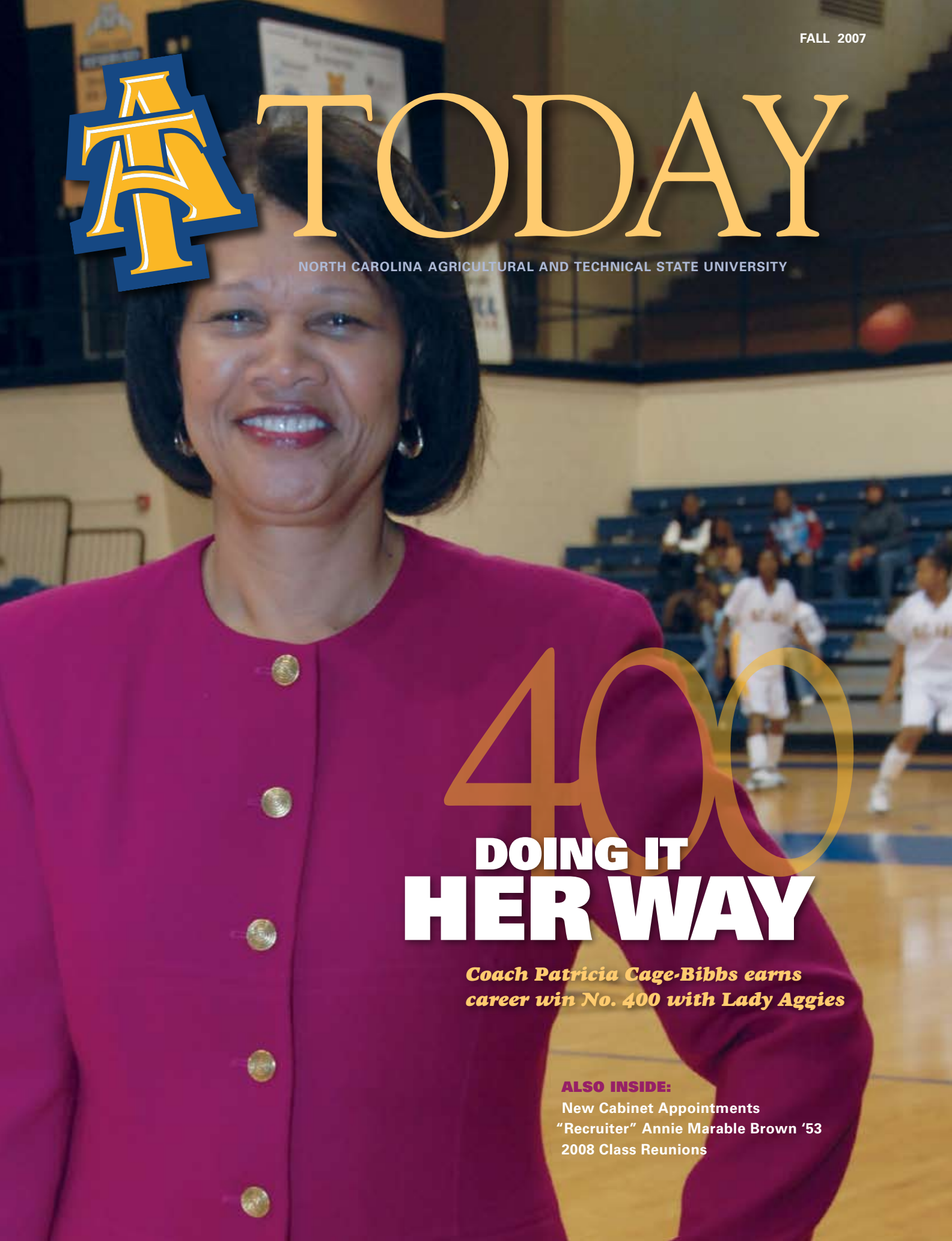




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Hip-Hop Mogul Russell Simmons Holds Summit at A&T

North Carolina A&T State University hosted a Hip-Hop Summit in Corbett Sports Center Sept. 8. The theme was "Get Your Money Right" Financial Literacy and Empowerment Tour.

Celebrities and financial experts spoke on the importance of home ownership, credit repair, entrepreneurship, auto financing and more. Chrysler Financial and Anheuser-Busch co-sponsored the event.

Participants included hip hop mogul Russell Simmons; Hip-Hop Summit Action Network President Benjamin Chavis Muhammad; U.S. Congressmen Mel Watt (D-N.C.) and G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.); video jocks Free, Terrence J (A&T alumnus); Rocsi; and singer Anthony Hamilton.

Founded in 2001, the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN) is dedicated to harnessing the cultural relevance of hip-hop music to serve as a catalyst for education advocacy and other societal concerns fundamental to the empowerment of youth. HSAN is a non-profit, non-partisan national coalition of hip-hop artists, entertainment industry leaders, education advocates, civil rights proponents, and youth leaders united in the belief that hip-hop is an enormously influential agent for



social change which must be responsibly and proactively utilized to fight the war on poverty and injustice. Local community partners include 102 Jamz, Hip-Hop Haven, Beloved Community Center and the Winston Salem Urban League.



A&T HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Some of the nation's top agencies and decision makers in the fields of environmental science and industrial technology, as well as educators and students from across the nation, participated in the Third National Conference on Environmental Science and Technology that was held at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Sept. 12-14.

The conference provided a forum to address pollution prevention problems, solutions and research needs. Topics covered bioremediation, fate and transport of contaminants, pollution prevention/solvents and processes, innovative environmental technologies and sensors, and

global climate change. More than 200 people from local, state, national and international colleges and universities attended the conference where more than 90 papers were presented in two days.

The conference was sponsored by the N.C. A&T Waste Management Institute DOE Samuel Massie Chair of Excellence Program, National Science Foundation Science and Technology Center of Environmentally Responsible Solvents and Processes, O'Brien & Gere, Allied Waste Industries, CDM, U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic



and Atmospheric Administration Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology Cooperative Science Center, and the Mayor's Office of Greensboro.

For general information about the conference or the Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute at N.C. A&T, contact Godfrey Uzochukwu by email, uzo@ncat.edu, or telephone, (336) 334-7030.

Sherry L. Southern, U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, Thomas D. Parker, CMD, and Godfrey Uzochukwu, executive chair of the conference organizing committee and director of the Interdisciplinary Waste Institute at N.C. A&T

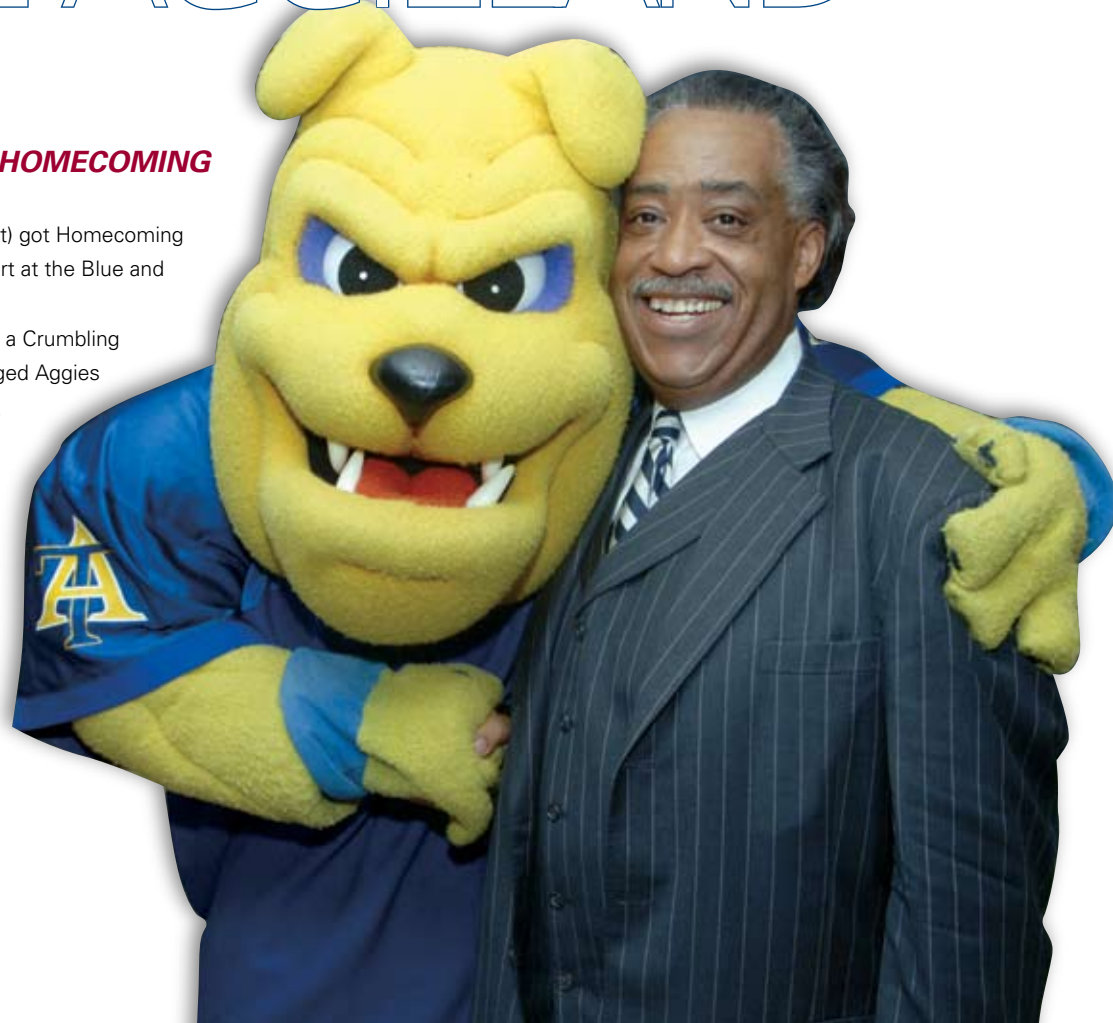
INSIDE AGGIELAND

SHARPTON KICKS OFF HOMECOMING

Civil rights leader Al Sharpton (right) got Homecoming 2007 off to a thought provoking start at the Blue and Gold Rally held Oct. 22.

During his "Sleeping Giants in a Crumbling Society" speech, Sharpton challenged Aggies to be active participants in the fight against social injustice.

According to David Street, student government president, Sharpton was invited because during Homecoming "nothing really speaks to the intellect or political awareness" that regularly occurs on campus, and bringing Sharpton to campus does.



Fellowship Gospel Choir Wins National Competition

The North Carolina A&T State University Fellowship Gospel Choir sang its way to top honors beating out a host of competitors at the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation's Gospel Competition in Atlanta, Ga.

