The Aggies had the pleasure of defeating the Rams in their own house 3-0.

Team members proved the Aggie Volleyball Team still had Aggie Pride as players and fans flooded the floor of Corbett Sports Center after the match dancing and cheering as if the outcome of the entire season never existed.

The victory against the Rams is only the Aggies second win of the season and was the first complete brush over an opponent since beating Garner-Webb 3-0 in 2008.

In a previous match against the Rams, the Aggies were conquered in a 3-1 victory by the Rams.

Top hitter on the Aggie team, Janae Mitchell definitely showed up with vengeance on her mind and pride in her

heart as she finished with 13 kills and 9 digs.

Sophomore Bree Dotstry added eight kills, just one attack error and two blocks, while junior setter Amber Inman posted 32 assists, eight digs and four service aces.

The Aggies posted a 9-0 run in the second set to take 23-11 lead.

The Rams closed the set with a ball handling and attack error to give the Aggies the set. Senior Tiffany Mellette of the Aggies, sparked a 6-0 kill and fueled the run with two service aces to earn the Aggies their second win over the Rams this season.

Though the season has not completely gone in the Aggies favor, the team proved they still could come alive and manage to come out on top.

The Aggies head to Orangeburg, S.C., to face S.C. State on Sunday, and return to Corbett Sports Center Tuesday night at 6p.m. to face Elon University on what will be Senior Night for Mellette, Mitchell and Stacey Malone.

Details released in Howard's homicide

PAT EATON-ROBB
Associated Press

Vernon, Conn. (AP) — The fight that led to the stabbing death of University of Connecticut football player Jasper Howard began when one of his teammates disrespected a woman at a school-sponsored dance, according to a police affidavit released Tuesday.

The affidavit charges 21-year-old John Lomax III with murder in Howard's Oct. 18 death.

Howard died at a hospital from a single wound in his abdomen, hours after helping his team to a homecoming game win over Louisville.

Investigators gave the following account in the affidavit:

A 21-year-old Hartford man, Johnny Hood, told police he got into an argument with two men, later identified as football players Brian Parker and A.J. Portee, after Parker made disparaging comments about a woman.

The argument occurred after someone pulled the fire alarm inside the student union and as people were leaving the building.

A fight broke out, and Parker suffered a minor stab wound to his back.

Howard and other football players then walked across the street to a spot near UConn's basketball arena, while Lomax went toward his car.

Several minutes later, a fight developed involving Howard, Lomax and De'Quan Muhammad, an 18-year-old from Hartford

who is friends with Lomax.

Devra Brown, a witness who said she knew Lomax, recounted seeing the fight, saying it involved seven or eight people, including Howard. Howard swung his fists at Lomax and Lomax countered by swinging his left hand at Howard.

Brown said Howard then ran in her direction yelling, "They got me! They got me!" before collapsing.

UConn football player Michael Smith who was also at the scene said he soon saw blood on the left side of Howard's abdomen.

Parker, of Sarasota, Fla., is a sophomore wide receiver who is academically ineligible to play this season. Portee is a redshirt freshman defensive end from Austell, Ga.

Lomax, of Bloomfield, Conn., is scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court on Friday.

His lawyer has denied the allegations.

Hood and two other men, Jamal Todd and Christopher Mutchler, were scheduled to appear in court Tuesday afternoon, but the hearings were delayed until a later date.

Todd is accused of pulling the fire alarm and is charged with falsely reporting an incident and reckless endangerment.

Mutchler is charged with hindering prosecution, committing an act of terrorism and several misdemeanors for allegedly posting Internet messages threatening witnesses who talked with police.

AGGIES RUNDOWN

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TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
South Carolina State	6-0	8-1
Florida A&M	5-1	7-2
Norfolk State	4-3	5-4
Morgan State	3-3	5-4
Bethune Cookman	3-3	4-5
North Carolina A&T	3-4	5-5
Hampton	2-4	4-5
Delaware State	2-4	3-6
Howard	0-6	2-7
Norfolk State	0-0	0-0
Howard	0-0	0-0

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VOLLEYBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
MD Eastern Shore	10-0	21-6
Florida A&M	7-0	13-8
Delaware State	8-2	18-12
Hampton	4-6	8-18
Morgan State	4-6	9-21
Howard	4-6	8-26
Bethune Cookman	4-3	10-14
South Carolina State	4-4	13-17
Norfolk State	3-3	8-18
North Carolina A&T	0-8	2-27
Coppin State	0-10	1-29

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Saturday
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Durham, N.C.
7 p.m.

Nov. 20-22
MEAC Tournament
Baltimore, Md.

