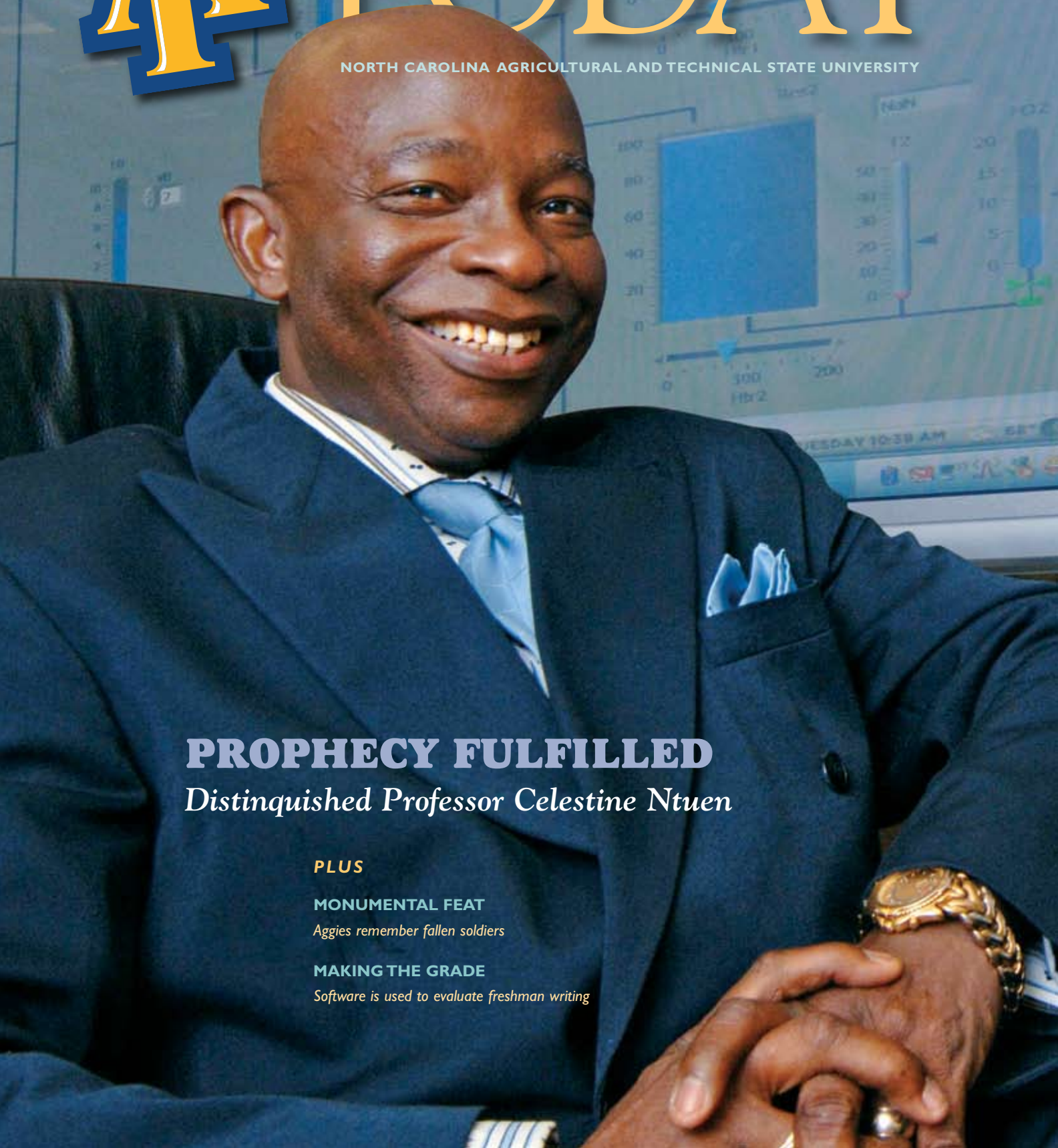


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INSIDE AGGIELAND

CAMPUS POLICE RECEIVES CALEA ACCREDITATION

The N.C. A&T State University Department of Police and Public Safety has received full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), making it the first police agency at a historically black university or college to achieve this distinction.

The department is required to comply with 446 standards to gain accreditation status. Last March, a team of assessors from CALEA verified that A&T met the commission's standards.

Accreditation is for a three-year period, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards it was originally accredited.

Curtis W. Bigelow is assistant vice chancellor/ chief of police and public safety at A&T.



CARNEGIE FOUNDATION SELECTS A&T FOR NEW PROGRAM

North Carolina A&T State University is one of 87 higher education institutions or networks of institutions selected by the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) to participate in a program to improve undergraduate and graduate education.

The CASTL Institutional Leadership Program is a three-year partnership between Carnegie and selected colleges, universities and higher education organizations with a strong commitment to the careful examination of teaching and learning. Participants were selected for their ability to influence work in 12 areas ranging from assessment and accountability to undergraduate research.

All selected institutions have developed and implemented innovative strategies to strengthen teaching and improve student learning on their own campuses. Through participation in the Carnegie program, they will be expected to collaborate with other institutions to further examine that work and expand activities in those same areas.

A&T is in a thematic cluster, Liberal Education: Core Curriculum, with seven other universities: St. Olaf College

(coordinating institution), College of San Mateo, Eastern Washington University, Liverpool Hope University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, St. Jerome's University and University of Cincinnati.

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1905 and chartered in 1906 by an act of Congress, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching is an independent policy and research center with a primary mission "to do and perform all things necessary to encourage, uphold, and dignify the profession of the teacher." The Foundation, located in Stanford, Calif., fulfills this mission through its contributions to improvements in education policy and practice.



Richard Gale (third from left), senior scholar and director of the CASTL Institutional Leadership Program, is pictured with members of the North Carolina A&T CASTL Institutional Leadership team (l-r): Joseph L. Graves, dean of university studies; Stephanie Luster-Teasley, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering and mechanical and chemical engineering; Karen Hornsby, assistant professor of philosophy; James Crawford, assistant professor of university studies and history; and Scott Simkins, associate professor of economics and director of the Academy for Teaching and Learning.

HARRISON AUDITORIUM REOPENS

Richard B. Harrison Auditorium reopened Sept. 24 following an extensive renovation project, the first since its erection in 1939.

Aggie family and friends assembled in front of the 67-year-old building for a ribbon cutting ceremony and rededication. Guests toured the "new" facility before attending a full house performance by Grammy winning African American female a cappella ensemble, Sweet Honey in the Rock.

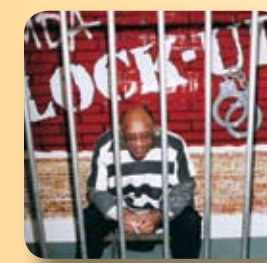
The son of fugitive slaves, Richard Berry Harrison (1864-1935) was a renowned actor and teacher. He taught at North Carolina A&T for several summers during James B. Dudley's administration. Once featured on the cover of *TIME* magazine, Harrison is best known for his performance of "de Lawd" in Marc Connelly's Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway play, "The Green Pastures."

BLOGGING CONFERENCE COMES TO A&T

The ConvergeSouth Conference 2006 was held at N.C. A&T. The department of journalism and mass communications hosted the event on Oct. 14.

The conference on blogging and on-line journalism featured national and local speakers. Topics included but were not limited to building on-line communities, ways to a killer blog, building a media culture within the news organization, Facebook and social networking. Elizabeth Edwards, attorney and wife of 2004 presidential candidate John Edwards; John Robinson, Allen Johnson and Lex Alexander, all of the *News & Record*; long-time blogger Ed Cone; Bill Wood and Lisa Lewis of N.C. A&T were among the speakers.

CHANCELLOR SPENDS TIME IN LOCK-UP



Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley was arrested, handcuffed and placed behind bars in September – but it was for a good cause.

Hackley was among the many "jailbirds" who participated in the 2006 Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock-up to raise funds for the organization.

COLD STEEL ENTERTAINS YOUTH



In August, Cold Steel, the drum line from the Blue and Gold Marching Machine, entertained children and youth who participated in a conference for North Carolina families at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

More than 900 individuals attended the conference, which was hosted by the North Carolina Division of Social Services. Phyllis Fulton, a member of the Division of Social Services Community Child Protection Team and the N.C. A&T Alumni Band Association, coordinated the activity.

INSIDE AGGIELAND *continued*

BATTLE NAMED CHANCELLOR-ELECT OF NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

Stanley F. Battle, president of Coppin State University since 2003, has been elected chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University by the Board of Governors of the 16-campus University of North Carolina. UNC President Erskine Bowles placed Battle's name in nomination November 10 during the board's regular November meeting. Battle, 55, will assume his new duties July 1, 2007, succeeding Lloyd V. Hackley, who has served as interim chancellor since James C. Renick stepped down in June to accept a senior leadership position with the American Council on Education.

In recommending Battle to the Board of Governors, Bowles said: *When I gave the charge to the Chancellor Search Committee at North Carolina A&T, I made it clear that I would settle for no less than the very best leader for this special institution—and that's exactly what we got. Stanley Battle is absolutely passionate about the power of higher education to change lives for the better, and I am convinced he has the ability, desire, energy, and vision to take N.C. A&T to the next level. Throughout his career, Dr. Battle has made community involvement and collaboration a priority, a tradition he has pledged to continue in Greensboro and the Triad region. He also brings a proven track record of securing the external gifts and grants that help provide the margin of excellence that can never come from state funding alone. We are blessed to gain a leader with this rare combination of talent and commitment.*

One of 13 campuses that comprise the University System of Maryland, Coppin State is a historically black liberal arts institution that enrolls approximately

4,300 students and offers more than 24 undergraduate majors, 33 minors, and 11 master's degree programs in high-need areas such as education, nursing, counseling, and criminal justice. The campus also houses the Coppin Academy, an early college high school supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which opened in 2005. Located in the northwest section of Baltimore, the campus has a unique mission, primarily focusing on the problems, needs, and aspirations of the diverse residents in the surrounding urban area.

As Coppin's president, Battle has been credited with strengthening academic

a national leader in the use of information technologies. The first completely wireless campus in the University System of Maryland, Coppin received a 2005 "Excellence in Network" Award from EDUCAUSE, a national organization promoting the use of information technologies in higher education.