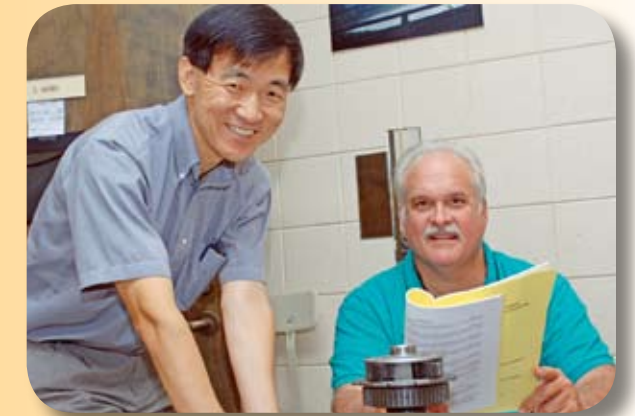
The first place prize includes an invitation to appear on the Bobby Jones Gospel Show on BET.

Competitors included Savannah State University-Wesleyan Gospel Choir, Benedict College Gospel Choir, Alabama A&M University Gospel Choir, Albany State University Choir, Fort Valley State University-Baptist Student Union Gospel Choir, Lemoine-Owens College Choir and York College Gospel Chorus.

Founded in 1969 by Albert Smith and Vernon Haley, A&T's Fellowship Gospel Choir has enjoyed a high degree of visibility and popularity since its inception. Through the years, the choir has performed in numerous national competitions including the National Black Music Collegiate Gospel Choir Competition in New York City winning Most Outstanding Choir 18 times including 2004. In 2006 the choir made a live recording, and a CD titled "Be a Witness," which was released in spring 2007.

Under the direction of Ron Jones, the choir has recorded two albums: "Give Him Praise" (1991) and "Jesus Is Real" (1997).

CURRICULUM GRANT ON NUCLEAR POWER



Wang and Tatterson

North Carolina A&T State University has received a \$200,000 curriculum grant from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to develop course modules and elective courses on nuclear energy and nuclear engineering. The objective of this project is to raise awareness of nuclear power and related security and safety issues.

Shih-Liang "Sid" Wang, professor and director of the mechanical engineering program at N.C. A&T, is the principal investigator of the project. His nuclear engineering experience includes working at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for two summers and heading a research project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Site.

The co-principal investigator, Gary Tatterson, is a professor of chemical engineering whose nuclear engineering experience includes working at Savannah River Site before joining A&T and currently consulting for the DOE Hartford Site on issues with nuclear waste processing.

Wang is the author of courseware modules for McGraw-Hill, and Tatterson is the author of three books. Both of them are recipients of teaching awards from the Department and the College of Engineering.

FAMILY COUNSELING, CHI SIGMA IOTA HOST CONFERENCE

The family counseling class and Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society in the department of human development and services, School of Education, co-sponsored a Family Counseling Conference in November.

The theme was "Families: Past, Present, Future." Sam Gladding, a Wake Forest University professor and past president of the American Counseling Association, was the keynote speaker. Break-out sessions and poster presentations on family counseling topics provided additional information.

Aggies Support Jena 6

SGA President David Street (far right, front) participated in the "Jena 6" protest in Jena, La., Sept. 20.

Fifty N.C. A&T students joined thousands others from across the nation in support of six African American high school students who were arrested for allegedly assaulting a white student.

Among the protesters were human rights activists Al Sharpton and Dick Gregory, filmmaker Tyler Perry, Black Panthers and the Teamsters National Black Caucus.



CAMPUS BRIEFS

FACULTY & STAFF



Canady



R. Davis



DePolo



Douglas



Graves



Hooker



Johnson



Kurkalova



Ntuen



Palmer



Perkins



Underdue Murph



Tonkins



Wall

LeAnder Canady, interim director of University Galleries, is serving on the North Carolina Museum of Art Board of Trustees. Canady's appointment to the board was made by the North Carolina House of Representatives. His term expires June 30, 2009.

Ray J. Davis, associate dean in the School of Technology, was elected southeast region vice president for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the

president of AACSB International. Quiester Craig Hall on A&T's campus is named in his honor.

The article quotes Bernard J. Milano, president of the KPMG Foundation and its Ph.D. Project, which work to increase the number of black and Hispanic students in businesses and business schools. "Quiester is an icon in business education. He's served as a mentor to so many deans around the country. When I first started thinking about how to add diversity to corporate America, he was my consultant and confidant," Milano says.

The article concludes with Craig saying he still gets too much pleasure from his job to step down.

"My father always said that if you enjoy what you're doing," he says, "you'll never work a day in your life."

Triennial Conference in Orlando, Fla., Aug. 9-11. Davis will be responsible for working with regional chapter officers to strengthen established PKP chapters. There are 62 such chapters in the region.

Jason DePolo, a lecturer and co-coordinator of composition in the English department, presented a paper titled "Linguistic Diversity and the African American Student" to the Seventh International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Shirley R. Douglas, associate director of summer sessions, was elected president-elect of the North Carolina Association of Summer Sessions at the October 2007 annual fall conference in Chapel Hill, N.C. NCASS membership includes public and private colleges and universities in the state. The purpose of the organization is to assist members in the development of summer session standards and programs.

Joseph Graves Jr., biology professor and dean of university studies, appeared on CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360" Oct. 19. Graves spoke in reference to Nobel Prize winning geneticist James Watson's comments about the intellectual differences of Africans and Europeans.

Willie F. Hooker, visual arts professor, has been invited to have his artwork, "Queen of Africa," used in Tyler Perry's movie, "Meet the Browns," which is scheduled for release in 2008. Hooker has exhibited his work around the globe and he

has completed paintings for celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Bill Cosby, D.L. Hughley, Steve Harvey and Cedric "The Entertainer."

In May, **Olenda E. Johnson**, associate professor of business administration, participated in a two-and-one-half-day tour of the Johnson F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, N.C. The tour included exercises that taught survival skills as well as demonstrations by Special Forces, medics and other soldiers. Johnson is currently on leave from the university and serving as distinguished visiting professor in the department of management at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Lyubov "Luba" Kurkalova, associate professor in the department of economics and transportation/logistics and the energy and environmental studies interdisciplinary program, received the 2006-2007 Canadian Agricultural Economics Society Outstanding Journal Article Award. The award recognizes achievement in agricultural economics, resource economics and farm management for articles appearing in the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, the official journal of the Society.

Kurkalova shares the award with C.L. Kling and J. Zhao, both at Iowa State University, for their article "Green Subsidies in Agriculture: Estimating the Adoption Costs of Conservation Tillage from Observed Behavior," *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 54: 247-267 (June 2006).

Celestine A. Ntuen, distinguished professor and director of the Center for Human-Machine Studies, chaired a session on humans and automation and presented two papers at the International Conference on Information Processing and Automatic Control in Seoul, Korea, Sept. 3-6.

The State of North Carolina Office of the Governor has appointed **Maria T. Palmer**, director of the Multicultural Student Center, to the North Carolina Nursing Scholars Commission. Her term expires in 2011.

Andrew M. Perkins Jr., assistant vice chancellor for business and finance/facilities, has been reappointed by Gov. Mike Easley as a member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation. This second term will expire Jan. 15, 2011.

Yvette Underdue Murph has been appointed associate vice chancellor for academic affairs/enrollment management, effective Sept. 24. Underdue Murph earned a Certificate of Undergraduate Studies and a Master of Education degree from Cambridge College, and she earned her doctorate in public administration at the University of La Verne. Underdue Murph has over 15 years of experience in higher education, most recently serving as assistant vice president for enrollment and retention at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Nagatha Tonkins, assistant professor and internship director in the department of journalism and mass communication, presented the topic "Increasing Minority Student Representation in the Advertising Industry" for executives at BBDO advertising agency in New York City. Tonkins completed an internship at BBDO, the fourth largest global advertising agency in the world, as part of the visiting professors program. She was one of 14 professors from across the nation selected to participate in the program in New York and Chicago.

Mary Wall has been named the 2007 Nurse Educator of the Year by the North Carolina Nurses Association at the organization's annual convention that was held in Raleigh, Oct. 10-12. Wall has been in the nursing profession for 31 years and is currently a clinical instructor and the Learning Assistant Center coordinator in the School of Nursing.

Wall is an active member of North Carolina Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses. As an advisor to A&T's student nurse organization, she serves as a mentor and promoter of leadership and professional development to undergraduate nursing students.



Quiester Craig, dean of the School of Business and Economics since 1972, is featured in the July 27, 2007, edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The article, "At North Carolina A&T, He Means Business," focuses on Craig's tenure at N.C. A&T.

Under Dr. Craig's leadership, the B-school was the first in the Piedmont Triad area and one of the first historically black universities to receive accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the premier accrediting agency for business and accounting programs.

Among his many professional triumphs, Craig served as the first black

CAMPUS BRIEFS

STUDENTS



Bell



Jenkins



Jones



Nedwards



Pittman



Worthy

TALENT-21 Scholars **Aleisha Baker**, a junior physics major, **Angela M. Edwards**, senior physics major, **Marvin Q. Jones**, senior mathematics major, and **Donald Thompson III**, sophomore mathematics major, made poster or oral presentations at the Eighth Annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) National Research Conference that was held Oct. 4-7 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The conference was sponsored by the National Science Foundation and organized by the American Association for Advancement of Sciences.

NSF HBCU-UP provides grants to enhance the quality of undergraduate science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and research at HBCUs as a means to broaden participation of underrepresented minorities in the nation's STEM workforce.

The NSF-funded HBCU-UP TALENT-21 STEM Undergraduate Program at N.C. A&T is a comprehensive system that implements research-driven, evidence-based strategies to increase access to and enhance quality of STEM undergraduate education for the production of STEM degrees of underrepresented minorities, women and persons with disabilities. Janice Brewington, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, is the principal investigator of the NSF HBCU-Up TALENT-21 Program, and Guoqing Tang, professor of mathematics and physics, is the co-principal investigator/project director.

Abebaw Belay, electrical engineering major, **Martin A. Jones**, physics major, and **Michael Williams**, earth and environmental science major, traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with physics professor Solomon Bililign as part of the National Science Foundation International Research Experience for Students grant awarded to Dr. Bililign to establish research collaboration between the physics department at North Carolina A&T State University, the physics department and the geophysical observatory at Addis Ababa University, and the physics department at Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia). The collaborations provided by this grant will aid the effort of developing a globally engaged workforce in the U.S.

Aaron LeVar Bell was one of 45 finalists who participated in the Gilder Lehrman History Scholars program in New York City last summer. During the one-week program, the finalists met with eminent history scholars and history professionals outside academia, and they visited important archives and museums. The program was sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Khaliyah Hughes has received a four-year Clare Boothe Luce Doctoral Fellowship to pursue a Ph.D. in engineering at N.C. A&T. Hughes graduated summa cum laude from A&T with a B.S. in industrial engineering. She is proceeding directly from the B.S. to the Ph.D. in industrial engineering.

Darkus Jenkins, a graduate student in chemistry, has authored a peer reviewed journal article, "Tri-2-furyl-phosphine oxide: An oxidation product of the weak Lewis base tri-2-furylphosphine," with Zerihun Assefa, an associate professor in the department of chemistry. The manuscript is published in *Acta Crystallographica*, 2007, E63, 3510.