BOWLING

TEAM	OVR.
MD Eastern Shore	11-2
Delaware State	9-4
Norfolk State	8-2
North Carolina A&T	4-6
Howard	3-10
Coppin State	0-0
Bethune Cookman	0-0
Hampton	0-0
Morgan State	0-0
Florida A&M	0-0
South Carolina State	0-0

UPCOMING MEETS:

Saturday & Sunday
MEAC Southern Division
Daytona Beach, Fla.
TBA

Dec. 5-6
MEAC Southern Division
Orangeburg, S.C.
TBA

NEWS & NOTES

MEN'S BASKETBALL The North Carolina A&T men's basketball team hosted their annual Blue-Gold scrimmage this past Saturday. Nic Simpson led the Gold Aggies with seven 3-pointers and 34 points in their win. They will kickoff their season this Friday hosting Brevard Community College at Corbett Sports Center at 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL The defending conference champions Lady Aggies will begin pre-season action this weekend in Poughkeepsie, New York after being invited to participate in the WNIT. They open against Marist College Friday at 7:30 p.m.

AROUND SPORTS

NBA LEGEND
NEW YORK (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is being treated for a rare form of leukemia, and the basketball great said his prognosis is encouraging. The NBA's all-time leading scorer was diagnosed last December with chronic myeloid leukemia, he told The Associated Press on Monday.

BASEBALL
CHICAGO (AP) — Baseball general managers failed to take a vote Tuesday on expanding instant replay following a postseason filled with blown calls by umpires. Baseball began video review in August 2008 but only to determine whether potential home runs were fair or foul or cleared fences.

The Associated Press

THIS DAY IN SPORTS

1868 - The first indoor amateur track and field meet was held by the New York Athletic Club.

Like sports? Like to write? The A&T Register is currently looking for writers to add to 'the Score'. Come to the contributors meetings held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the NCB, room 328A.

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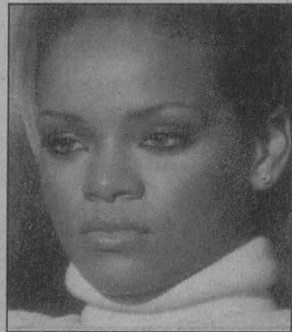
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SCENE HEARD



Rihanna Discusses Chris Brown Incident!

Diane Sawyer's interview of Rihanna on Friday's "20/20" was a ratings hit and enough to lift ABC to first in the 18-49 demographic for the night.

"I caught him in a lie. And he wouldn't tell the truth ... I was being more annoyed at that point in our relationship he had to lie about something so stupid. I couldn't take that he kept lying to me. And he couldn't take that I wouldn't drop it. And ... it was ugly.

"20/20" averaged 8.2 million total viewers — its biggest audience in over 7 months. The show also added 3.4 million total viewers.

-Danny Shea
Huffington Post

An evening of cuisines

STACIE BAILEY
Online Editor

What is a college student without a passport, a very small budget and an urge to taste the foods of other countries to do? Well, you could have gone to the International Food Night in the Exhibit Hall of the Memorial Student Union at North Carolina A&T this past Thursday night.

The Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB) hosted a night of free food, good music and fellowship to students as they were allowed to stop at each table and sample foods from different parts of the world tasting various dishes from places such as the Caribbean, Italy, Mexico and Japan to name a few. Each area was decorated with its country and surrounding countries' flags. Music from the each of the areas played in the background competing with the loud chatter of hungry students. The mood was exciting, yet very relaxed for an evening event.

The room was dark, but lights from each table led the way around an array of food. With many in attendance, the line was long, but well worth the wait. My first dish was a chicken taco representing the food of Mexico. The taco, I found, was very spicy as there were several spices and peppers within its soft shell. The chicken was very tender and well seasoned.

After fanning my mouth from the lack of beverage to wash it down with, I traveled next to Japan where sushi was being served. I coaxed my friend to try it and he tasted the vegetable sushi, which



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INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT Aggies were able to go to Exhibit Hall to enjoy

consisted of carrots and celery wrapped up inside a small piece of fish, and I sampled the meat sushi. The meat was encased in rice and then rolled into fish providing a new and natural taste since there were no added seasonings. Compared to the foods I usually eat at A&T, it tasted healthy, but still something I could enjoy as a snack.

As the line traveled on, I spotted a seemingly dark corner where drinks were being served; I think it was lemonade. Obviously, the person or

persons who prepared it knew what sugar was because it was very sweet, but helped to relieve my mouth of the still burning remnants of pepper. The next table served meatballs and mozzarella sticks; this country was Italy. The meatballs, as I expected, were warm, tender and gushing with Italian sauce. I forfeited my cheese stick for a friend of mine who doesn't eat meat and was only given one stick. According to her, they were good and very crispy with a soft, gooey and cheese-filled center.