"The chance to serve as chancellor of North Carolina A&T is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Battle. "However, this was a very difficult decision. My wife, Judy, and I love Coppin State University very much. We will continue to support the institution both spiritually and financially.

I am extremely grateful for the wonderful years I've spent at Coppin and would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support during my presidency."

A native of Springfield, Mass., Battle majored in sociology at Springfield College, graduating in 1973. After completing a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut in 1975, he earned a master's degree in public health (1979) and a doctorate in social welfare policy (1980) from the University of Pittsburgh. He later completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University and the

Millennium Leadership Institute of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Battle began his academic career at the University of Minnesota in 1980, serving as an assistant professor in the School of Social Work with an adjunct appointment in the School of Public Health. Four years later, he moved to Boston University, holding joint appointments in the Schools of Social Work and Public Health. He



UNC President Erskine Bowles, N.C. A&T Board of Trustees Chair Velma Speight-Buford, N.C. A&T Chancellor-Elect Stanley F. Battle, UNC Board of Governors Chair Jim Phillips

programs and aggressively pursuing adequate operating and capital support from the state legislature. As a result of those efforts, the campus attained university status in 2004 and state operating support for the campus rose by more than 50 percent in the 2005-06 fiscal year. Under his leadership, external research grants and private giving have also increased markedly, collaboration with the Baltimore Public Schools has expanded dramatically, and the campus has become

A&T ALUMNI-FOUNDATION EVENT CENTER'S MAIN LOBBY NAMED



Granddaughter Lindsay Bowen '05 and daughter Chineta Davis accompany mom (Speight) at dedication.

N.C. A&T Alumni-Foundation Event Center's main lobby was officially named in honor of Aggie Alum Extraordinaire, Velma R. Speight. Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley and Foundation president, Obrie Smith unveiled a 23x27-inch portrait plaque of Speight that offsets the entrance of the Event Center lobby and another plaque displayed in the hallway entitled "Destined to Lead." Shirley T. Frye, special assistant to the chancellor, presented Speight with a bouquet of yellow roses. Speight has received many

recognitions for her giving spirit from national, state, and local organizations. Her ongoing commitment to A&T is widely known among Aggies. She is the only alum who was elected president of A&T's National Alumni Association on two separate occasions. She was employed by A&T as its director of alumni affairs.

Speight was recognized by the Kresge Foundation in 2003 for her generous gifts to A&T for she has donated over \$150,000 in cash, several acres of property and a planned gift of one million dollars. Widely known for encouraging alumni to give back, A&T's National Alumni Association's Young Alumni Award is named for her. She is the first alumna to chair A&T's Board of Trustees and more recently chaired the search committee for A&T's new chancellor.

She is married to William M. Buford, has one daughter and two granddaughters.

FRYE HONORED WITH DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Justice Henry E. Frye was keynote speaker for North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's 2006 Convocation on Oct. 19 in Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

Frye, who was appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt in 1999 to serve as the first African American chief justice of the Supreme Court, was honored at the convocation with The Justice Henry E. Frye Distinguished Professorship in Political Science and Criminal Justice. A&T received a \$250,000 gift from the Weaver Foundation to establish an endowed

professorship in the political science and criminal justice department. This initial funding was matched by federal and state programs to create a nearly \$1 million endowment to support the chair. Frye, whose name the professorship was established, is the first recipient.

Frye has over 24 years in the private practice of law, 14 years in the North Carolina General Assembly, 10 years as a law school professor and more than 17 years on the Supreme Court of North Carolina. He served as a munitions officer with the United States Air Force in Japan and Korea and later served as a judge advocate general area representative with the Air Force Reserve.

In 1968, Frye became the first African American to be elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in the twentieth century. He served in the State House for 12 years and was then elected to a two-year term in the North Carolina Senate.

In 1983, Frye became the first African American to serve on the Supreme Court of North Carolina and went on to be appointed chief justice. He retired from the court in 2001 and became counsel to Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

FACULTY & STAFF



Chi Anyansi-Archibong, a professor in the school of business and economics and coordinator for the university's global studies certificate program, visited Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Saigon, Vietnam, this summer. The theme for this travel under the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)

was "Reconciliation and Post War Development in Cambodia and Vietnam." Her activities included cultural visits to temples, the killing fields and local universities, and presentations on Cambodia's economic development challenges and foreign investment incentives and opportunities.

Anyansi-Archibong is currently discussing possibilities for student and faculty exchanges with the Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, the International University of Vietnam, and the International Institute of Cambodia.

This was Anyansi-Archibong's fifth international faculty development program with CIEE. Past travels included India, Czech Republic, Hungary, South Africa and Senegal. These trips allow her to bring her syllabi up to date especially in her Global Studies Seminar and International Management Courses.



Claude W. Barnes Jr., an associate professor in the department of political science and criminal justice, has received an instructional development award from the 2005 SPACE (Spatial Perspectives on Analysis for Curriculum Enhancement) workshop to conduct a workshop on his experience integrating spatial analysis in the

undergraduate curriculum at the 13th Annual National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium, Oct. 19-21 in Houston, Texas. The award was highlighted recently in the *Spatial Perspectives on Analysis for Curriculum Enhancement* newsletter.



Keyes

Alvin L. Keyes, an associate professor in the department of psychology, has been re-elected president of the North Carolina A&T State University Faculty Senate for 2006-2007. **Linda Florence Callahan**, a professor in the department of journalism and mass communication, and **Ednita W. Bullock**, collection management librarian, were re-elected as vice president and secretary, respectively.



Callahan



Bullock



Judy Rashid, adjunct professor and dean of students, recently participated in the Program on Negotiation for Senior Executives at Harvard Law School. The program helps participants prepare for negotiations more effectively, focus on problems and not on personalities, avoid typical win-lose situations, and build long-term relationships.



Terry Westry, a computing consultant in the Division of Information Technology and Telecommunications, was elected to serve a second three-year term on the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors during the organization's 23rd annual convention held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, Sept. 7-9. The foundation administers and awards \$45,000 worth of scholarships annually to SEANC members, their spouses and dependents throughout the state.

STUDENTS

Brandon Fennell, a junior business management major, and **Justin Hayden**, a senior electrical engineering major, participated in a summer institute for future global leaders that was held at the University of the Virgin Islands, St Thomas, U.S.V.I, in May. Chi Anyansi-Archibong, a professor in the school of business and economics and coordinator for the global studies certificate program at A&T, served as an instructor.



Marsh



Meekins

Joey Marsh, a junior accounting major, and **Ricky Meekins**, a sophomore architectural engineering major, participated in a 12-week leadership development internship program at the North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI) called INROADS, the world's premier organization for the leadership development and professional training of outstanding ethnically diverse students. Upon graduation, INROADS alumni are competitive professionals ready to assume leadership positions in numerous sectors of corporate America as well as in non-profit and health care fields.



Michele A. Matthews, a senior journalism and mass communications major with a concentration in print journalism, has been elected editor-in-chief of the *A&T Register*, the campus newspaper. Matthews has been active with the *A&T Register* for two years, serving as a volunteer and contributing writer. As editor-in-chief she is managing a staff of eight editors: **Joshua Capers**, copy desk chief; **Michael McCray**, photographer and co-sports editor; **Darrick Ignasiak**, co-sports editor; **Jameya Porter**, online editor; **Ashley Withers**, arts and life editor; **Alexis Mason**, wires editor, and **Jeuron Dove**, news editor.



Courtney Owens of Henderson, N.C., has spent his life as a citizen of one of the world's richest countries, but soon he will be a resident of one of the world's poorest when he becomes a Peace Corps volunteer in the small West African nation of Burkina Faso.

An agriscience education major at North Carolina A&T, Owens left the U.S.A. on Sept. 24 and will not return until late 2008. After three months of French language training, Owens will reside in a village where he will advise residents in small enterprise development. Others who have traveled to Africa have told him to expect culture shock, but Owens feels up to the challenge, and he is eager for a new experience.

"I feel it is time for a change in my life," said Owens, 23. "I've become too used to this environment."

Owens is the first to enter the Peace Corps through A&T's new Master's International program, a three-year degree that includes one year of graduate coursework, followed by two years of Peace Corps service that applies classroom learning to the real world. It is administered through the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and is available to master's level students majoring in agricultural economics or agriscience education.

His family and friends had to overcome some initial skepticism, but are now supportive of his plans.

"At first, they didn't know what I was talking about. I think they thought it was going to be a summer retreat," he said.

However, Peace Corps service is no vacation. Volunteers are usually assigned to government or non-profit development agencies, and they are expected to solve real-world problems while living side by side with people living in poverty.

Peace Corps volunteers are not volunteers in every sense of the word. They actually get paid enough for living expenses as well as receive free medical care for the duration of their assignments.

Upon completing his assignment, Owens plans to return to the United States and pursue a career in environmental law. He is grateful for the international experiences that A&T has to offer, both through Master's International and the Office of International Programs.

"International experience is important in this day and age," he says.

WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

Professor Phoebe Butler-Ajibade has a prescription for conquering the “Freshman 15”

By Setaria J. Watson

Last year, Aggies across the campus supported Pedometer Power, a program designed to reduce the traditional weight gain by freshmen students known as the “Freshman 15.” This phenomenon is common among African American students who may gain more than 20 pounds during their first year of college.

Pedometer Power provided walking groups for students and encouraged them to meet the Surgeon General’s recommendation of being active for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week. Students met at Corbett Gym and walked 30-45 minutes, four days a week for six weeks.

Pre-post measurements were obtained to measure the impact of the program. Sixty students participated in the program and lost an average of five pounds. None of the participants gained weight.

With funding from Be Active North Carolina, the participants received the pedometers to record the number of steps taken daily in their travels around campus. Several studies of daily steps taken using pedometers indicated that college



Butler-Ajibade

students underestimate how many steps they actually take. The studies suggest that students walked an average of 5,000 to 7,000 steps daily versus the desired 10,000-12,000 steps daily.

“The use of pedometers motivated participants to increase their physical activity,” said Phoebe Butler-Ajibade, an assistant professor in the department of human performance and leisure studies and principal investigator of the grant that funded the program.