Freshmen **Torsha Nedwards** and **Tyler Worthy** received scholarships from the Friends of the School of Education, the first scholarships awarded by the organization since it was reactivated in 2006. Nedwards, from Piedmont, S.C., received the Friends of the School of Education Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000. Worthy, from Jacksonville, N.C., received the Emma Wilson Memorial Endowed Scholarship – created to honor the late Wilson's memory by Friends member Michael Fleming – in the amount of \$2,200. Both students had high school GPAs above 3.8, and SAT scores above 1000.

Junior biology major **Matthew Pittman** has received a \$10,000 scholarship from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr., a former NASA astronaut, presented the award during an assembly that was hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Devon Privette and **Mikia Shaw** are among the 50 students from across the nation selected by KPMG LLP, the audit, tax and advisory firm, for its Future Diversity Leaders (FDL) program. FDL is designed to provide leadership training and financial support for outstanding minority undergraduate business students. KPMG launched the program this summer as part of its continuing effort to increase and support minority representation in the accounting profession.

Privette and Shaw were nominated for the FDL program as a result of their commitment to high academic achievement, community and campus involvement and active participation in diversity organizations. Upon successful completion of their summer internship prior to their junior year, Privette and Shaw will become eligible for additional scholarship money, as well as an offer to remain in the intern program the following summer.

The internship prior to their senior year is a "Practice Internship" where the participants of FDL will gain hands-on experience with clients in their chosen business area. In addition to gaining work experience, Privette and Shaw will be mentored by faculty advisors and KPMG professionals.



Gladys Ashe Robinson, a Ph.D. student in the leadership studies program and executive director of Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency, spent one month in Ghana to help develop a community-based sickle cell organization. Robinson, who also serves on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, received funding from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institutes of the National Institutes of Health to offer capacity building training for the recently formed board of directors of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Ghana.

Over 16,000 babies are born in Ghana each year with sickle cell disease, compared to about 2,000 newborns with the disease in United States. Overall, more than 400,000 babies with sickle cell disease are born in the continent of Africa each year. Without ever being tested, most people do not know they carry the sickle cell gene.

Sickle cell disease is a major public health issue according to Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, pediatric hematologist and director of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Frempong has organized the first newborn screening clinic in two of the hospitals in Ghana. The long-term goal is to build a collaborative with the Ghana Ministry of Health and National Health Insurance to screen "all" newborns in Ghana for sickle cell disease.

Under Robinson's 25-year leadership, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont has served over 500 patients in six counties of North Carolina, staffs offices in four cities, hosts a satellite clinic, and conducts follow-up on patients seen by local providers and by hematologists at three major medical centers.

Robinson led the board in developing a strategic plan to offer needed services to the Ghana community and to enhance services for individuals with sickle cell disease and their families. Future goals will be to develop a "sister" community-based organization relationship between the Sickle Cell Foundation of Ghana and Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont in Greensboro that will share successful programs and services to enhance the quality of life for patients of all ages.

Chancellor Makes Cabinet Appointments

Chancellor Stanley F. Battle has made seven appointments to his senior cabinet.



Browne



Clay



Green



McAbee



Phillips



Pompey



Welborne

Vice Chancellors

Three vice chancellors have been appointed: Linda R. McAbee, human resources; Robert Pompey Jr., business and finance, and Sullivan A. Welborne Jr., student affairs.

McAbee was assistant vice president of human resources for Duke University and Health System prior to coming to North Carolina A&T State University. She previously served as director of human resources, Magee-Women's Hospital, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and regional manager of human resources for ADVO, Inc. McAbee was also an assistant vice president of human resources for Dollar Bank at the corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh. In addition, she was affiliated with Koppers Company, Inc. (Pittsburgh, Pa.) as manager of professional employment, supervisor of professional employment, supervisor of office and administrative employment.

McAbee is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management, a former Pittsburgh Urban League Board member and a Parent and Child Guidance Center Executive Board member. She is a former member of the Pittsburgh Regional Engineering Program Board of Directors and the Middle Atlantic Placement Association Executive Board.

An honors graduate of Spelman College, McAbee received TQA, QAT and VOC instruction certification from Organizational Dynamics, Inc. She has participated in Customer Service Leadership Training from The Disney Institute and Fuqua School of

Business & Coach K Leadership Training at Duke University.

Since 1998, Pompey has served as associate controller for Wake Forest University where he managed financial operations, the long-term debt program and financial reporting operation. He was responsible for the accounting and reporting of endowment and trusts, annual budget preparation, insurance program, and cash management and short term investments, and he oversaw the university's annual external audit, fixed assets and capital projects accounting, and restricted funds. Pompey also co-chaired the university's committee that designed and implemented a Conflict of Interest Policy, and he served on the committee that designed and implemented the University's Code of Conduct. In addition, his area implemented the PeopleSoft Finance Module in 2000 and implemented the SCT Banner Finance Module in 2005.

From 1987 to 1998, Pompey was senior audit manager for KPMG LLP, leading the execution of audit procedures for clients in various industries with a concentration in not-for-profit organizations. Higher education clients included Bennett College for Women, Duke University, Greensboro College, Johnson C. Smith University, Saint Augustine's College, Shaw University, and Wake Forest University. While serving these clients, he prepared and presented reports for audit committees and upper management.

Pompey has been a certified public accountant since 1989. He received his B.S.

degree in accounting from N.C. A&T in 1987 and his M.B.A. from Wake Forest University. He has served as treasurer of the Piedmont Xpress AAU Girls Basketball Organization and treasurer and board member of the Volunteer Center of Greensboro, Inc.

Following several years as a public school teacher in Maryland and North Carolina, Welborne began his educational career at A&T in 1971. In 1984, he became assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, and in 1989 he was appointed vice chancellor for student affairs where he served until his retirement in 2001. After retirement, Welborne returned to A&T as a faculty member in the chemistry department in 2003. Interim Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley appointed him as interim vice chancellor for student affairs in September 2006.

Welborne is active in his community and has received over 160 awards for academic and community service including James B. Hunt Governor's Award for Volunteerism and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor for service to the state. He volunteers for the March of Dimes, and he is assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scouts Troop 999, a member of the Hayes-Taylor YMCA Board of Directors, and vice chairman of the YMCA Executive Metro Board of Directors.

The Lexington, N.C., native graduated from Dunbar High School and received his B.S. degree in biology from N.C. A&T in 1961. He also has degrees and certificates from Wake Forest University and North Dakota State University, culminating with a doctorate

in education administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1978.

Special Assistants

Three special assistants to the chancellor include Dorothy C. Browne, research and public health; William A. Clay, development; and Wendell F. Phillips, community outreach and special projects.

Browne has experience as a professor, scientist and researcher. She has been awarded numerous grants that amount to millions of dollars for research and interventions in the areas of violence, early sexual behavior, drugs, and health disparities related to drugs (i.e. HIV/AIDS).

Browne most recently served as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded Prevention Sciences Research Center at Morgan State University, interim associate dean of research at Morgan State School of Public Health and Policy (now known as the School of Community Health and Policy), and co-director of the Morgan-Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions. Prior to her employment at Morgan State, Browne was a tenured faculty member at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in the department of maternal and child health where she is currently an adjunct professor. She was also a visiting faculty member at Duke University, interim executive director of the Roxbury Medical and Dental Health Center in Boston, assistant to the dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, and advocacy consultant for

the family development study at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston.

Browne received her bachelor's degree from Bennett College, a M.S.W. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, and the master's and doctorate in public health from Harvard University School of Public Health.

Clay was director of economic development and community partnerships at the Milwaukee Area Technical College before joining the administrative staff at N.C. A&T. As an entrepreneur, he was the primary consultant for Clay LLC, offering services in Wisconsin for fund development, strategic planning, coaching and organizational development for the public and private sectors.

Clay also has served as executive vice president/chief operations officer managing administration and operations for Opportunities Industrialization Center of Greater Milwaukee (OIC-GM), he has worked with the Community Relations-Social Development Commission in Milwaukee to provide social services to low-income and disadvantaged populations, and he developed and managed the city's first youth gang diversion project and led efforts for cultural literacy materials, energy conservation, and career development.

Clay has a B.S. in education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Phillips is experienced in the design, implementation and reporting associated with the management of federal, state and local programs. He has been the assistant to the president for community relations at Coppin State University and director of community relations for the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center in the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. In addition, Phillips was a district support manager for Sears, a public relations consultant for The Caraway Group, and an individual account manager for Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

As an elected official, Phillips was a delegate for the 41st Legislative District in the Maryland General Assembly, and he was a member of the National Black Caucus of

State Legislators' Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education. In addition, he was named a Flemming Fellow by the Center for Policy Alternatives and Toll Fellow by the Council of State Governments.

Phillips has a B.A. degree in political science from Morgan State University. He co-authored a book titled *Atonement: The Million Man March*, has done amateur stand-up comedy, and had a cameo role in the movie "Meteor Man."

General Counsel and Ethics and Compliance Officer

Valerie L. Green is the chief general counsel and ethics and compliance officer.

Green most recently was the associate counsel for the Baltimore City Public School System. She has served as senior counsel/assistant attorney general and as assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General of the Maryland State Department of Education; assistant general counsel and assistant staff counsel for the Maryland Public Service Commission; staff attorney for the Community Law Center in Baltimore; an associate attorney for Norris C. Ramsey, P.A. and for Fugett & Associates, P.A., and was an adjunct professor at Baltimore City Community College.

Green's legal expertise detailed other involvements and accomplishments including participation as a certified mediator, pro bono attorney for the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, Community Law Center Board member, and a LegalEase, Inc. consultant. She is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association and did Title VII and sexual harassment consultation and training at Morgan State University. She was a Sexual Harassment & Abusive Discharge panelist for the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association; a Federal Criminal Justice Misdemeanor panelist; and an American Bar Association Negotiation Competition judge for the University of Baltimore School of Law.

A graduate of Virginia Union University, Green received her juris doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Assignment Monique

A&T JUNIOR GETS NATIONAL ATTENTION



“CBS Evening News with Katie Couric” viewers who saw “Assignment America” on Aug. 31 heard Monique Johnson’s story.

Johnson, a junior honors student at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, received the most votes the previous weekend, allowing her personal story about perseverance and her quest to raise money to help pay for her college expenses and a full-time aide to be told.

“Assignment America,” with correspondent Steve Hartman (pictured left interviewing Johnson), lets viewers decide what stories will be featured. Every week, Hartman reveals three story pitches. Viewers then log on to CBSNews.com to vote for their favorite. Hartman turns the winning pitch into a story for the following Friday’s show.

Hartman and his crew joined Johnson on campus Aug. 27-28 for interviews and to capture her on camera; then scores of Aggies attended a viewing party in Aggie Village to watch the broadcast.

Johnson, a business administration major from Winston-Salem, N.C., was born with dyastrophic dysplasia dwarfism, a physical disorder that hinders her ability to walk. She uses a specialized scooter for mobility.