The next table was probably my favorite. As soon as I saw the fried plantain, I made sure my plate was within the server's reach. I wished that we could sample more, but each food was limited to one or two per person. With my appetite slowly decreasing since I had eaten each food on the way to the next stop, I was satisfied with one piece of soft, sweet plantain and two pieces of jerk chicken.

To read entire story, see **CUISINE** on ncatregister.com

ALBUM REVIEW: ATTENTION DEFECIT

Wale delivers in debut CD

PRINCE ASKEW-GRIMES
Register Reporter

We are hip-hop too! This is the message Wale delivers as you listen to his new album, "Attention Defecit." With one of the largest African-American populations in the world, D.C. finally has an artist to put them on the national and international hip-hop scene. Wale's debut album does not disappoint. He shows an ability to mix excellent lyricism with a flow that will keep the listener engaged to the song.

Wale also shows his realization that the D.M.V. area is relying on him to put them on the map, and he doesn't shy away from the pressure in songs such as "Chillin'" and "Contemplate." He sums it up in the very first line of the intro entitled "Triumph." "I ain't trying to be politically correct but, I won't stop 'til I'm given my respect."

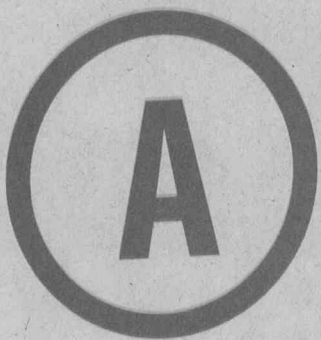
Respect for his talent on the microphone won't be hard to come by after a listen through of this album. Bun B ripped into the third track entitled Mirrors, where he and Wale express how some artist make up gimmicks because they can't face themselves. Gucci Mane makes an appearance on the go-go influenced single "Pretty Girls."

Wale also shows his versatility and ability to go deeper with real life issues better than most rappers of today. He delves into the problems of young girls

trying to live the celebrity life in "90210," and the struggles of growing up as a dark skinned brother amongst different tones of people in the song "Shades," featuring Chrisette Michelle. "I never fit in with the light skins. I thought the lighter that they was, the better that they life is." Cool & Dre, The Neptunes, and Mark Ronson are just a few of the producers who added production for this project.

He also has guest appearances from Jazmine Sullivan, Pharrell Williams, Lady Gaga, Marsha Ambrosius, and J. Cole to name a few. Wale debuts with a very good compilation of tracks recommended to anybody who is a fan of hip-hop.

Grade



Panel discusses black activism in Greensboro

KELCIE MCRAE
Opinions Editor

Commemorating the history and legacy of black activism was the focus of the 20th annual Conference on African American Culture and Experience (CACE) at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Nov. 6-7. Panels of scholars and activists participated in this two-day conference to define what activism is and discuss ways to get involved within a community.

CACE was hosted by the African American Studies Program at UNCG and the Greensboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This year's theme was "100 Years of African American Activism: Looking Back While Moving Forward." This theme was chosen as a way of honoring the accomplishments of the NAACP as they celebrate their centennial.

"The younger generation learned a lot about some of the historical issues that were covered during a certain period, and the way in which people went about addressing some of those issues," said Tara Green, director and associate professor of the African American Studies Program at UNCG.

"The issue a lot of times is getting people to listen, or to be a part of the discussion.

Because that opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas in itself is a motivational thing. This has been a wonderful forum to have the opportunity to be able to share things some you may not know," said the Rev. Cardes Brown, president of the Greensboro chapter of the NAACP.

A literary café kicked off the conference on Friday night as different poets came to express their viewpoints on a variety of different issues concerning the black community. One of the poems described how blacks are portrayed in the media. Another poem conveyed frustration with the problems that linger in the black church.

Saturday morning began the in-depth discussion by audience members and community activists and scholars on how the black community participates in activism. This open dialogue dealt with topics on how past activists made changes to their communities and speculated on ways to incite the same motivation of past activists within the current generation.

According to Amelia Parker, executive director of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum, she believes that motivations and acts of courage within a social order contribute to activism. She also went on to say that consistency with that same courage also plays a part in

activism. Greensboro has many documented cases of black activism.