“Weight loss and reductions in abdominal size also occurred among these participants. One-third of the participants reported that their physicians were able to reduce their medications as a result of participation in this program. (Overall) I think the program was very successful.”

The grant ended June 30, but Butler-Ajibade said that she wants to continue the program this school year with freshmen, faculty and staff, and a church group.



Carter



Graham



McCary-Henderson



Williams



Kanipes

GRANTS

Tyrette Carter, Anthony Graham, Stephen McCary-Henderson and Erika Williams, assistant professors in the department of curriculum and instruction, and **Kimberly Erwin**, MAT coordinator, have been awarded a \$2.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The Transition to Teaching grant will create a partnership between the public schools in Bertie, Lenoir and Greene counties to assist with the

recruitment, preparation and retention of secondary mathematics, science and special education teachers. The award is a five-year collaborative commitment.

Margaret I. Kanipes, an associate professor in the department of chemistry, has received a National Institutes of Health Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) in the amount of \$210,000. The project involves the examination of

Campylobacter coli, an important emerging human pathogen that currently is understudied. Kanipes presented her research at the 106th general meeting for the American Society for Microbiology in Orlando, Fla. Her presentation was titled “Characterization of a *Campylobacter jejuni* 81-176 Two Domain Glycosyltransferase Mutant Involved in Lipooligosaccharide Biosynthesis.”

NOAA FUNDS \$12.5M INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER AT A&T

By Setaria L. Watson

Researchers at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University have received a \$12.5 million grant from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to fund an Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology (ISET) Cooperative Research and Education Center on the campus.

According to Solomon Bililign, chair of the department of physics and principal investigator on the grant, “The ISET Center will cooperate with NOAA’s Earth Science Research Laboratory in Boulder, Colo., and is aligned with NOAA’s mission to provide the data needed to address specific climate and weather related concerns, such as hurricanes, droughts, tornadoes, global warming, and ecosystem degradation. As a NOAA Educational Partnership Program



Bililign

Cooperative Science Center, the ISET Center will provide opportunities for underrepresented students to study in NOAA-related sciences.”

The center will perform research in areas including sensor science and sensor technology

for oceanic and atmospheric applications, analysis of global observing systems that includes numerical and physical research and analysis of hurricanes, and information technology tools for data fusion, data mining, and geospatial modeling and analysis.

N. Radhakrishnan, vice chancellor for research and economic development, said, “We are very excited about this grant, which gives us the opportunity to partner with NOAA. A&T has internationally known researchers whose work is capable of impacting the world. This grant is evidence of that fact.”

Bililign’s team includes a diverse network of scientists, engineers and students from A&T, North Carolina State University, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, City University of New York, University of Alaska Southeast, California State University-Fresno and Fisk University as well as industrial, state and federal government partners. Cooperating units at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University include the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and the School of Graduate Studies.

In addition to research activities, the center will establish a B.S. degree program in earth system sciences and it will develop an earth system teaching/research laboratory.

Additional information on the ISET Cooperative Science Center will soon be available at the ISET (<http://iset.ncat.edu>) and NOAA Educational Partnership Program (<http://epp.noaa.gov>) web sites.

PROFESSOR RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Phoebe Butler-Ajibade, assistant professor in the department of human performance and leisure studies, recently received an award from the American Cancer Society to establish a Colleges against Cancer (CAC) chapter on the N.C. A&T campus. The chapter will work to bring together the campus community to address cancer disparities.

Funds from the grant will be used to train students in leadership for health disparity program planning and advocacy. The students conducted a Great American Smokeout campaign in November, will organize a team for the annual cancer walk “Relay for Life,” and participate in the regional tobacco conference for HBCUs in March 2007.

“This program will provide us with an opportunity to prepare our human performance and leisure studies majors for

leadership in conducting wellness campaigns,” said Butler-Ajibade. “Students will play a leadership role in producing creative campaigns to reduce tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke. I think that it will be helpful for our campus to address health disparities regarding cancer.

“Cancer is very scary in the African American community. Many cancers – including most lung cancers, cervical cancer and colon cancers – are preventable through healthy lifestyles,” she added.

The CAC program allows college students, faculty and staff to work together to bring American Cancer Society programs and services to college communities nationwide. The A&T chapter will become part of a network of more than 175 other colleges and universities.

FORMER ADMINISTRATORS FILL INTERIM CABINET POSITIONS

Alumni Marvin H. Watkins '58 and Sullivan A. Welborne Jr. '61 return to assist alma mater

Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley has appointed Marvin H. Watkins as interim vice chancellor for development and university relations and Sullivan A. Welborne Jr. as interim vice chancellor for student affairs while national searches are conducted to fill the two positions. *By Mable S. Scott '99 MS*

WATKINS' APPOINTMENT was effective Aug. 16. He replaces David Hoard, who resigned in August.

A retired administrator, Watkins has over 25 years of experience in sponsored programs administration and research management. His background is expansive with federal and state agencies, foundations and corporations.

While serving as assistant to the president for development at Bennett College, Watkins spearheaded the organizing and conducting of a successful multi-million dollar national capital campaign. He also was director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at North Carolina Central University. In addition, he served as vice chairman of the system-wide University Council on Research for the Consolidated University of North Carolina System of Higher Education

Watkins is co-founder and former president, vice president and national program chairman of the National Sponsored Programs Administrators Alliance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Inc.

A Greensboro, N.C., native, Watkins was employed at A&T for more than 20 years in various capacities in the Division of Research including associate vice chancellor, director, acting director and assistant director. He also served as a consultant



Watkins



Welborne

and special assistant to the vice chancellor for research and economic development.

Watkins graduated from James B. Dudley High School and received his B.S. in history and M.S. in supervision and administration from North Carolina A&T State University.

SULLIVAN A. WELBORNE JR. has been appointed interim vice chancellor for student affairs while a national search is conducted to fill the position left vacant by Roselle L. Wilson, effective Sept. 8.

"Welborne had a successful 30-year career on this campus where he positively influenced the lives of thousands of Aggies," said Hackley.

Welborne served as vice chancellor for student affairs at N.C. A&T from 1990 until his retirement in 2000. He also served as acting vice chancellor, assistant vice chancellor, and assistant professor, and he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in chemistry for 23 years.

Currently, Welborne is teaching chemistry and will continue to teach the course while serving as interim vice chancellor.

The Lexington, N.C. native received B.S. and M.S. degrees from A&T, M.S. from North Dakota State University, and Ed.D. from UNCG. He has done additional coursework at Wake Forest University.



Monumental Feat

Aggies remember fallen soldiers *By Crystal R. Williams*

The 1,300 pairs of boots that lined the walls of The Depot in downtown Greensboro, N.C., were a vivid reminder of the fallen soldiers of the Iraqi War.

The bell that rang after the name and hometown of each soldier was read at the memorial ceremony.

N.C. A&T shares in the loss of the deceased soldiers. Isaac Barnett, along with the class of 1947, picked up the charge to commemorate Aggies who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The class of 1947 formed a committee to celebrate its 50th class reunion and throughout the planning stages discussed ways to give back to the university. After much discussion, the class decided to create a monument on campus to commemorate classmates who were killed during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

"Many of our classmates served during the Korean War and even in World War II; we heard so much about them when we were students on campus we felt like classmates," said Barnett, who led the monument committee.

After much fundraising, the monument was unveiled following the 1997 homecoming game.

"One thing we wanted to do was not only honor our classmates and fellow Aggies who paid the supreme price of giving their lives, but we also wanted to leave a reminder for other students and encourage them to be more peace loving," said Barnett.

With three new fallen Aggies, the class of '47 has responded again. The class has raised money and secured funds from the university to add granite panels with the names of Aggies who were killed recently in Iraq and the Afghanistan conflict. The new panels displaying the names of Spec. Mark Anthony Bibby, Spec. Lunsford Brown II and Staff Sgt. Gary Bowen were completed in September 2006.

Bibby was a sophomore transportation major from Williard, N.C. He was killed July 21, 2003, in Iraq and was part of the Army Reserves 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion in Greensboro. Bibby died when a roadside bomb exploded as the humvee he was in passed by.

Brown, of Henderson, N.C., was the second A&T student claimed by the war in Iraq. A 27-year-old senior studying political science, Brown was killed in September 2003 in Abu Gareeb, Iraq. A resolution



was established by the Transylvania County Board in his honor.

Bowen, a junior political science major from Spring Lake, N.C., began his Army career in 1990 and was assigned to A&T in April 2002. He was a member of ROTC and the 302nd Military Intelligence Battalion based in Germany. Under his coaching and leadership of the Aggie Drill Team and Pershing Rifles, participation and performance increased.

Plans are underway to conduct a ceremony in honor of these three Aggies this fall.

Prophecy Fulfilled

Professor Celestine Ntuen has been a “teacher” since his childhood in Western Africa

By Leslie Brown

EVER SINCE HE WAS A YOUNGSTER, CELESTINE NTUEN HAS BEEN CALLED “PROFESSOR.”

Friends and classmates back in Nigeria gave Ntuen the nickname because he spent countless hours tutoring them in algebra and chemistry. Whether before class, after class, or even during class, Ntuen was always helping a struggling student figure out a problem. Perhaps it is no wonder that he decided to spend his life educating others.

“I guess (my friends) were prophetic,” he says with a laugh while sitting at his office desk in McNair Hall. “Now, whenever I go home and see them they all say, ‘See, we told you you were a professor.’”

Ntuen, now in his 22nd year at North Carolina A&T, is a distinguished professor in the department of industrial and systems engineering specializing in cognitive modeling and simulation. For the past year, he has been conducting extensive research on sensemaking, a complex organizational theory that examines the way people make decisions, negotiate meaning and compartmentalize complicated information.

Since 1972, cognitive scientists, psychologists and computer scientists have studied this theoretical framework for inquiry. Ntuen chose the research area because of his longtime interest in cognitive processing. He is working on the project in collaboration with the department of psychology as well as Bennett College for Women, Fayetteville State University, Evidence Based Research Inc. in Vienna, Va., and Virginia Tech University.

“These are the kinds of things that excite me,” he says. “We are fitting puzzles. We are taking isolated information and putting it together to make sense.”