Against all odds, Johnson honed her talent as an artist and has been selling her artwork throughout the community to help raise money to pay for an aide who must assist her daily while living on campus.



BASIC TRAINING

Two A&T administrators and an instructor get a taste of the Army in vigorous leadership training program

By Joya Wesley

WHATEVER YOU WANT TO SAY ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY, YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE IT PROPS FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING. Three members of the Aggie family are better leaders today because of an exhilarating week they spent last summer at Fort Knox, Ky.

"The Army ROTC knows how to bring the best out of you," Mable Scott, associate vice chancellor for development and university relations, says from hard-earned experience. "The



training stresses you and lets you know that you have more strength than you think you do. It's not until you're pulled to your limits that you realize how far you can stretch."

"It was great," echoes Debra Neblett, clinical instructor for the School of Nursing. "I thought it was a wonderful – definitely a team-building – experience."

Scott and Neblett spent a week in July completing the Army ROTC Leader's Training

Course along with Lea E. Williams, interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs/institutional planning, assessment and research.

The course, which features five days of team building experiences including combat water survival training, high ropes climbing maneuvers, small boat training, and a field leader's reaction course, is designed for university educators. Academic personnel including presidents, deans and other administrators responsible for supervising ROTC programs are invited each summer to Fort Knox in the east and Fort Lewis, Wash., to observe and participate in the program.

Williams chose to attend because of encouragement from Lt. Col. Joshua Jones, the A&T professor of military science who directs the university's Army ROTC program. She's glad she did.

"I had such fun," she says, offering high praise for Jones and for the supportive officers at Fort Knox, who she says also were "lean as all get out," attractive and very confident.

By providing a pre-course orientation at which he distributed fatigues, boots and other gear, the Aggie contingent arrived better prepared than many other participants, she said.

Jones similarly praised Williams and her sisters-in-training.

"I think this year's group was probably one of the best groups that we've sent because they participated in just about every event," he said. "They were just fantastic. They were the group that actually said yes, we'll do it."

Scott says she would not have accomplished as much as she did had it not been for the support of the officers there, who provided

encouragement, mentoring and in some cases extra help to make sure she succeeded.

All three women completed the high ropes maneuver that required rappelling from three stories up. Scott said one of the lieutenant colonels accompanied her after encouraging her to try it in the first place saying, "If you don't do it, for the rest of your life you're going to be asking, 'Could I have done that?'"

"It was more exhilarating than any super duper ride that I've had at Carowinds or any of the amusement parks," Scott said.

Williams, like the others, proudly displays her photograph proving that she did it.

"I thought I looked intense, but everybody who sees it says, 'You look scared!' Well, I was," she says. "You really are afraid, but you've got people cheering you on, you have lots of people who know what they're doing and they check your ropes to make sure you've tied them properly."

Overall, the experience was "stressful, it was difficult, it was mind-blowing, but it was one of the best things that I've ever done in my life," Scott says.

Jones said the purpose of the course is to give educators a taste of what ROTC cadets experience and to create campus supporters for Army ROTC programs, which often suffer in the face of negative feelings about war and U.S. policies.

"I admit that I myself had some of those feelings," Williams says, "but these people are doing a job. They're patriotic and serious about what they're doing. Nobody likes war, but we've got to have people who are ready to take up arms and defend the country."

"They don't believe in excuses. They don't believe in procrastination, they don't believe in half-doing a job," Scott added. "They believe you've got to do what you have to do because people's lives are at stake. That's the ultimate. If we all did that in our jobs every day, I don't know where we would be."

Although she acknowledges that the ROTC is a hard sell these days because of students' fear of being deployed to the war zone, Neblett now believes it's a choice students should consider, especially given the lucrative scholarship opportunities.

"I think it's an excellent way to train leaders," especially in nursing she says, "because we have to be leaders and to take charge of the care of our patients, to be advocates on all levels."





ANOTHER FIRST

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SEYDOU NIANDOU IS THE FIRST GRADUATE OF THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND THE FIRST IN HIS FAMILY TO EARN A DOCTORAL DEGREE.

By *Samantha Hargrove*

There are many words that could be used to describe Mohamed Albachir Seydou Niandou.

As an international student at North Carolina A&T State University, he has gained the respect of his peers and the confidence of his instructors. Ask any of his advisors and all will tell you that he is a man with exceptional work ethic, dedication and consistency.

Niandou's reward culminates Dec. 15, when he walks across the platform at commencement to become A&T's first graduate of the energy and environmental studies doctoral program. On that day, "Seydou," as he is commonly known around campus, will become "Dr. Niandou" and he also will become the first to earn a doctorate in his family.

What's more fascinating about this soon to be decorated Ph.D. recipient isn't the usual. Behind the determination, focus and commitment to furthering his education lies a humble man imbued with "gratitude." He could spend the entire day thanking others for helping him get to this point.

"I am very, very thankful to everyone," he said, referring to the countless faculty and staff at North Carolina A&T.

Like all international students, Niandou left his family behind to pursue his education.

"I had done my research and I knew that I could work as a research assistant to help pay for my education," he said remembering it was not too long ago that he had convinced his mother to allow him to come to the United States.

In 2001, with nothing but his made up mind in tow, his first stop in the Americas would be in Oklahoma. There he participated in a six-month language program to learn English. As a native of the Republic of Niger, French is Niandou's native tongue.

Gracious in spirit, Niandou's gratitude reaches far back to his homeland.

"Since I was a younger age, I have had a strong passion for protecting the beauty of our natural resources," he said.

Niandou says he remembers the words of his father, encouraging him to

focus his education on the environment.

"My father knew very early on that this field would be important now. He could see it," he recalled, adding that his father earnestly wanted him to earn his doctorate. He wanted me to make a difference and he knew that furthering my education would allow me to do that. I wanted to fulfill his dream."

Niandou's father did not live to see his son realize his dream, but Niandou says that he feels like he is giving this to him even after his death.

With that in mind, Niandou went on to attend Hassan I University in Settat, Morocco, earning his undergraduate degree in environmental and water sciences. As a well-studied young man already honing in on his research skills, he knew the next step to further his career would be to attend a university in the United States.

"When I first got into college and had to choose a major, I realized that my aim and desire to contribute to poverty reduction (could) only be reached by undertaking studies in the field of environmental stewardship," he recalled.

N.C. A&T State University would make it to the top of his list.

Niandou would continue on to complete a master's degree program in civil and environmental engineering and later seek entrance into the newly established interdisciplinary energy and environmental studies program. He credits his advisor, Dr. Mohamed S. Ahmedna, for teaching him so many life lessons through this last leg of his educational journey.

"He taught me that I had to be the best in everything I do," Niandou said. "Under his leadership and supervision, I understand that I must be responsible for my own success."

Ahmedna speaks of his student with mutual reverence.

"He is a dedicated and focused individual. He deserves the success. Because he is hard working he will succeed in his profession," Ahmedna said.

"I am very hard on all of my students, because I want them to be the very best. When they leave, I am always concerned about them," explained Ahmedna. "The relationship is almost

like parent to child. You care about their success."

Niandou worked under Ahmedna's supervision as a graduate research assistant toward completing his doctoral degree. His dissertation work dealt with the development of low cost water purification system using agricultural by-products. Niandou used pecan shells in the process of purifying drinking water. The project tackled both environmental issues, such as solid waste disposal, and water treatment issues as well as aided in economic development.

"In the future, my research will have tremendous environmental impact by addressing the issues of water quality and resolve the disposal problem of agricultural wastes while (also) generating income to nutshell producers in the local community," said Niandou.

Niandou credits others such as Drs. Keith Schimmel, Shamsudin Illias, Shouu-Yuh Chang for their contribution to his education.

"Everyone has been so helpful and I am very happy for that," said the 32-year-old, who still has not had time to return to Niger-Republic since leaving.

During his stay at A&T, Niandou's research efforts have earned him several awards and recognition including but not limited to the prestigious North Carolina Beautiful Association Fellowship for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship and the USDA/CSREES 2007 Awards of Excellence in Biotechnology Innovative Research and the International Students and Scholars Organization 2007 Award for Outstanding Achievement.

He has worked as a research assistant on several projects involving pesticide traces in water including the Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Analytical Resource Laboratory and the City of Greensboro Water Quality Services.

Shortly after graduation Niandou will begin his new job with Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc. Based in Atlanta, Ga., it is a company that delivers services internationally to enhance environmental program initiatives.

Niandou is married to Mia, a young woman from his hometown in Niger, and they have a two-year-old son named Saeed.

ADMISSIONS TOOL

By Nettie Collins Rowland '72



Annie Marable Brown '53 has been recruiting students for A&T for over 40 years.

IF YOU READ the inscriptions on the more than 100 awards displayed in Annie Marable Brown's home, you will notice they all share a common thread – that of a great humanitarian.

Ann, as she is affectionately called by family and friends, grew up on a small farm in Pitt County, North Carolina, with her 10 siblings. At an early age, while laboring in the scorching sun and pondering her future, she discerned that education would be the ingredient for a better life.

In 1948, after working a year to earn funds for college, Brown enrolled in A&T's two-year secretarial science program. After the first year she quit, citing the lack of required courses being offered by the college as the reason. The ambitious student returned to her hometown, landed a job with the Pitt County Training School and got married. She later moved to New York. Lacking the credentials to accomplish her goals, a determined Brown returned to A&T, changed her major to commercial education and within 18 months acquired her degree.

"Survivorship is the most important thing I learned at A&T," the 1953 graduate said.

With a degree in hand, Brown began her teaching career at Mace Lane High School in Cambridge, Md. She relocated to North Carolina and for three years worked as a secretary for Warren County Extension Service. Her big break in the field of education occurred when she became the first certified teacher in business education at the South Ayden School in Ayden, N.C.

Henry Davis, a retired automotive businessman living in Pitt County, speaks fondly of his former high school teacher.

"I like the humanitarian side of her more than anything else," he says. "When I was in school, she had a vested interest and real concern for all students."

Davis, who participated in sit-ins in the 1960s, compares Brown to the late Martin Luther King.

"Ann had a keen sense of awareness like Dr. King," he said. "She wanted us to be

aware of who we were, where we came from, the people that came before us and the people that would be coming after us."

Brown, the first automobile broker in Pitt County, taught high school for more than 10 years. The career was fulfilling; however, she felt that she could do more to enhance the level of education for her students – especially minorities – if she became a guidance counselor.

That objective led her back to her alma mater seeking a master's degree in counseling (Brown later transferred to Ohio State University where she received funding to obtain a M.A. degree in counselor education). When she returned to A&T, Pitt County native John Maye was serving as president of the university's National Alumni Association (1983-85) and asked her to serve as chair of the National Student Recruitment Committee.

"That's when I made a commitment to A&T," the N.C. A&T Distinguished Service Award recipient said. "That means whatever A&T needs, whether it's in the line of recruiting, raising money or attending meetings, I will do it."