The Civil Rights Movement began in 1960 when four North Carolina A&T students sat down to protest the segregated Woolworth's lunch counter. The amount of demonstrators in Greensboro in 1963 was only exceeded by those in Birmingham, Ala. In 1979, a protest against the Ku Klux Klan resulted in the Greensboro Massacre that led five people dead.

As a surprise for the audience and the panelists, two of the Greensboro Four, Franklin McCain and Joseph McNeil, made a special appearance at the conference.

"Out of sessions like this there are sparks of ideas and concepts, and perhaps in this room is Mrs. Obama of tomorrow for this country, and that's what we all look forward to," said McCain.

Closing up the conference was the keynote speaker, Tony Bolden, an associate professor of African and African American Studies at the University of Kansas.

"What is Blackness? What Is Activism?: The Truth about (the Lack of) Change in the Age of Entertainment" was his topic.

To read entire story, see **ACTIVISTS** on ncatregister.com

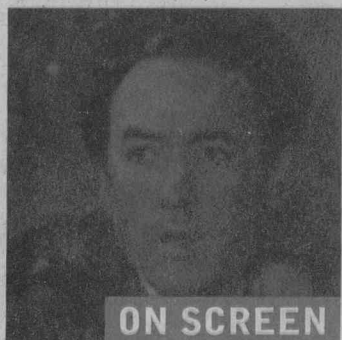
20 QUESTIONS

1. Did you see Elizabeth Lambert go incredible hulk on that girl from the other soccer team?
2. How many punches can you throw before you go to far?
3. Should they kick her off the team?
4. Have you ever had an Elizabeth Lambert moment?
5. Or were you the person with your face down in the grass?
6. How much of a punk was the girl for not beating her down?
7. Would the result have been the same if the girl in the grass had been black?
8. What would you have done?
9. Would you actions land you in jail for 5 to 10?
10. Should her punishment be having to walk backwards for the rest of her life like the poor woman who got that flu shot?
11. Be honest: did you laugh when you saw that video?
12. You thought it was a joke too, right?
13. How bad did you feel when you found out it was for real?
14. Should she sue the FDA?
15. Do you think she would actually win?
16. Would you rather have to walk backwards for the rest of your life or deal with the flu for a week?
17. What if you ended up dying that week?
18. Would that change your answer?
19. Have you seen the new Trey Songz video?
20. Will they show it on 106 & Park?

hotlist

Nov. 11 to 17

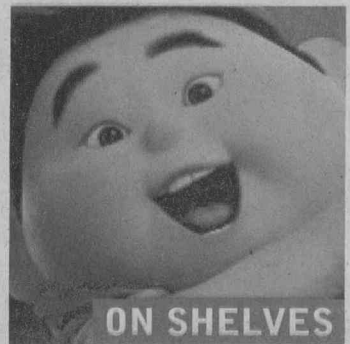
The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

2012 starring John Cusack, Amanda Peet and Danny Glover, is in theaters now. The film shows the idea of an end-of-the-world event that coincides with the end of the Mayan Long Count Calendar's current cycle. Jackson Curtis (Cusack) has to save his family from the destruction and Glover stars as President Wilson.

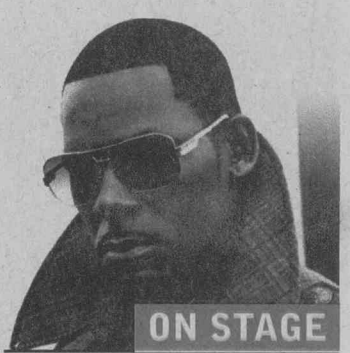
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ON SHELVES

UP is now available on DVD. The comedy/adventure from Disney Pixar tells the story of 78-year-old balloon salesman Carl Fredricksen, who finally fulfills his life-long dream of visiting South America. But he discovers that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip: an overly optimistic 8-year-old named Russell.

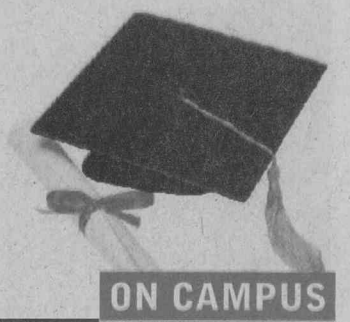
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ON STAGE

R. KELLY, a three-time Grammy Award winning artist, will be in concert at Greensboro Coliseum Coliseum's Special Events Center on November 22nd at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets have been on sale since October 9th and range from \$49.50 to \$59.50. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or www.aeglive.com.

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ON CAMPUS

SENIOR PICTURES will be held in the Memorial Room if Memorial Student Union on Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presented by Student Development, the pictures will be featured in the Ayantee Yearbook.

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