Last year, the U.S. Department of Defense awarded a \$2.3 million grant to fund the five-year

multi-institutional study. With the funding, Ntuen and other researchers will explore how military personnel make decisions in combat. The goal is to develop decision-aiding models that will help the military improve its training and leadership development. They are in the preliminary research stage.

“We are looking at things from the global perspective. (The question is) how do we adapt and how do we respond to a stressful situation in a short time?”

In addition, Ntuen says that the research project will also examine ways to enhance emergency response to natural disasters and other potentially dangerous events.

The recent hurricanes – Katrina, which flooded New Orleans and Southern Mississippi, and Wilma, which damaged parts of South Florida – have provided additional opportunities for researchers to develop preparation models for the military.

Ntuen believes this project helps the university fulfill its ongoing commitment to research and scholarly activities.

“This will help us amplify our area of research. It’s important because it impacts education. It shows what A&T is capable of producing,” he says.

His varied research interests can be seen in the books that line the walls of several overflowing bookcases. The books run the gamut from engineering texts to psychology manuals. There are even a few Tom Clancy books mixed in the stacks.

“He is one of my favorites,” Ntuen says of Clancy. “I read him so I can learn about the military.”

When discussing research, Ntuen talks with passion, often smiling, constantly gesturing with his hands to give emphasis to his words. He wants to pass along that same passion and interest for research to students.

“I see this as my life’s calling,” he says. “I want to engage students and give them the practical experience that research provides. I want them to be (inquisitive) and always asking ‘what if?’ and ‘what’s next?’”

Making the Grade

A&T USES WEB-BASED APPLICATION TO EVALUATE FRESHMAN WRITING

By Darlene F. East '04

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1. Present and analyze what the author did.
2. Demand the core of the argument and describe and capture your own response.
3. Present and analyze your response (centralized)

At the beginning of every school year, college freshmen throughout the United States have three things in common: becoming victims of the so called “Freshman 15,” the unknown roommate and the dreaded placement testing – specifically, writing an essay for English placement.

Writing proficiency is one of the essential elements for a successful college career and because there is variability in high school grades from school to school, North Carolina A&T requires the test in order to evaluate the student’s readiness for college work.

A&T is on target with its peers in providing interactive ways to encourage freshmen to eat healthy and has changing room assignments down to a breeze. However, the university is way ahead of them in English placement testing.

Early in 2002, university administrators were looking for a way to improve the English placement process during freshmen orientation. After several discussions with Educational Testing Service’s (ETS) president, the chancellor’s office agreed to view a demonstration of their Criterion computer program.

Criterion is a 30-minute Web-based application that provides colleges and institutions with reliable evaluations of student writing skills. Like other analytical writing assessments, it looks for the overall evidence of four qualities in essays:

1. Critique of the argument or analysis of the issue,
2. Ideas developed in a rational, persuasive manner, with relevant examples supporting them,
3. Organization and development, and
4. Proper grammar and syntax.

Under the watchful eye of Robert Ussery, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, A&T piloted the program during summer session 2002.

The pilot was necessary in order to investigate its viability as a learning tool to promote opportunities for freshmen placement testing, as a tutorial to enhance student writing proficiency, a good mix with other online learning programs and to determine if Criterion met the interdisciplinary objectives of the university for writing across the curriculum.

The results were pleasing.

It was apparent to the chancellor’s office and academic affairs that professors, students and administrators would benefit from the program.

Freshmen entering the fall 2002 semester were tested for English placement with the program and they caught on quick.

Within seconds after their essay was completed, the students knew their score on a six-point scale and were provided immediate annotated diagnostic feedback.

“It was a good use of technology,” said Ussery. “Because the students are the point, click generation, it was kind of like playing

a video game, even though it is writing essays.”

Ussery said that the students were excited over the immediate feedback and kept writing their essays over and over again until they reached an acceptable level of proficiency that made them proud.

“Now any way you cut that, this is an enhancement of their writing skills,” he said. “They couldn’t do it very well, and now they can. It defies many people’s understanding of the learning process, but to me and I think most other scholars and academics, that is the outcome.”

Administrators saw its values too. Its speed and accuracy quickly helped them identify students for English 100, 101 and those who might be in need of remedial support. Class scheduling also improved.

Students scoring a six are placed in English 101 and earn three credit hours. Those with a 3-5 score are enrolled in English 100. Students with lower scores are placed in English classes where they are guaranteed to receive additional support in the fundamentals of grammar and writing.

Benefits to instructors are numerous.

Instructors can administer class assignments, grade essays, annotate student work and review student writing portfolios online. It also frees them to explore and develop other areas of the curriculum with their students.

Undergraduate, graduate and doctoral candidates are using the 24/7 annotated online writing tool in many ways. Some

use it to write essays for competitions and scholarships, others to prepare for the writing portion of the GRE, GMAT, and the PRAXIS Series. Doctoral candidates use the program to develop their theses.

A&T’s extensive use of Criterion places it in a unique position in several ways.

North Carolina A&T is the first university in the United States to subscribe 100 percent of its students in the program and use the program in ways that ETS never envisioned. And because A&T is interdisciplinary in its approach, Criterion adds additional evidence to their palpable distinction.

Realizing that A&T’s commitment was profitable to their program, ETS contacted Tim Whitmire of the Associated Press bureau in Charlotte, N.C., to interview Ussery and take the test.

On June 21, 2006, Whitmire visited the campus, wrote an essay about shifting gender roles in American society and scored a five!

“I stared at the computer screen, aghast,” wrote Whitmire in his AP article, “Can a Computer Program Teach Writing?” It was hard for him to comprehend that a journalist with 13 years of experience could not score a six on a program designed to grade freshmen essays.

A close look at the feedback revealed he had a couple of lazy passive constructions and several spelling choices, but the main problem was organization and development.

Imagine that, a professional writer sentenced to English 100.



(left) Whitmire
(right) Ussery

DIVINE DESIGN

SGA PRESIDENT ARNITA FLOYD MOODY ...

By Nettie Collins Rowland '72

Poll students at North Carolina A&T State University as to why they chose to attend the institution and you get a variety of reasons: academic programs, family tradition, friendly environment, band, sports, and Aggie Pride.

For Arnita Floyd Moody, the new Student Government Association (SGA) president for 2006-2007, it was none of these.

"It was divine order that placed me on A&T's campus," she said. "I knew I wanted to attend an HBCU. I had a scholarship to a college close to home but I didn't want to go there, so I prayed to God that my acceptance letter would come on my birthday making it clear to me where I should attend college."

Her confirmation arrived on that special day.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Moody attended Central High School, the second oldest public high school in the nation. Bill Cosby is an alumnus among other notables.

In high school, unbeknownst to Moody, she was grooming herself for the top student position at A&T while serving as a representative for the SGA and president of the gospel choir.

Leading the choir proved to be quite challenging for Moody, who is majoring in business management at A&T.

"We faced quite a bit of controversy," she explained. "There was always the issue of the separation of church and state."

For this reason the choir was not allowed to rehearse on the school premises and had to practice on another campus.

With Moody at the helm, the organization made great strides, singing throughout the city and cutting a CD.

However, Moody experienced burnout from the demands of the choir, and by the time she arrived at Aggeland she was seeking a new direction.

"I didn't want to sing anymore," the 20-year-old said. "Back home I sang for the choir and at church. I wanted a different role at A&T."

Moody's charge manifested itself her freshman year when she crossed paths with Paulette Foster, the SGA's speaker of the house.

Foster inspired Moody so much that she joined the organization becoming a member of the 36th Legislative Assembly and the Food Service Committee.

The confident and bubbly Moody jokes about being part of the student governing body.

"I love the SGA because it's the only organization on campus that you don't have to pay to be a part of (because) it's already included in your fees."

As Moody worked with student leaders, they recognized her leadership proficiencies and called on her to do more things, leaving little time for anything else. By her sophomore year, Moody was chairing the 37th Legislative Assembly Finance Committee and coordinating the marketing and publicity aspects of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Think Tank Conference (which attracted more than 400 student leaders from across the country to A&T).

The next year, she ran for vice president of internal affairs and won. It was after that election the idea entered her mind about running for president.

"Everyone was telling me to run," she said. A lot of encouragement came from former SGA

presidents Terrence Jenkins and Justin Ramey.

Moody was interested in the position, but hesitant to make the decision.

"I knew I had to pray. I told God what I wanted to do, but I wanted it to be in his will."

After praying, she remembers experiencing a peacefulness sensation. "I felt like God spoke to me and wanted me to do it," she said.

Moody made the decision to seek the presidency without the sanction of her parents, Jennifer Moody and James Floyd. The family was going through a lot at the time, including an aunt who had been in and out of the hospital.

Business teacher Rose L. Bailey wasn't surprised to learn that Moody was seeking the presidency.

"Moody is a good student with an inquisitive mind who appears quite interested in the legal and political environment," Bailey said. "Therefore, I was not surprised to learn that she was running for the SGA president position."

"Her leadership skills are natural," said Chris Cobb, a senior who has known Moody since high school. She has a quality that draws people to her and people are affected positively by her."

Moody conducted a grass roots campaign, knocking on doors to tell students about her "Erasing Complacency – Students to Begin Proactive Versus Reactive" platform.

"Some people said I spent too much time talking with people, but I wanted to engage with the students and make them feel like I was there for them."

The assertive leader didn't ask her peers to vote for her but to attend the student debate and then make their decision.

Along with Moody two male opponents sought office, but the student body chose her.

Moody enjoyed the positive response she received

from her parents and other role models in her life.

With very little free time, Moody participates in the History Club and Youth Taking Charge, a Bible study group.

"The Bible is my strength. I read it to keep my focus," she said.

Her goals this year are to build a bridge between upper and underclassmen; to be more involved with local, city and state government, and to revitalize Aggie Pride through stronger programming and collaborative efforts. She is also hoping that she can get organizations on campus to work together more, which she says will be one of her greatest challenges.

Moody's definition of a great leader is someone who listens and knows how to follow; someone who can look at a person and see their potential and maximize it. It is also someone who always leads by example and doesn't have people doing things they wouldn't do.

When asked if she possessed these characteristics, she responded, "Of course!"