Brown continues to keep her pledge. Mozell Weston, senior associate director of A&T's Admissions Office, concurs with the magnitude of Brown's dedication to A&T.

"Miss Brown is committed always to recruiting good students for A&T," Weston explains. "She works in her community (Pitt County) to identify high quality students and is in constant touch with the Admissions Office. She always has her 'pulse' on young people and their parents to get them in college, especially A&T, and it does not matter what race, color or creed."

Brown not only influences students to attend her alma mater but she assists

them and their parents with completing the admissions application, filling out financial aid forms and meeting scholarship deadlines. She works so tirelessly for the university that some people think she is on A&T's payroll.

Ivy Smith, a Pitt County resident who is a freshman at A&T, had her mind set on attending East Carolina University this year when her grandparents convinced her to talk with Brown. After listening to Brown's reasons why she should attend A&T, Smith enrolled.

Pitt County residents often refer to Brown as "Miss A&T." The Alumni Excellence Award winner, who has served as president of the county's chapter, has no inclination of the number of students she has assisted.

"I have no earthly idea how many students I have helped. They work in a variety of positions including medical doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, and the whole gambit."

Brown seldom keeps in touch with the Aggies she recruits; however, every now and then, as fate would have it, one crosses her path. She reflects on the time she was shopping in the grocery store when a man ran up and hugged her.

"I said to myself, 'Who in the world is this?'"

He explained to Brown that while he was in high school she had pulled him out of class one day and told him he was going A&T. At the time, college wasn't in his future plans. He went to A&T, graduated and moved up north and was now back home taking care of a sick grandmother.

"I prayed to the Lord that one day I would get back home to say thanks to you," he told her.

Brown has not only dedicated her life to helping Aggies, but she has been

a catalyst for change in Pitt County and the country. She has organized civil rights marches, boycotts and other demonstrations.

In the 1960s, Piggly Wiggly built a store in her community.

"We asked them to hire one black cashier and they refused," she said. Confronted by the Klan and other bigots, she supervised a picket line that lasted 62 days.

"We brought the owner to his knees," she said. "By the time we finished, he, his wife and the meat cutter were the only whites working in the store."

Realizing the need for better housing in the Ayden community, Brown originated public housing and was instrumental in securing \$1.5 million from the federal government to build 125 units. Each year the housing authority presents an award in her honor.

In 1999, Brown received the National School Public Relations Association's Eugene T. Carothers Human Relations Award for her establishment of a Junior ROTC Program at D.H. Conley High School in Pitt County (1972) to assist in easing racial tension. The honor she received is bestowed upon leaders who foster justice and equal opportunity for all people, regardless of race, religion, national origin, economic status, sex or age.

Brown is very active in her church and her political and civil activism are insurmountable.

Jerry Cox, executive director of the Ayden Housing Authority, believes the world should have more people like Annie Marable Brown.

"She is a go-getter with a bundle of energy," he said. "It is time for her to sit back and let others fill her shoes, but she keeps going."

AGGIE SPORTS

By Brian M. Holloway '97

MEAC RELEASES TV SCHEDULE

Men's and women's basketball teams to play television doubleheader

Thanks to numerous games on ESPNU the previous two seasons, the Corbett Sports Center Dawg Pound and its antics have become nationally recognized. America will experience one of the best college basketball atmospheres twice this season with the North Carolina A&T State University men's basketball team and the Dawg Pound hosting two nationally televised games on ESPNU in 2008. The women will play once on television.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference released

the ESPNU television schedule that includes an Aggie basketball doubleheader. The women's program will play its first ever game on ESPNU when it takes on defending MEAC champion Delaware State Feb. 18 at 4 p.m.

The men will follow with a 7 p.m. contest against the three-time defending MEAC regular season champion Delaware State men.

The Aggie men will face pre-season conference favorite Hampton University at 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4,

from Corbett Sports Center.

On the men's side, A&T, Maryland-Eastern Shore and S.C. State each will host two home games on ESPN networks. Hampton will make the most appearances with three.

"Any time you can showcase your program and your great facility, it's great for Aggie basketball," said N.C. A&T women's basketball coach Patricia Cage-Bibbs. "This is our first time on ESPNU, so we're looking to make the most of it."

"A lot of people ask me what it's like going down to the MEAC," said A&T men's head coach Jerry Eaves. "I tell them you would never know it when you come into Corbett Sports Center. I'm in the Forum here; I'm in Madison Square Garden. This place has a spirit and life of itself."

"When you talk about a sixth man, when you talk about people who really love their school ... They came out and supported this team when we were awful. It's good that the nation gets to see that kind of support for a historically black university."

For complete Aggie sports schedules, visit www.ncataggies.com.



North Carolina A&T State University Women's Basketball Team and Coaches



North Carolina A&T State University Men's Basketball Team and Coaches

AGGIE MEN'S

BASKETBALL 2007-2008 (For the complete 2007-2008 season, visit Aggie Athletics' website: www.ncataggies.com)

DECEMBER

28 Washington State 10 p.m.

JANUARY

12 **Morgan State*** 4 p.m.
 14 **Coppin State*** 8 p.m.
 19 UMES* 4 p.m.
 21 Delaware State* 7:30 p.m.
 26 **Winston-Salem State** 4 p.m.
 28 **S.C. State*** 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2 **Howard*** 4 p.m.
 4 **Hampton*** 8 p.m.
 9 Florida A&M* 4 p.m.
 11 Bethune-Cookman* 7:30 p.m.
 16 **UMES*** 4 p.m.
 18 **Delaware State*** 8 p.m.
 23 Winston-Salem State 6 p.m.
 25 S.C. State* 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

1 Howard* 4 p.m.
 3 Hampton* 8 p.m.
 6 **Norfolk State*** 8 p.m.
 10-15 MEAC Tournament TBA

Bold = Home Game

*Denotes MEAC conference game

LADY AGGIES

BASKETBALL 2007-2008 (For the complete 2007-2008 season, visit Aggie Athletics' website: www.ncataggies.com)

DECEMBER

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Tackling the Field

After serving in the Marines, defensive end Antonio Johnson sees why football and the military are often compared.

North Carolina A&T defensive end Antonio Johnson has been to war. No, not the meaningless figure of speech used to describe playing in a football game.

Johnson, a 27-year-old senior from Lancaster, S.C., actually put a gun in his hand. He faced enemy fire. He watched people die.

While others debate the Iraq War in the comfort of their living room or at a television studio, Johnson was in it. He offers no opinions about whether it is a just war or not.

To him, it was too much of a real life event to trivialize with political rhetoric. His life was on the line.

“The key thing is to complete the mission and keep everyone alive,” said Johnson. “There is no time to think about anything else. There is not one man you want to lose out there. The concept is to make sure you have each other’s back, so that everyone can go home to see their loved ones.”

Johnson and his Marine unit arrived in Iraq in January of 2003. They came in as a support unit, where they were assigned to provide food, ammunition and security. Although Johnson’s unit was not there for actual combat, the danger of enemy fire was there.

“It is a 24-hour, seven-day a week job,” said Johnson. “We were fired on constantly. You must stay alert when you’re over there. Every man must have every man’s back. It’s serious business.”

One man in Johnson’s unit did die during the conflict in Iraq. But Johnson

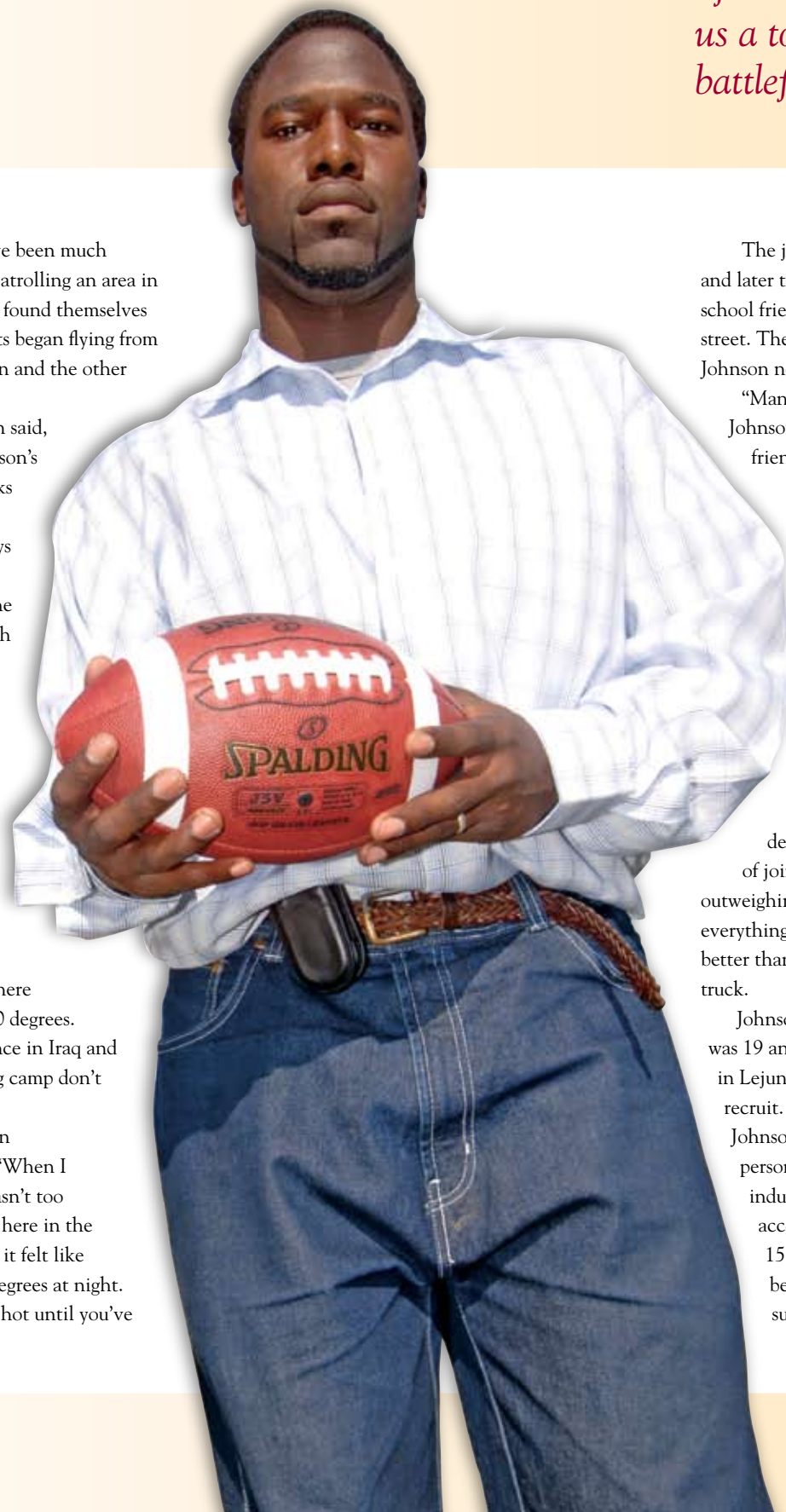
recalled how it could have been much worse. One night when patrolling an area in Baghdad, he and his unit found themselves in an enemy’s trap. Bullets began flying from guns and tanks at Johnson and the other U.S. soldiers.

Fortunately, Johnson said, they were prepared. Johnson’s unit had helicopters, tanks and all the firepower needed, which isn’t always the case on a patrol.

“If we didn’t have the tanks and helicopters with us, we would have been killed,” he said. “You learn quickly to make sure you have on all your equipment or you might get hurt.”

Johnson left Iraq after spending six months there. The Aggies concluded an August (2007) football training camp where temperatures reached 100 degrees. Johnson said his experience in Iraq and his experience in training camp don’t compare.

“It was hot,” Johnson remembered about Iraq. “When I got there in January it wasn’t too hot. It felt like a summer here in the States. By the time I left, it felt like 140 degrees. It was 100 degrees at night. You haven’t experienced hot until you’ve been over there.”



“If I slip up on the field, it could cost us a touchdown. If I slipped up on the battlefield, it would cost another man his life.”

The journey that led Johnson to Iraq and later to N.C. A&T began when a high school friend saw him walking down the street. The friend stopped his car and Johnson noticed what he had on.

“Man, that uniform looks sharp,” Johnson commented after seeing his friend in a Marine uniform.

After leaving high school he had a few offers to play college football at small schools. But none of those offers appealed to him. He began working various full-time jobs. At the time he encountered his friend in uniform, Johnson was loading about 2,000 boxes a day for a trucking company in Lancaster.

As his friend began to detail the positives and negatives of joining the military, the pros were outweighing the cons. Johnson said that everything his friend was saying sounded better than loading those boxes on that truck.

Johnson joined the Marines when he was 19 and began a grueling boot camp in LeJune, S.C., soon after enlisting as a recruit. Out of 107 people in his platoon, Johnson was familiar with just one person. Despite that, he and his fellow inductees were expected to be in accord from day one. Johnson said 15 days into boot camp everyone began getting the concept their superiors were trying to get across.

“Boot camp was rough; there

is no other way to put it. There were three or four days when we didn’t even get a chance to go to sleep. But looking back on it, I understand it. If one of us didn’t get the concept, then we all failed. The only way you’re going to have a chance to stay alive is if everyone is on the same page. That concept makes you a better man, it makes you more discipline, and it makes you work harder because you’re responsible for another man’s life.”

Johnson said the satisfaction of leaving boot camp is that a person goes from being a recruit to being called a Marine. He spent four years of active duty in the Marines, including his tour in Iraq. Following his time in Iraq, he began pursuing a dream he never stopped thinking about – playing college football.

He played football in the Marines as he and his unit played other Marine units across the country. After leaving Iraq, Johnson was fielding offers from junior colleges. Stationed in California, he decided to attend Palomar Junior College in 2004, which is located just outside of San Diego.

He started out as a wide receiver, but because of injuries to Palomar’s defensive line, he was moved to defensive end during his second year there. His quickness made him hard to block and gained him access to opposing quarterbacks. After two years at Palomar, Johnson began looking for a four-year college to attend and play football.

Johnson met Shane Handy, an assistant coach at Ouachita Baptist University, during a spring combine in

2006. Handy told him about a friend named Demetrius Adams who had just taken a job as an assistant coach at A&T. Johnson sent Adams his tape and Adams was interested in recruiting him. After looking at other universities, Johnson chose Aggieland.

In his final year of athletic eligibility at N.C. A&T, Johnson is older than two Aggie assistants and is just as old as another Aggie assistant. Unlike his Aggie teammates, he is married. In fact, he’s been married to his wife Griselda for five years.

“The coaches are a little more lenient with me because I’m older,” Johnson said. “I would describe our player-coach relationship like a worker-employer relationship. They show me a lot of respect because at this point I’m living my life the same way a lot of them are.”

Sometimes Johnson’s teammates don’t show him the same respect. They call him “old man” and “pops.” Johnson doesn’t take it seriously; in fact he expected the teasing. He is just excited that he still has the opportunity to play college football.

On September 20, 2007, Johnson’s four-year inactive reserve duty ended, thus ending his U.S. military obligation.

After doing both, Johnson sees why people easily make the football/military comparison. You must be in shape. Everyone must function as a team, and there is sense of accomplishing the mission. Johnson also sees the big difference.

“If I slip up on the field, it could cost us a touchdown. If I slipped up on the battlefield, it would cost another man his life.”

DOING IT HER WAY

Coach Patricia Cage-Bibbs earns win No. 400 with Lady Aggies

Patricia Cage-Bibbs started coaching college basketball because she wanted to help the fledgling women's basketball program at her alma mater at Grambling State University.

Twenty-three years later, a convincing 88-62 win over UNC Asheville (Nov. 23) has made Cage-Bibbs the 38th active women's basketball coach to record 400 career wins and just the second women's basketball coach to do it at an HBCU. On top of all that, she has all but rebuilt her third women's basketball program.

"I'm blessed to be in the business long enough to achieve this," said Cage-Bibbs. "I'm glad to achieve this this year at North Carolina A&T, and I'm thrilled this group of kids gave it to me."

The win was a part of the first day of the UNC Greensboro Thanksgiving Tournament at Fleming Gymnasium, which means Cage-Bibbs picked up the historic win in front of a lot of Aggie faithful. It was a contingent that began to chant "400 wins, 400 wins" as the clock ticked under a minute that Friday evening.

"It feels good because every time she thinks about her 400th win my name will be thrown in there," said first-team All-MEAC guard Amber Bland. "It was great because it wasn't a team effort, it was a family effort. We all wanted to win this for her, so it was like a family coming together to do something special for a family member."

The Aggies played like it was a special occasion. In fact, they played the same way Cage-Bibbs wants them to play on every occasion: hold a team down defensively, while catching a spark offensively.

"I seriously didn't (go into the game) thinking about 400 wins," said Cage-Bibbs. "What I thought about was our kids coming together and putting two halves together. We could not fall behind to this team early because they play so well on the offensive end."



N.C. A&T's dominating performance didn't come against a weak opponent. The Bulldogs earned a NCAA Tournament bid last season. They came into the game averaging 71.3 points per game.

But a staple of Cage-Bibbs for so many years – pressure defense – forced the Bulldogs into 34 turnovers.

After the game, the Lady Aggies attempted to shake up sparkling cider and spray the coach in the locker room. But Cage-Bibbs, who is forever the fashion statement, would not hear of it.

"I guess I could have it had dry cleaned, but I didn't want to risk it," she said.

Fashion statement aside, Cage-Bibbs hasn't come this far in her career by being naïve. She knows there are some who call her too abrasive. Some even call her ruthless. There are even those colleagues who say she is a little too arrogant for their taste.

On the otherhand, there are many players who will tell you Cage-Bibbs taught them how to be a Lady: how to walk with class, talk with class and how to be first-class. Players from the three programs she has led

– Grambling State, Hampton and North Carolina A&T – also will say this coach can tell you how to be a winner.

"It's a great feeling to know you hit a milestone," Cage-Bibbs said. "Being in it this long you have to have coached good kids. I let every young lady who comes through my program know if you set your goals toward something and see them through, if you don't let people deter you, you can reach milestones in your life."

She made history by being herself, Patricia Cage-Bibbs, someone willing to take chances, someone who is not always conventional and someone who doesn't mind dropping a few jaws to get a point across.

There was the time she became the first coach at Dubach High School in Louisiana – boys or girls – to start an all-black starting lineup. There was the time she did not bring her Grambling Tigers team back on the floor for the second half because she didn't feel they were being treated fairly by the officiates.

Against all doubters, she started five guards all season at Hampton and won a MEAC Championship doing it. After her first season at N.C. A&T, she replaced most of the team. Those might not have been popular decisions, but it was Cage-Bibbs being Cage-Bibbs.

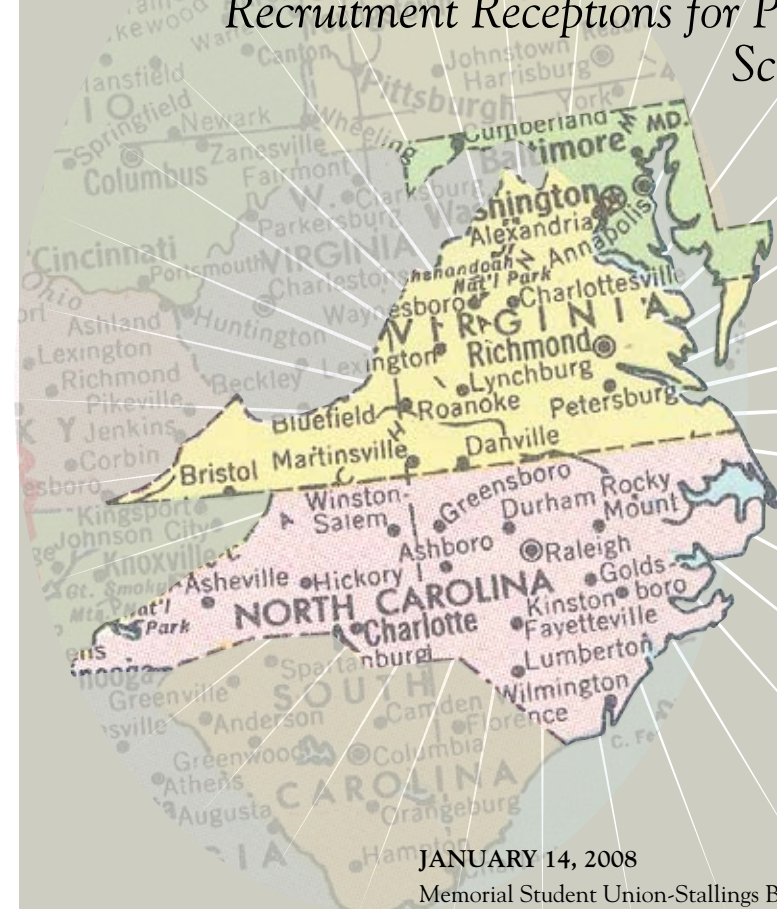
"People don't understand what I like to do," she said. "I like to take programs and build them. It's like starting a business. You're not always going to do what's popular; you're going to do what's effective."

Now there are big expectations for Lady Aggies basketball. After winning game No. 400, Cage-Bibbs summarized, "I've basically gotten a lot of things I've wanted because I was willing to go after the things I've wanted."

Is that over confidence or arrogance? Maybe. Is it a woman not afraid to be successful? Definitely!

AGGIE NITES WINTER 2008

Recruitment Receptions for Prospective Students, Parents, School Administrators and Alumni



JANUARY 30, 2008
Hamilton Crowne Plaza (Washington, DC)
Washington, DC / Maryland / Northern Virginia
7-9 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5, 2008
Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport
Raleigh / Durham, NC
7-9 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11, 2008
Kirkwood Adams Center
Roanoke, VA
7-9 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12, 2008
Hilton Greenville Hotel
Greenville / Wilson / Rocky Mount, NC
7-9 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14, 2008
Holiday Inn Bordeaux
Fayetteville / Lumberton, NC *
7-9 p.m.