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Fit for a Queen

Crystal Renai Williams, Miss A&T 2006-2007, is a determined individual who turns challenges into successes

By Nettie Collins Rowland '72

INTELLIGENT, DEDICATED, COMPASSIONATE, AMBITIOUS AND POISED: mold these qualities together and you have Crystal Renai Williams, the reigning Miss North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

The senior journalism and mass communication (concentration in electronic media) major discovered her niche early in life, getting her first taste of the business at Joseph R. Keene Elementary School in her

hometown of Washington, D.C., as host and writer for the school's morning television show.

Keene communications teacher Zyanguelyn Poe stays in contact with Williams and describes her as a driven person who always has a goal to accomplish.

"Crystal was a very happy, involved student," Poe said. "She welcomed all challenges and always gave more than what was required."

Poe isn't surprised of the career path her star pupil is taking. She predicted it.

A speaker for the Million Family March

in Washington, Williams began honing her leadership skills in elementary school where she was elected student government president and later secretary of the student government in junior high school.

The ambitious scholar has always gone beyond what was expected of her in school and in the community.

"If Crystal had a project, she would always do something extra," her mother Tilwanda Williams-Law explains. "She was heavily involved with the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society."

Mentor and friend, Pamela Johnson, president of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter, characterizes Williams as "a very determined, smart, compassionate, graceful and committed young lady."

These are among the many attributes that contributed to the 15-year-old being elected youth mayor of the District of Columbia by the Mayor Youth Leadership Institute, while a sophomore at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School in northwest Washington.

During Williams' term, *The Washington Post* described the city's youngest politician as one of its hardest-working teenagers. Her duties as "mayor" included being the leading voice and representative for the youth of the District, appearing on radio, composing speeches, attending events, organizing and leading meetings and representing Mayor Anthony A. Williams (no relations) at various functions.

One of her greatest accomplishments during her tenure was helping to coordinate a summit for more than 2,000 youth in 2001 at a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration where Williams paid tribute to King along with former President Bill Clinton. The highlight of the event was when the president made reference to Williams being featured in *The Washington Post*.

"It was amazing," she said.

As her term approached an end (youth mayors are elected to a one-year term), she realized that she needed more time to implement her ideas. The confident Williams decided to run again and succeeded, becoming the first youth mayor to serve two

consecutive terms.

While rubbing shoulders with politicians, key leaders, celebrities and others, Williams was gaining an important lesson in networking. A skill she would need at A&T and throughout her career.

One visit to A&T and she was sold on attending the university.

"I went on several college tours to get a feel of the different campuses and to see what they had to offer," the aspiring reporter said. "But, there was something different about A&T. I felt so welcome and everyone made me feel like I was part of the family."

Making the decision to run for Miss A&T is something Williams' mother said she mentioned early on. Williams doesn't recall.

During her first year Williams sought the position of Miss Freshman and lost by one vote, humbly accepting the defeat. It gave her more time to become better acclimated with her new environment and the transition from high school to college. In high school she won Miss Freshman, Miss Sophomore and Miss Junior but lost the "Miss Wilson" title her senior year.

The Campus Life Mentor didn't become discouraged. She ran for Miss Sophomore and won. She also implemented the From Princess to Class Queens program, which she continued after her reign.

Deciding to run for Miss Junior was difficult.

"When I lost, I said God had something better for me."

That year proved to be very productive. Williams, along with other journalism students, founded the student chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists and she was elected Miss Media Network. She continued to be active with the SGA and made the decision to seek the title of Miss A&T.

Williams' decision was no surprise to her family and peers. An organizer, Williams mapped out the summer to work on her campaign. However, her plans were changed when she received the dreadful news that her grandfather had cancer. Her focus immediately shifted from her campaign to taking care of him. He died that summer.

After her grandfather's death, her

mother and father, Tony Law, along with other family members and friends helped Williams with her campaign.

The Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter was very supportive of their scholarship recipient. Chapter member Angela Brice is a big fan of Williams.

"(Crystal) is a very energetic and caring person," the 1950 graduate said. "She knows how to handle older people."

Williams won the title but not without a run-off. Her platform was "Empowering, Impacting and Elevating the Aggie Experience," and it had three components: empowering the university, impacting the community and elevating and continuing the Aggie Legacy."

Classmate Maurice Brown worked diligently on the campaign and is ready to help implement Williams' goals. He is confident that she will do a great job.

"I think her biggest challenge will be getting students to participate in activities," he said.

James Ashe believes in Williams' ability as well.

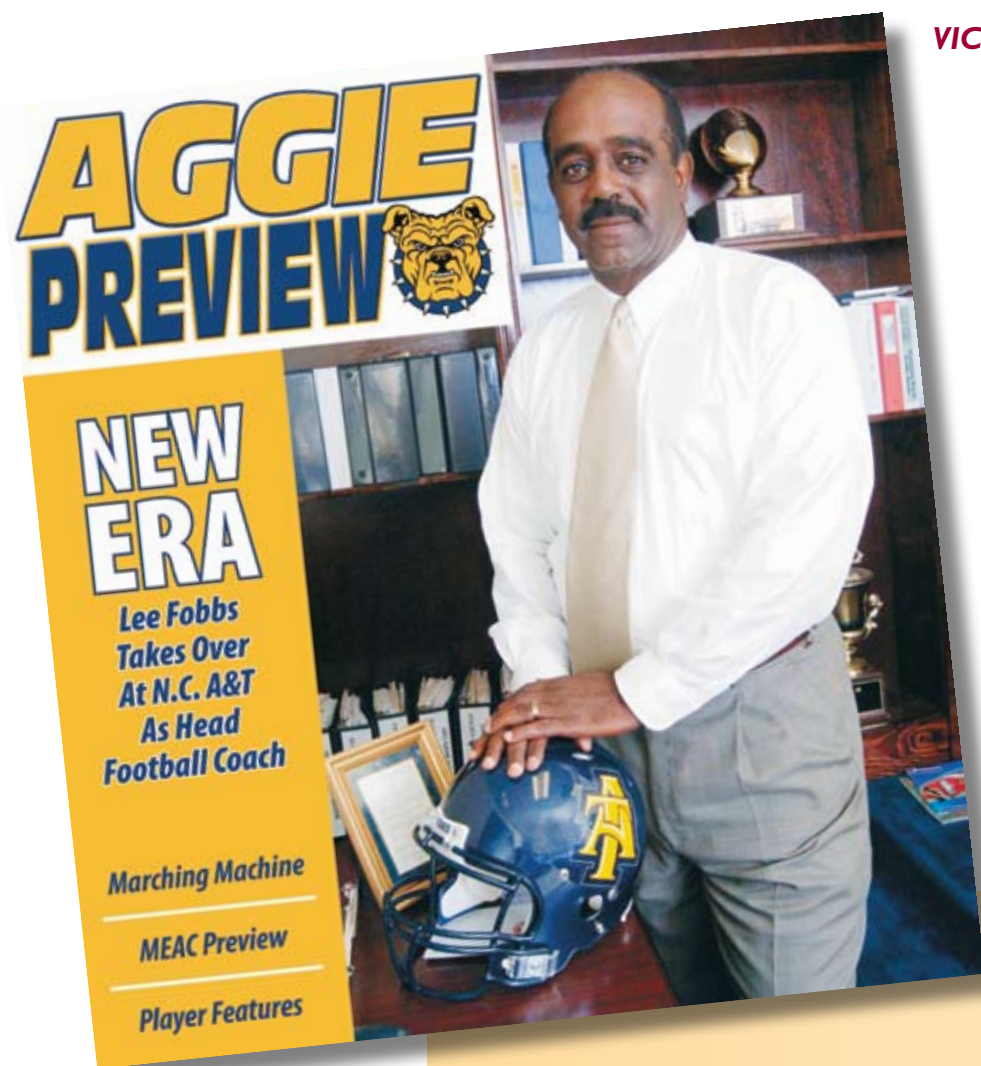
"I personally believe that Crystal has a seed of greatness within her and as long as she remains humble, her seed will grow," said Ashe.

Crystal's mother says, "It is amazing to see how much my daughter has accomplished in such a short length of time."



AGGIE SPORTS

By Brian M. Holloway '97



VICTORY CLUB RAISES VISIBILITY OF AGGIE ATHLETICS

The Victory Club, a key athletic fund raising organization for A&T, is increasing awareness of Aggie Athletics through *Aggie Preview*, a marketing and promotional tool to showcase the athletics programs.



Aggie Preview is an editorial-rich newspaper insert that highlighted the football team in the first issue and will highlight the basketball teams in the second edition.

The first issue showcased head football coach Lee Fobbs Jr. with an in-depth article about his sports and coaching background as well as a Q&A with the coach. It also included a background article on running back coach George Ragsdale, a former Aggie running back and journeyman coach who has returned to his alma mater.

In addition were a position group analysis, a MEAC fall preview, a section on the Blue & Gold Marching Machine, information about the assistant football coaches, bios of the top featured players on the football team, and schedules for volleyball, bowling, men's basketball and women's basketball teams.

The football edition of the *Preview* boasted a circulation of 117,000 copies: 87,000 were distributed as an insert in the *News and Record* daily newspaper, 25,000 were mailed to A&T alumni and donors, and 5,000 were distributed at the first home football game against Winston-Salem State.

Phillip McAlpin, executive director of the Victory Club, says, "The response to *Aggie Preview* has been great due to its strong writing and clean layout. Readers found it to be very informative; not only

about the coaches and football team but about the MEAC as well. It represents a real marketing plus for promoting Aggie Athletics. Its reach surpasses any single athletics publication in the history of A&T athletics."

"The first *Aggie Preview* was an excellent piece that served to bring a lot of attention to A&T athletics," stated DeLores Todd, athletics director.

The second edition was published in November and focused on the men's and women's basketball season. It contained feature articles on the coaches for both teams, highlights of the top players, a look at the future of basketball at HBCUs, and information about the spring and winter sports.

Aggie Preview is produced by the Victory Club. Carter Cheves, a freelance

publisher and writer with extensive experience in college sports writing, worked with Brian Holloway, A&T's sports information director, and Tyler Ball, media assistant, to create the publication. Lut Williams, editor of *Black College Sports Page*, a regular contributor to *AOL Black Voices*, *Street and Smiths* and other publications, submitted a story previewing the upcoming MEAC football season. Look for more from Lut in the next issue.