JANUARY 14, 2008
Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom
N.C. A&T State University
Greensboro, NC
7-9 p.m.

JANUARY 17, 2008
Sawtooth Center
Winston-Salem, NC
7-9 p.m.

JANUARY 22, 2008
Hilton Charlotte University Place
Charlotte, NC *
7-9 p.m.

* Cities where a luncheon will be hosted for middle / high school counselors, principals and other school officials.



PEOPLE BEHIND *the* SCHOLARSHIPS

PLAYING BY THE RULES

Armed with knowledge and protocol, William Tucker makes positive changes at home and around the globe.

By Darlene F. East '04

Justice in the eyes of William A. Tucker is not the nebulous assurances some politicians tend to make, but a personal commitment to fairness at home, in education, on the job, in the community, and his country.

Consequently, his name is well known in his Hampton Roads, Va., neighborhood on the docks of its waterfronts, the steps of the state capitol and the halls of Newport News Local 846 for longshoremen where he served as president for five years.

His pursuit of justice began in Greenville, N.C., where he was born. In the early 1940s it had little to offer young African American males in the way of education and employment.

The military was their only doorway.

So at 15, Tucker volunteered to join the Navy on the signature of his uncle and guardian, Alfred Bell.

"For years when blacks enlisted in the Navy, they could only serve as stewards," Tucker said, "but when I enlisted in May 1943, we were able to sign up as seamen."

Much to his chagrin and plans, he was discharged because he was too young.

Nonetheless, the persevering Tucker – determined to provide for his family – enlisted in the Air Force several years later. He retired from the military with 26 years of service with honor and distinction. He served in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

While serving his country, he experienced

"celebrity" racism, too. It occurred during one of Bob Hope's tours overseas.

"We give Bob Hope a lot of praise for coming to the Pacific," he said. "Black soldiers had to sit back from the stage. I thought he should have used his clout to make them equal during that setting."

An enterprising soldier, Tucker found ways to obtain his education and to be a father, husband and provider.

Letters or coast to coast telephone calls were not sufficient for this family man. He overcame the barriers of land and sea by sending his family personalized tapes.

"I remember hearing bombing in the background of my tape, but my father just crawled into his fox hole and kept taping," his son Shelton said. "His life was on the line but he felt the need to communicate with his children."

His wife Helen has stood by his side for 58 years.

"He is a wonderful husband and father," she said. "I could not ask for anyone better."

Tucker's acquaintances and family think and say the same things about him. They say he's disciplined, out-spoken, self motivated, stalwart and gets things done.

"He is fearless," said John King, who Tucker endears as a friend and son. "He will speak out when nobody else will. He is a respected icon in the community."

Tucker is a politician, a go-getter!

"I have always worked in politics and because politicians make the laws, you need to know what they are doing," the political advocate said.

He is a member of the Executive Board of Hampton Roads Democratic Party and his political savvy, influence and involvement

helped put the current mayor of Hampton, Ross Kearney II, in office.

Over the years Tucker has served on numerous boards, committees and commissions that span a wide variety of commitment. He has advocated for civil rights, nurtured those in need and lobbied at national conferences for equity and inclusion.

His daughter Cynthia '73, a board member of A&T's Victory Club, has inherited his drive and zest for politics and community service. In Dekalb County, Georgia's 2006 election, she tossed her hat late into the ring and ran against a six-year incumbent garnering 40 percent of the votes. Her parents campaigned with her and she plans to run again.

After military retirement in 1974, Tucker worked as a longshoreman and immediately began using a familiar tactic by learning the rules and bylaws of the International Longshoremen's Association.

"If you know the rules, you can get things done," Tucker said.

Armed with this knowledge, he waged a different kind of battle to change substandard

working conditions at one of the United States oldest ports and one of the world's biggest natural harbors. When he finished, longshoremen no longer ate their meals in shacks with peep holes and vermin while sweating in the summer with a small fan stirring stale hot air.

Tucker is an initiator!

He used his political clout to get the state of Virginia to recognize Shelethia R. Evans, an African American who was the first woman certified as a portainer operator in Hampton Roads, in Local 1248, the port of Hampton Roads and the United States. That was big in 1995.

Prestigious awards and honors have followed his efforts. He is the first and only African American to appear on the front cover of the *Virginia Mariner* (July/August 1989), the magazine of the port of Virginia for improving the quality of life on the docks for longshoremen. He was one of three people recognized for their spirit of cooperation in that edition.

The Tucker children were raised to

believe that education was the road to the future and in their household; one university stood out above them all, North Carolina A&T.

"It seemed like A&T was doing so much for black children," their dad said. "You could see it in their faces."

His daughter Demetria '72, the oldest, and Marcia Tucker Johnson '89, chose A&T. Both sons, Shelton and Derwin, have undergraduate degrees too.

Demetria remembers his fatherly lecture as he drove her to A&T and the special vanity set he purchased for her dresser in the dorm.

"Always be a lady, make sure you get that education," she recalls.

Tucker and his family do not just "talk A&T," they give back to their alma mater. Ten years ago on his 70th birthday, they established an endowed scholarship in honor of his life experiences. The qualified recipients must continue his legacy of honorable leadership, dedicated community service, thirst for scholarship and knowledge and commitment to social justice.



Top to bottom: William Tucker (right) with then Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder; Virginia Mariner magazine featuring Tucker on the cover

GUIDELINE TO ESTABLISH AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AT NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

An endowed scholarship strengthens the long-term financial underpinnings of North Carolina A&T State University. Endowed scholarships provide a base of support for generations of students in perpetuity.

An endowment is a permanent fund – often named in honor of an individual – that is created for the purpose of leaving a legacy to current and future Aggie students. The principal, or corpus, of an endowment fund is never spent. Only annual earnings or a portion of annual earnings are awarded for scholarships. In this way an endowed scholarship provides annual income to be awarded to deserving students forever.

Typically, annual awards equal no more than 5 percent of the principal balance (depending on investment performance). Thus, a \$25,000 scholarship would pay out \$1,250 (5%) each year in the form of a scholarship. Annual earnings above the payout amount are reinvested in the principal of the scholarship fund. This builds the principal of the endowment fund over time, allowing for larger scholarship awards in future years.

Historical evidence proves tuition typically increases! Reinvestment also serves as a hedge against inflation.

AMOUNTS REQUIRED

Endowed Scholarship (minimum)	\$ 25,000
Fully Endowed Scholarship	\$200,000
North Carolina or Washington, D.C. Student	
Fully Endowed Scholarship	\$400,000
Out-of-state Student	

The minimum amount to establish an endowed scholarship is \$25,000 and may be donated over a period of up to five years (\$5,000 gifts annually for five years). One year after the principal reaches \$25,000, the first scholarship award may be made. (One year is needed after the minimum is reached to earn interest.)

A donor (or donors) may suggest a designation and associated criteria for an endowed scholarship. For example, the John Doe Endowed Scholarship Fund may be designated for a student in the College of Engineering who demonstrates financial need and who is from North Carolina (or a specific county or region of North Carolina).

A scholarship donor(s) is required to sign a Deed of Gift (pledge statement) and document the desired scholarship designation and criteria.

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AGGIES ON THE MOVE

1940s



The Army ROTC program at North Carolina A&T State University celebrated its 60th anniversary in September. The unit has commissioned over 1,600 officers. **Retired Lt. Col. Reginald Reeve '47**, one of the unit's first commissioned officers, was a special guest and keynote speaker during the festivities that were held at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

1960s



Ralph K. Shelton '64, founder and president/CEO of Southeast Fuels Inc., delivered the keynote address at N.C. A&T's Fall Convocation, Oct. 25. Shelton is a member of numerous civic and social organizations, and he is a former chairman of the A&T Board of Trustees. He has received many awards and honors including the National Conference of Community and Justice Brotherhood Award (2005).

Jimmy E. McMillian '81 is commander of the 10th Air Base Wing, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. Colonel McMillian commands more than 2,100 military, civilian and contract personnel who conduct all base-level support activities, all of which support nearly 4,000 cadets and a total military community of approximately 20,000 personnel. He is responsible for a \$130 million annual operating budget, and he is the Crisis Action Team director during USAFA contingency operations.



1970s



Frostenia M. Milner has been appointed clinical coordinator for the North Carolina A&T State University School of Nursing. Milner is a loaned nurse executive from Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital. She is the director of nursing services at Moses Cone Health System and a legal nurse consultant. She also has over 10 years of combined experience as an adjunct faculty at N.C. A&T and UNCG and over 30 years in nursing administration.



Elvira M. White '73, assistant professor of criminal justice at Fayetteville State University, has earned a Ph.D. in juvenile justice from Prairie View A&M University, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology. Prairie View offers the only Ph.D. in juvenile justice in the nation. Her dissertation is titled *The Ethical and Theoretical Orientation of a Modern Day Juvenile Justice Sentencing Commission: The Case of North Carolina*. Dr. White, who has a juris doctorate from the University of Maryland, College Park, practiced law for almost 20 years and has taught at the University of Maryland, Grambling State University, Wiley College and Prairie View A&M University. She also wrote grants and is the author of book chapters and other feature articles. White is the first and only person currently holding joint J.D./Ph.D. degrees in juvenile justice.



C. Marlow Hinton '74, a director in the Division of Information Technology and Telecommunications at North Carolina A&T State University, has been awarded a certificate of appreciation from N.C. Gov. Mike Easley in recognition of his work with students and non-profit community organizations in a real-world learning environment. For over 10 years, Dr. Hinton has helped various nonprofit organizations and students learn to manage projects and in the process to give back to the community.

Beverly J. Allen '75 has published the second edition of her textbook, *Elementary School Physical Education: A Healthful Living Approach*. Her previous publications include *Careers in Health*, *Physical Education and Sport* and *Professional Development of Pre-Service Teachers*. Dr. Allen is chair of the department of physical education and recreation at North Carolina Central University.

1990s



Jessica Garrett Modkins '92 has been promoted to the position of general manager at Arrow Records. Modkins has a wealth of knowledge in the radio and television industry as well as an extensive background in entertainment management, marketing and promotions. She has consulted with companies from Procter & Gamble and Verizon Wireless to The Tom Joyner Foundation and The Magic Johnson Foundation. Prior to joining the staff at Arrow, Modkins worked for the Atlanta Mayor's Office of Communications.

Joy Forbes Johnson '94 has been appointed plant manager for Presto Products, a division of Alcoa, in South Boston, Va. Johnson is the only female African American plant manager in the company. She began work at Presto in 1998 as a process leader.



Mary Lisa Moore '94 is the owner/operator of Moore Professional Counseling Services in Fayetteville, N.C., where she is the sole therapist. Her future plans include opening a second counseling agency in the Greensboro area and establishing the Mildred L. Moore Scholarship Fund for future Aggies interested in psychology and counseling. Moore is a National Board Certified Counselor and a North Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

Lenard D. Moore '97 was one of three organizers of Haiku North America 2007 that was held Aug 15-19 in Winston-Salem, N.C. The conference is one of the largest gatherings of haiku poets in the United States and Canada. Over 50 presenters from the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom and Japan participated, including special guests Sonia Sanchez and Kalamu ya Salaam.