For further information about the *Aggie Preview* or the Victory Club, contact Phillip McAlpin at phillip.mcalpin@ncat.edu or (336) 334-7600.

The N.C. A&T Aggie Club presents a \$151,000 check for athletic scholarships as part of its annual contribution toward a \$1 million gift. In addition, members of the Aggie Club provide in-kind gifts to North Carolina A&T State University through year-round volunteer support of the athletics program. Pictured (l-r): Marvin H. Watkins '58, interim vice chancellor for development and university relations; Delores S. "Dee" Todd, athletics director; Lloyd V. Hackley, chancellor; and Jim Pender, national president of the Aggie Club.



MEN'S TENNIS PROGRAM ENDS

NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY discontinued its men's tennis intercollegiate athletics program in July.

All current men's tennis scholarships are being honored for the 2006-2007 school year. Players will not use a year of eligibility, allowing transfers to play immediately.

In light of the challenges facing our athletics budgets, it was felt that the discontinuation of men's tennis would assist us in realizing a more competitive budget for other sports. Without men's tennis, A&T has 15 varsity sports. The NCAA requires 14 for Division I status.

"This was an extremely difficult decision; no athletics director enjoys eliminating a sport," said Dee Todd, director of athletics. "The department will investigate the possibility of adding men's golf in the future."

SMITH IS WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH



Athletics director Dee Todd has hired Andy Smith as the new women's tennis coach. He is the first full-time tennis coach at A&T.

Smith brings 11 years of coaching experience. Prior to taking off a year from coaching, he coached at Georgia State University from 2002-05. In 2005, he led the Panthers to a 16-6 record and a spot in the Atlantic Sun Tournament semifinals. In 2003, he helped Anne Breiholtz to Atlantic Freshman of the Year honors as the Panthers finished the season ranked No. 75 in the country.

Smith's first head coaching job was at Gardner-Webb University before it became a Division I institution. He coached men's and women's teams from 1995-02. In his third season there, he led the Lady Bulldogs to the Division II Eastern Regional Final. Over the next two seasons, Smith's Lady Bulldogs won the Eastern Regional and qualified to play for the national championship.

In 2001, Smith led the men's team to the National Christian College Athletic Association championship, won the NCCAA Coach of the Year award and led the Lady Bulldogs to the NCCAA Women's Invitational Tournament championship.

JONES CHOOSES AGGIES OVER MLB

Aggie baseball star Jeremy Jones, who was drafted in the 25th round of the June 2006 Major League Baseball draft by the Colorado Rockies, decided to return to North Carolina A&T for the 2006-2007 school year and play the 2007 baseball season in an Aggies uniform.

Jones was selected in the 2006 MLB draft despite sitting out nearly all of the 2006 season with a broken hand. Jones said he and his parents made the tough decision to return to college after spending the last two months weighing all of their options.

The two major factors in his decision were finishing his undergraduate degree in fitness and wellness and ending his collegiate career in a more positive manner.

"I felt like I owed the team another year," said Jones. "It didn't feel right leaving A&T now, it didn't feel right leaving A&T after coming off of an injury. Coming back for another year gives me an opportunity to work with (head baseball coach Keith) Shumate on various aspects of my game."

Jones will enter the 2007 season as a junior on the baseball diamond a senior in the classroom because he will

likely be awarded a medical red shirt for the 2006 season. Jones can re-enter the MLB draft in 2007 and will be available to any franchise.

Before the start of the 2006 season, Jones was added to the Brooks Wallace National Player of the Year watch list. The National College Baseball Writers Association and Collegiate Baseball named Jones a pre-season third-team All-American. But Jones had only two official at-bats in 2006 after injuring his wrist while taking batting practice.

He was trying to follow up a 2005 season in which he earned Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors, batted .402, broke at the time the school record for hits in a season (82), led the Aggies to the MEAC Championship and helped the school earn its first-ever bid to the NCAA Baseball Tournament.

Jones has career batting average of .368, a .528 slugging percentage, with 73 RBI, nine home runs, 28 doubles in 104 games played.

LOVELACE IS FIRST MEAC WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Renecia Lovelace, a four-year outfielder for A&T's softball team, was named the first recipient of the MEAC Woman of the Year. Lovelace received the award during the 2006 MEAC Woman of the Year Luncheon held in Virginia Beach, Va.

The award was created to highlight the academic, athletic and service and leadership accomplishments of female athletes. The award was the vision of the senior woman administrators in the conference. Administrators could not vote for their own athletes.

Lovelace will represent the MEAC in the NCAA Woman of the Year contests.

"It makes me extremely proud to know Renecia is the first MEAC Woman of the Year," said Deborah Callaway, A&T's senior woman administrator. "Any time North Carolina A&T is the first, it's important. Renecia's work in the community and the statement she submitted to the committee was so impressive. She really made herself stand out."

Lovelace graduated in May with a 3.78 GPA in fashion merchandising and design. She was involved in the Study Buddy volunteer program, Student Athlete Mentor and Youth Taking Charge Christian Organization. She also served as president of the Student Athletic Advisory Council in 2004-05. She is a two-time National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Academic team.

She made the Dean's List all four years and was a member of the All-MEAC Academic team for three years. In addition, she has been recognized four times by the N.C. A&T Athletics Department for academic excellence.

Over the past two seasons, Lovelace accumulated the highest GPA on the Aggie softball team. Lovelace currently attends Savannah College for Arts in Atlanta.

On the field, Lovelace was third on the team in on-base percentage with a .333 average in 2006. She surpassed her career highs in games played (55), games started (55), hits (29), at-bats (122) and batting average this season.

"When I look at this award it will remind me that I could have quit, but because I kept going I was able to accomplish my goals," said Lovelace.

In her statement to the committee she stated: "I was not recruited as an athlete in college. I was a freshman that walked on the team. At first, I was not treated like everyone else. But I think when one works hard to perfect a skill, in the end one will reap the benefits."



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PEOPLE BEHIND *the* SCHOLARSHIPS

BROTHERS' KEEPERS

The memory of Danny '76 and Fred Davis '58 is kept alive through family scholarship. By Millicent Rothrock

Terry Davis thinks a battle with a childhood illness helped shape his younger brother, Danny Davis, into the man he became.

In 1958, four-year-old Danny came down with rheumatic fever. Persistent headaches, muscle pain, swollen joints and fever kept the youngster inside for nearly a year. When it was over, Danny had to learn to walk again. But once he took that first step, he never let anything stop him: he lived and played full-tilt.

"I think he had a greater appreciation for things we take for granted, like walking and being able to play," Terry Davis says. "Danny loved life and he loved it with a passion. He lived a short life, but he lived a very full life. He worked hard, he played hard. He tried to live every minute."

Danny and Fred come from a family of six siblings – all college graduates with rewarding careers. Five of the siblings graduated from A&T: in addition to Danny and Fred, there is Jennifer Davis Watson '71, Mike Davis '74 and Vernon Davis '75, all active A&T alumni. A fifth brother, Terry Davis, graduated from East Carolina University.

An avid runner, Danny was trim and athletic his entire life. That's why his sudden death shocked his family and friends.

One sunny, Sunday morning in the spring of 1998, a massive heart attack felled him as he was out running by the golf course near his New Jersey home. He died less than one-tenth of a mile from his front door. Golfers, along with firemen from a nearby firehouse, came running to help, but it was already too late. A priest who happened to be playing golf administered his last rites.

"I heard the sirens and could see all of the commotion, and just knew something was wrong," remembers Danny's widow, Rhonda Montgomery

Davis. Danny and his wife had two daughters – Allison, 12, and Carla, 9 – at the time of his death.

"Danny was genuinely a good guy," Rhonda says. "He was always there to help anyone who needed help. He had a big heart that reached out to help everybody and people wanted to help him because they saw that he was sincere and had integrity that you don't see in a lot of people. He wanted to be thought of as an upstanding person."

Devastated by her loss, Rhonda had a brief moment of clarity in the days following her husband's death. She decided to establish a scholarship at N.C. A&T, where Danny had graduated in 1976. He had worked tirelessly for the alumni association, serving as president of the New Jersey Alumni Chapter for five years and constantly encouraging young people to attend his alma mater.

"Even though I wasn't thinking clearly, I knew that flowers were just a waste of money," Rhonda says. "I knew Danny would appreciate it more if something was established in his name."

Danny's co-workers at R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company, an international provider of print and related services, responded generously, along with family members and friends. Danny spent the majority of his career at R.R. Donnelley and had risen to the rank of senior vice president.

Knowing how difficult the coming years would be for both her and her daughters, Rhonda realized that she could not oversee the scholarship herself. So, she turned to the one person she trusted with her husband's memory: his older brother Fred, A&T class of 1958.

Nobody was better than Fred at organizing and supervising such a project. Seventeen years Danny's senior, Fred was ready to enter A&T when Danny was born.

A Vietnam veteran, Fred was smart and hard-working, just like his younger brother. The two

brothers had become close while Danny was attending A&T and spent two summers with Fred and his wife, Leola Dickens Davis, class of 1960. Fred, who was working his way up the ladder at Eastman Kodak, suggested that Danny apply for a position with the company, and Danny got the job.

"Fred was a very low-keyed and serious-minded individual," says Leola. "People often teased him because of his seriousness. He was a perfectionist; when he did something, it had to be done just right. Everybody always teased him because he watched his money, he didn't throw his money away. However, he liked to travel and enjoy life.

"Fred helped people with various projects and did many things for his church, where he served as a trustee, although recognition for these efforts was not something he cared about," Leola says.

And just as with everything else he did, Fred took his brother's scholarship seriously, always encouraging family and friends to donate.

A faithful alumnus, Fred earned the N.C. A&T State University Award for Alumni Excellence and held various offices with the alumni association. He served on the national annual fundraising committee,

serving as the treasurer for a few years, and he was a key player in the university surpassing the \$1 million mark in alumni giving.

Fred retired from Kodak in 1991 and later moved to Raleigh, N.C. He and Leola were married 44 years and had one son, Jon (wife Melissa), and three grandchildren (Alexis, Meagan and Jonathan), whom Fred loved and cherished.

On Oct. 7, 2005, Fred died from multiple myeloma. Leola asked family and friends to donate to the scholarship instead of sending flowers. Thanks to the combined efforts of family and friends, Fred and Danny left a scholarship worth more than \$100,000.