2000s



Jeremy L. Harrison '00, an architecture integration engineer for Lockheed Martin, received a Special Recognition Award at the 2007 Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference that was held in February. Throughout his years of experience with the Integrated Systems and Solutions Division, Harrison has worked in many capacities. He aspires to become a chief architect and each assignment has been a progressive step toward this goal. In his current position he serves in a consulting role to Department of Defense and Intelligence Agencies. Harrison works with the organizations as a leader for the System Integration Line of Business. His efforts ensure that the future for the global war on terrorism will be more effective and efficient. Harrison is featured in the February/March 2007 edition of *USBE* magazine (pages 27, 34, 46, 59).

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CLASSES ENDING IN "3" AND "8" – YOU ARE IN REUNION

It's time to plan the celebration!

Aggies, if you graduated in a year ending in "3" or "8" your class will be celebrating a milestone in May.

Once again, the North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association, Inc. will host another grand Alumni Weekend and Class Reunion 2008. So mark your calendar for May 9-11, 2008, to come back "home" for fun, fellowship and friends.

Class Reunion Headquarters will be the Downtown Greensboro Marriott. To make reservations, call (800) 228-9290, and ask for the N.C. A&T class reunion and commencement block, code CCRCCRA. The special group rate is \$93 plus 12.75% tax per night. The deadline to receive special group rate is April 11, 2008.

Reunion is a time to greet old friends and to

reminisce. It is also the time to provide financial support to our beloved alma mater. The A&T experience has made a difference in the lives of its alumni, and now is a time to give back to the university.



CLASS OF '93 BEGINS \$250,000 CAMPAIGN

The N.C. A&T Class of 1993 has set a fundraising goal of \$250,000 as a financial gift to the university in commemoration of its 15-year reunion.

Spearheaded by Donovan Kirkland, the fundraising committee, already has secured \$20,000 in financial commitments to support the effort. The committee wants every member of the class to consider becoming a Leadership Giver by committing to a financial donation of \$1,000 or more.

"We hope that every class member will see it as giving \$25 a week for 40 weeks or \$100 a month for 10 months," states Kirkland. The committee understands that it will take the involvement of all to reach their goal. If you are a member of the class of 1993 but you have not received information regarding the upcoming reunion, please forward your updated contact information to ncat1993@yahoo.com.

In an effort to reconnect with classmates and spread the word regarding the fundraising efforts, the class has created a website and will host social gatherings in several major cities. Classmates can visit www.ncatclassof1993.com to stay abreast of upcoming events and fundraising.

"Class of 1993, let us reconnect with one another and our alma mater by recommitting ourselves to showing true Aggie Pride through our unwavering support of North Carolina A&T," says Kirkland.

"As alumni, we have a responsibility to do more than enjoy Homecoming and other activities. We must support our great university financially to ensure that future Aggies reap the same benefits we were fortunate to acquire," said Joan Fletcher '78, co-chair of Class Reunion 2008 (along with Sherri Fisher '97).

Special recognition will be given to the classes of 1958 and 1983, which will celebrate their 50th and 25th anniversaries, respectively. Other classes in reunion include 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003.

This year, the Class Reunion Committee has set their attendance goal at 500 celebrants. To reach this goal, the class coordinators have volunteered to provide the key leadership for their respective classes.

Everyone contributes to the success of this event.

"One way alumni can support A&T is through the Annual Fund. For example, the gift goal for the class of 1993 is \$250,000," Fletcher stated. "However, this amount can only be raised if each celebrant participates in a meaningful way. If everyone contributes, everyone can have a sense of Aggie Pride."

Fletcher and Fisher are excited about the energy to promote the class reunion and the plans that the class coordinators have created to encourage their classmates to achieve this level of participation.

"Please work with the class coordinator or classmate who contacts you, and remember that communication among classmates is the key element in making your reunion a success," Fletcher reiterated. "If you have already donated a gift to the Annual Fund, the Class Reunion Committee thanks you. If not, please make your gift a priority and give back today."

The goal of the Class Reunion Committee is to host the greatest reunion ever and to make it memorable for all who come back "home" to celebrate their graduation milestone.

"I hope Aggies will decide now to attend the reunion and take an active role in the planning. So hit those phones, call or email friends you have not heard from in a while and let's plan to celebrate in May. Give back to the institution that has given to you. The reunion will provide a wonderful opportunity to revitalize the Aggie Spirit while having lots of fun," Fletcher concluded.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST AFFIRMATION SERVICE

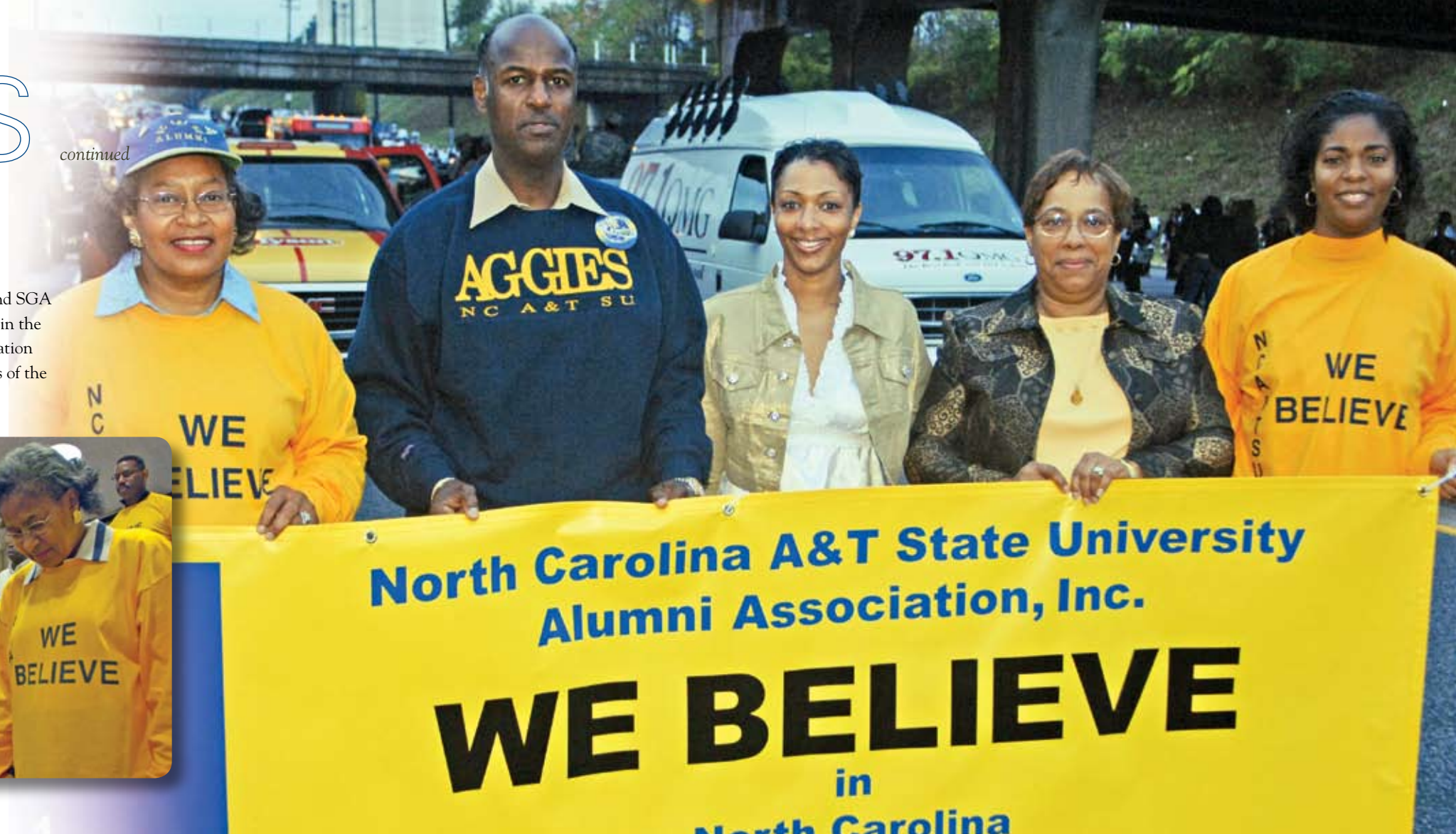
The North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association Inc. sponsored its inaugural affirmation service Sunday, Oct. 28, in McNair Auditorium, wrapping up the 2007 Greatest Homecoming on Earth.

The Association has adopted the theme "We Believe" for this fiscal year.

"In 1891, the founders of North Carolina A&T State University believed in an educational vision, and in 2007 we believe in N.C. A&T still," said Pamela L. Johnson '91, president of the Association.

Johnson urged alumni to join the Association to publicly recognize that without the university there would not be alumni, without the students, alumni would not have a reason to support the university, and without the Greensboro community there would not be a reason to believe and give back.

Chancellor Stanley F. Battle and SGA President David Street participated in the event. After the service, the Association joined students to clean the grounds of the campus.



CALLING ALL FORMER AGGIE BAND MEMBERS!

If you were a member of the North Carolina A&T State University Bands Program, please contact the University Bands Office to add or update your current contact information by providing your current name (and maiden name, if applicable), address, telephone number, fax, email address, department/school and graduation year. For more information contact Kenneth Ruff, director of bands, at (336) 334-7776.

Memoriam

Alumni

Esther B. Wooten Barber, Jan. 27, 2000
Fletcher Barber Sr., Jan. 26, 2000
Eileen Little Bell '68, Sept. 12
Jean Kerr Davidson Brandon, July 11
Winston Childs, Sept. 20
Althea "Sandy" Davis-Gibson '84, Sept. 22
Tiffany L. Koen Harris '91, July
Virginia A. Hedgepeth, Aug. 14
Curtis D. "DD" Lennon, May 18
Sidney T. Marable, Sept. 4
Yvonne Simmons Spence Martin '49, Aug. 20
Umstead McAdoo '68

Ernest E. McLeod Jr., June 21
Maceo C. Smith '70, July 14
Milton E. Taft '57, Sept. 3
James Tonkins Jr., July 1
William H. Whites '76, Oct. 24
Don Williamson, May 8
John L. Withers Sr. '36, Oct. 7

Others

Katherine Rabb Dejernett, retired employee, July 31
Sung Ho Yoon, associate professor, May 20

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Forty Years Ago – Fall 1967



Photo courtesy of Bluford Library Archives

Graduate student Marie Bushong (right) describes a chemistry project to Etta C. Gravely, Moses McLendon and Kenneth McCallester. All of four students completed requirements for the M.S. degree in chemistry. Gravely (inset) is currently an associate professor in the chemistry department at North Carolina A&T State University.



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