Knowing they are helping young people get an education would mean a lot to both brothers family members say. After all, both men came from a family that pushed education as the pathway to a brighter future – and it worked.

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The Davis children credit their parents for instilling in them an appreciation for education. Hosea and Adell Davis never

graduated from high school but were determined that their children would have a better life.

"First of all, I attribute their good fortune to the good Lord answering prayers," says their 86-year-old mother, Adell. "We just did what all parents are supposed to do: our best with our children."

The family grew up on a 76-acre farm in Tillery, N.C., north of Rocky Mount. Many of their farming neighbors took their children out of school from time to time to work the farm, but not the Davis family.

"Their father wouldn't let them leave school because he believed in education," Adell remembers. "We wanted them to have a better lifestyle than we had. We wanted them to feel like they could do what anyone else could do. We taught them not to let anything stand in their way."

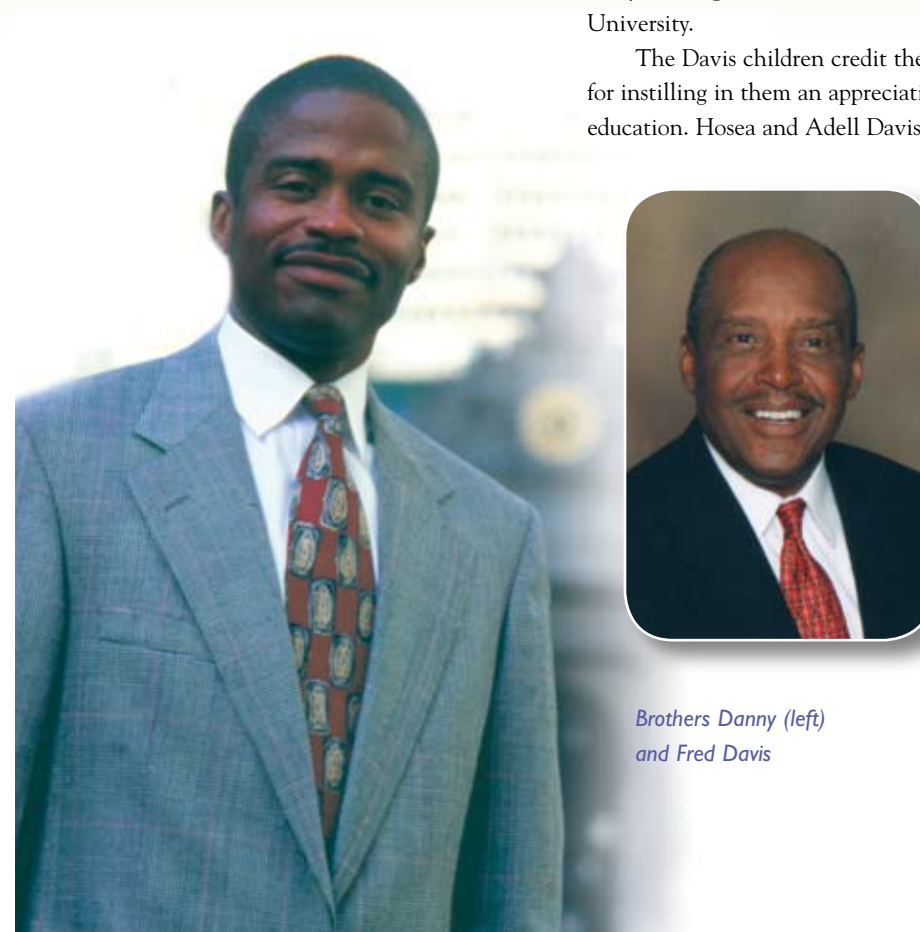
In addition to enforcing strict rules and farm chores, Adell made sure her children read and kept up with current events.

"They were not allowed to get current events from the television," she says. "We subscribed to the *News & Observer* newspaper and *Life* magazine, and I made them read that. Some nights, I made them read an etiquette book I bought. I told them, 'I don't know all of the rules of etiquette, but you can read this and you'll know how to act and present yourself anywhere in life.'"

The Davis children reaped the rewards of their parents' wisdom. And although Danny and Fred are no longer with them, the family continues to support the Davis scholarship, often in creative ways. Last fall, Adell Davis made a quilt and organized family and friends to sell raffle tickets. The quilt generated \$1,700 for the scholarship fund.

"A&T has played a big part in the success of my family," Terry Davis says. "The scholarship is a way for us to express our gratitude. It's also a way for us to share with others the opportunities that A&T offers.

"When you lose siblings, you can no longer do the things that you once did together that expressed the love that you shared. But that love lives on. One of the ways that our family continues to express our love is through the Danny Davis Scholarship at A&T State University."



Brothers Danny (left) and Fred Davis

ALUMNI NEWS

AGGIES ON THE MOVE

Candice P. Baldwin has been named director of multicultural affairs at Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass. Baldwin has a master's degree from the College of William and Mary, where she is completing a doctorate.

1960s



Charles P. Ervin Jr., Ph.D. '65 was recognized as a Teacher of the Year (2005-06) at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. He was cited for his outstanding,

innovative, interactive teaching techniques and community service as an assistant professor in the department of secondary education and foundations at FAMU. Ervin, who hails from Morganton, N.C., is the former state coordinator for the education of homeless children and youth for the Florida Department of Education. Ervin retired from the United States Army with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

James R. Lanier, Ph.D. '69 has been chosen as the 2006 Distinguished Psychologist of the Year by The Association of Black Psychologists, Inc. He was formally recognized for this achievement in July at the organization's convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

1970s



Merl F. Code, Esq. '70 has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Furman University Board of Trustees. An attorney with the Greenville, S.C., office of

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. (Ogletree Deakins), Code is also a member of the board of directors for The South Carolina Independent Colleges and University, University Center of Greenville and Clemson Advisory Board.

1980s

Reginald L. Goodwin '84 has written a book titled *Unemployed – A Memoir*. The book is published by InnerCircle Publishing.

Claude Hines Jr. '85, an ROTC graduate and colonel, is supportive of United States military servicemen who are at war. As the former manager of the MC4 program, he was responsible for providing all of the Army medical information systems equipment to the fighters in Iraq. Hines currently is the program manager of the theater medical information program. In this capacity, he manages the development

of a family of systems that is capable of electronically recording patient encounters, by the provider, at all levels of care in a war environment. This system is used by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Sheila Cash '87 is the visionary behind Expressooo Massageworx, a company that provides upper body massages and sells personal care products that includes the GiGi Stone line of candles and skin care products created by Cash and Lisa Porter '87. Expressooo Massageworx's newest location is in Piedmont Triad Airport (Greensboro, N.C.) on the north concourse.

1990s



Hope Jackson '94 has been named director for student support services for the College of Arts and Sciences at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She oversees the University Writing Center and the Math and Science Learning Resource Center.

Sonya Terry '94 has had her first children's book, "L" Is for Library, published by Upstart Books.

Paul M. Spencer '95 has earned the M.S. degree in computer science from Governors State University in University Park, Ill.

2000s



Diane R. Brown '00 has been named interim director of alumni development for the College of Engineering at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Her prior experiences include senior relationship manager for

Accenture, systems analyst for Northside Hospital and business analyst for American Management Systems Inc. Brown earned her M.B.A. at Clark Atlanta University.



Phoebe Bruce '03 has joined Trone – an advertising, direct marketing and public relations firm in High Point, N.C. – as an assistant account executive. Bruce is a magna cum laude graduate of North Carolina A&T with a degree in journalism and mass

communication. Most recently, she worked for Danville Community College as a public relations assistant.



Aaron N. Taylor '97 has been appointed assistant dean for admissions of the William H. Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In this capacity, Taylor will manage all aspects of admissions into the school's academic programs. Taylor will continue to serve as executive director of Recruit For Law School, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that seeks to guide prospective law students through the admissions process.



Memoriam

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

William H. Amos, July 7

Robert "High Pockets" Bryant '63, Sept. 28

Keith L. Degraffinreid '90, July 31

Lucille R. Dunn, Aug. 4

Mary Elizabeth Peay Gladden, July 16

Richard C. Lanier Jr., June 29

William H. Thompson Sr. '49, Sept. 15

OTHERS

Elias Abu-Saba, retired professor, June 29

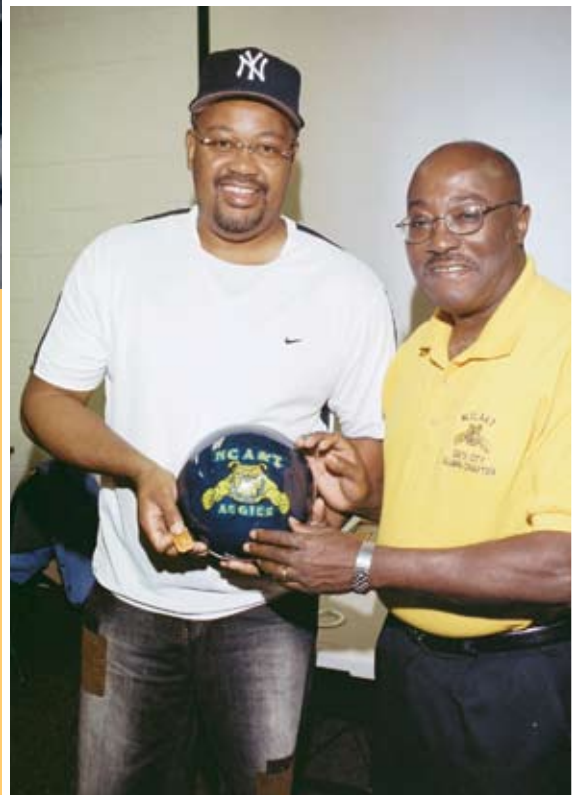
Dominique O. Gray, student, Aug. 15

Dorothy M. Hinnant, July 2

Elmore M. Kennedy Jr., Tuskegee Airman and former professor and chairman of the department of air studies, July 22



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GOOD NEWS!

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A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

SOJOURN

The journey from Senegal to South Africa has altered the way I perceive situations, how I view the world outside of the USA, and the desire to learn more about my history as an African American woman.

By Letitia Bowler



Bowler on Table Mountain, which she describes as the best view of Cape Town, South Africa.

I never thought that I would ever have a chance to travel abroad, not to mention Africa!

My family is not sitting on a gold mine, I pay out-of-state tuition, and I never have any money. But guess what? I did.

Last spring, the United Negro College Fund Special Programs selected 10 students from six Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Elizabeth City State University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida Memorial University, Fort Valley State University, Howard University and North Carolina A&T State University) to participate in a study abroad program in Senegal and South Africa. Some of the objectives of the program were to “increase overall understanding of policy issues, to strengthen students’ capacity to become professionals in international affairs and development and encourage them to enter into the field, to provide the opportunity to apply for positions in areas of specialization, and to introduce students to language instruction and cultural awareness.”

With three professors accompanying us from Florida Memorial University and Fort Valley State University, we had class instruction from Dakar to Cape Town. Two weeks

into Johannesburg, South Africa, we were serving our final days of class and our internship placements soon began.

My experience abroad was indescribable.

In Senegal, we had an on-sight liaison, Dr. Ibrahima Seck, who taught at the University Cheikh Anta Diop, named after a Senegalese historian who proved many truths in history, one being that ancient Egypt had been a Black African culture.

The 13 of us venturing into another culture became a part of Dr. Seck’s family. His wife cooked breakfast and dinner for us everyday. Breakfast always consisted of porridge, omelets and bagels. Porridge is very similar to oatmeal but sweeter and thinner. For dinner we would have fish, lamb, chicken and yassa (a Senegalese dish) along with chips (fries), salad and a vegetable.

Besides the food and the love that we received from Dr. Seck, his family and the community, stopping in Senegal first was very instrumental in transforming my mind and knowledge of the world outside of where I live.

The transformation began when we visited media organizations in Dakar. We were challenged to compare the media systems of Dakar to the United States. Before I saw for

myself, I assumed that the radio and television stations in Dakar were not high quality and that the newspapers would be equivalent to the smaller newspapers in Greensboro.

Boy, were we wrong!

Dakar alone has seven different mediums of press, a television network and six radio stations that broadcast in different languages. Senegalese professionals know their craft and perfect it every day. They are also very passionate about what they do.

These professionals were excited to meet African American students from the United States, and they delighted in the fact that I am a journalism and mass communication major.

Learning the politics of the media systems abroad inspired me to explore possibilities of working abroad after graduation or somehow being connected to the international arena. That was the thought that lingered with me my whole journey: What can I do? How can I fit in? Where do I start?

My second awakening occurred on the beautiful and peaceful Goree Island, a place with the heartbreaking reminder of being the center of the West African slave trade. We visited the slave quarters where children, men and women were held and abused. I stood in a room where babies were kept away from their mothers and another room where young girls were raped. I was speechless. The famous “Door of No Return” located in the back of the house signifies the last time the hundreds and thousands of slaves would ever step foot on African soil.

I had a blast in South Africa. Cape Town is beautiful. We visited Table Mountain and Robben Island where anti-apartheid groups were imprisoned. But Johannesburg was where I had the most fun learning, understanding and having fun.

We discussed the apartheid era in class, discussing how races were separated and made to hate and despise each other. We also discussed the conditions of the community and all the pain families felt when their children died in riots and boycotts, such as Hector Peterson, a young boy killed in 1976 by the apartheid police during a boycott from class.

I began to understand the mentality of the different races (Coloreds, Blacks and Afrikaans) when I was placed in different environments. Although times are different and South Africans are moving past the apartheid era, if you listen carefully you can tell who thinks they are superior, who sees themselves as an equal and who thinks they are beneath everyone else.

I worked with two youth organizations, Conquest for Life and Teboho Trust. With Conquest for Life, I had an opportunity to attend a retreat for youth – ages 9 to 24 – who were either on a narrow path trying to walk a straight one or they were already walking straight but needed encouragement. One young man confided in me to share

his personal struggle with himself and his family. I felt honored that he trusted this stranger enough to open his heart and wanting to hear what I had to say.

The children participating in both organizations were beautiful. No matter what situation they faced at home – no food, no money, sick parents, drug abuse – they were full of smiles and songs.

Their energy and enthusiasm touched my heart because we (Americans) tend to take things for granted. We walk around complaining all the time about material things that do not matter. We are one dollar richer than we were yesterday, but we complain about that one dollar not being \$20.

We whine about school and teachers. At least our K-12 education is free. Some African children who want to attend school cannot because they cannot afford it. Even the poorest among us have better lives, but we fail to recognize it.

In Johannesburg, I had a three-week internship with the South African Broadcast Corporation (SABC), the broadcasting voice of South Africa. I worked in the on-air department, producing promos for talk shows and movies.

I produced a promo for the movie “Frida” and for “The Women of Talk.” The “Women of Talk” promo was important because SABC3 aired Oprah Winfrey, Tyra Banks and a local talk show, “3 Talk with Noleen.” They wanted something that would put all three on the same level making them equally interesting.

Before leaving SABC I wrote an article about my experiences with the corporation for the October issue of its magazine, Intercom. I am a singer, so I also had the opportunity to meet musicians and record songs in the studio, as well as sit in on a talk show on Metro FM.

South Africa is a great place to be, learn, grow and explore. I absolutely loved it there. I enjoyed church service just about every Sunday and made some lifelong friends and contacts.

I think it is imperative that every African American travels to Africa. It is where we began, and I intend to learn specifically where I came from. I also have a desire to know things

about my culture that I should have been taught or tried to seek out myself.

When the opportunity to go to Africa was presented to me, the first thing I asked was, “Where in Africa?” Now I know that my first question should have been, “When do I leave?”

I am glad that I had this great opportunity, and I thank God for allowing me to attain this knowledge so I could share it with you.

Letitia “Boogie” Bowler is a journalism and mass communications major at N.C. A&T and an announcer on WNAA 90.1 FM.



The last day of camp! Facilitators, some students and Bowler posed before they left the campsite in Magliesburg, South Africa. Students had been at the camp for two weeks. Chris Ewers (Elizabeth City State University) and Bowler (N.C. A&T) joined them their final weekend.

MIXED BAG

PURPOSEFUL FUN

By S. Marie Brown

Few things are more relaxing than reclining on the bow of a ship, surrounded by an endless expanse of blue sky and ocean and a continuous warm Caribbean breeze kissing your skin. I was fortunate to experience this bliss last July as a participant in the Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies (IAFJS) at North Carolina A&T State University's first golf tournament and cruise.

My 10-day adventure began at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Orlando, Fla., where more than 70 golfers from as far away as California gathered for an opportunity to contribute to a worthwhile cause while engaging in a round of fun, fierce competition.

In addition to playing a championship course, there were prizes galore giving everyone an opportunity to be victorious. Door prizes, a silent auction and raffles provided chances for winning some pretty neat stuff that ran the gamut from golf clubs to NFL, NBA and MLB game tickets to three-night stays at three of the country's premiere golf resorts, roundtrip airline tickets included!

At the end of the tournament everyone left Eagle Creek a little exhausted, but smiling – including nine members of the NABJ chapter at A&T served as tournament hostesses: Rekel Darden, Kia Goosby, Kristin Martin, Megan Rowls, Deyonta Thacker, Addie Whisenant (chapter president) and Crystal Williams (Miss A&T 2006-07).

Part two of the adventure was a seven-day cruise on Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas, the world's largest cruise ship. I



liken it to Mount Rainier (huge) and Vegas (so much to do, so little time). What a way to kick off IAFJS's first cruise to benefit the program at North Carolina A&T!

As the ship left the Port of Miami, I was a little skeptical of being able to experience everything the cruise ship offers, visit Mexico, Grand Cayman, Jamaica and Haiti, and have some quiet time. With more than 4,300 other people onboard (21 traveling with the IAFJS), the latter seemed like a pipe dream.

I'm happy to report that Freedom of the Seas had something for everyone, including those like myself who relish quiet time. The ship's daily itinerary included shopping, movies, ice skating, yoga, water aerobics, fitness seminars, dancing, rock wall climbing, surfing, scrapbook workshops, jewelry shows, wine tasting, ping pong, karaoke, jazz, basketball, volleyball, card games, variety shows, games with cash jackpots, shopping ashore previews, art auctions, night clubs, and much more.

Overall, my favorite activities were walking the track each morning, attending seminars and watching the "youngsters" – and some not so young Boomers – test their skills (or lack of skill) on the FlowRider, a surf simulator that is as challenging as any ocean. Okay, I'll admit that I saw a couple of movies, read three books and spent a great deal of time watching the waves (between naps). BIG SIGH.

So, if you're a pretty decent golfer, or if you just want to get some R&R before the winter holiday season, consider joining the Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies next October for the second annual golf tournament or cruise or both.

Play a round of golf at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., Oct. 5, 2007. Then, join IAFJS aboard Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas, Oct. 7-14, 2007. The ship leaves Port Canaveral, Fla., and sails to Haiti, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Mexico before returning to Port Canaveral.

DeWayne Wickham brought his Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies to North Carolina A&T State University in January 2005 when he joined the faculty as distinguished professor of journalism and mass communication. Wickham, who is an author, editor, columnist for USA Today and a founding member and former president of the National Association of Black Journalists, created the institute to stem the loss of black journalists to the profession by offering opportunities to enhance skills and involvements with reporting not normally available in newsrooms.

The profits from the golf tournament and cruise benefit A&T's student chapter of NABJ and the IAFJS, respectively, making both activities charitable and enjoyable getaways. For complete details about the golf tournament and the cruise, call the Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies at (336) 256-2261.

S. Marie Brown works in the University Relations Office at N.C. A&T.



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REMEMBERING THE PAST

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Trooper Donald Lindsay '83 (center), president of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association of the Buffalo Soldiers Greater North Carolina Chapter, awarded two North Carolina A&T State University military veterans scholarships and Buffalo Soldier paraphernalia for their participation with the Buffalo Soldiers' 140th Anniversary Reunion, held July 25-29. The students, Ernest Hooker, a history major and Purvis Eichelberger, a sports medicine major, were honored at the university's Veteran Day Program on November 10. The event was sponsored by N.C. A&T Veteran and Disability Support Services Office.



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