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**Spring 2003, p. 22.** In the article "Sprockets to Rockets," the late Dr. Ronald McNair is incorrectly identified as a graduate of the School of Engineering. McNair was a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics.



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By Mable Springfield Scott '99MS

Last fall, the improvement process began for North Carolina A&T State University's longstanding trademarks. Those established marks include the sweater-wearing mascot, university seal and vertical A&T symbol. Some of the verbiage claimed by the university includes the full name of the university and these derivatives: NCA&T, NCA&TSU, Aggies, Aggie, A&T, Aggie Pride and Aggieland.

Logo licensing is one of the major avenues for national and commercial promotion of the university's trademarks. Official producers of A&T products help market the university's image; therefore, the university should help provide them with the trademarks and designs necessary to keep A&T in the retail forefront.

In 1997 the University Relations Office, in conjunction with the A&T television studio, produced a 15-minute video presentation to educate faculty, staff and key supporters about the importance of utilizing consistent images in communications. The last addition to the university's trademarks occurred around this time when the vertical A&T symbol was registered.



Lesley Renwick, special assistant to the chancellor for legal affairs and trademark director

Then in 1999, the A&T Public Relations (PR) Council, which is comprised of communication and marketing representatives from various campus departments, developed a format to assist in unifying the use of marks throughout the university. A formalized set of standards was created by the PR Council to bring more continuity to university marks.

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New university stationary and business cards were produced with one consistent look for all departments within the university. But in spite of this new direction from the PR Council, some groups still refused to comply with the guidelines. The trademark improvement process was the next step to enhance and correct consistent logo application – internally and externally – led by Lesley Renwick, special assistant to the chancellor for legal affairs and trademark director.

**Look around campus and you'll see construction workers changing the Aggie landscape with new buildings and renovations. Likewise, changes are being made to N.C. A&T's trademarks.**

“Our three objectives for the university trademark program were to provide a sufficient number of logo choices, stress continuity of usage and offer transitional appeal,” Renwick said. “A university this size, with tremendous growth, momentum, and support, deserves a progressive trademark program.”

According to Renwick, the campus buy-in for this process has been overwhelmingly positive.

“It has been amazing to see the excitement people have for A&T and the amount of support generated around the trademark process.”

Renwick said A&T has worked with Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC) since 1997 to administer the university's trademark program. CLC is the leading collegiate licensing and marketing representative in America.

Based in Atlanta, CLC helps collegiate licensors protect and control the use of their logos through trademark licensing. Their clients include over 180 universities, bowl games, conferences, NCAA and Heisman Trophy.

# AGGIE TRADEMARKS TO GET

Aaron Coldren, university services coordinator for CLC, says his company has been in existence for 22 years and has garnered clients such as 10 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Bayou Classic, Duke, North Carolina State, UNC-Chapel Hill, Maryland, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

Coldren has seen the A&T logo program grow over the past six years but suggests there is so much potential and market share for the university to capture. CLC has assisted approximately 60 universities in the last six years with logo improvement programs. He said it is significant for a university to improve trademarks for this affects marketing and branding initiatives.

“You do this to look like a forward-moving university,” he said. “Students often perceive the image of the university from a visual standpoint, so it’s what they see first that influences decisions. This is why universities must stay abreast of changing times.”

Coldren said, “Exposure is huge when you have a logo that’s ‘cool’ ... retailers and licensees are more inclined to invest and get behind the school’s products and further the university’s exposure through retail markets.”

CLC enlisted the services of Phoenix Design Works, New York, to help A&T improve its logo offerings. The university has been working with Phoenix since last fall to access, evaluate and improve the university’s current trademark holdings. The design firm is working to assist with athletic and word marks.

The process utilizes a focus group approach to review designs from Phoenix. Focus group representatives include the PR Council, Futures Marketing Committee, students, faculty, staff,

alumni and external supporters. The group is narrowing recommendations on athletic and word marks to be presented to the chancellor and his cabinet for final approval.

A&T Director of Agricultural Communications Robin Adams said she thinks the group is looking for originality.

“As those of us in the focus group look at approaches and recommendations, we are looking for one main thing ... the wow factor!”

Renwick, and the group suggest an October 2003 unveiling.

“At the end of the process, we believe these new trademarks will infuse greater enthusiasm and appreciation for Aggie Pride,” Renwick said.



# NEW ATTITUDE!

## Logo Licensing Process

North Carolina A&T State University has contracted with the Collegiate Licensing Company to serve as its licensing agent. CLC will act as the university’s exclusive agent to license the use of the indicia (designs, trademarks, service marks, logos, graphics and symbols) in such a manner as to preserve the integrity, character and dignity of the university and maintain the reputation of the indicia as designating high quality merchandise. The Collegiate Licensing Company currently administers the trademark licensing programs for over 150 colleges, universities, bowls and conferences. If you are interested in

obtaining a North Carolina A&T State University logo license, you must contact:

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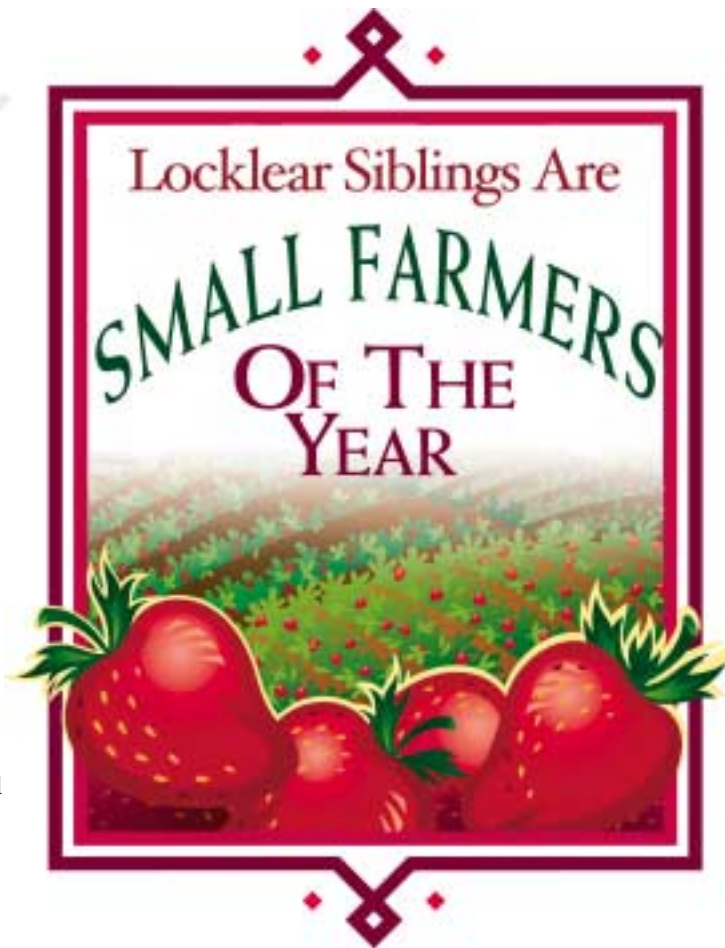


By Cathy Gant Hill

PEMBROKE --- Ellery Locklear, 23, and his sister Amy Locklear-Cummings, 21, have their own combination of experience, commitment and passion for farming that is reaping distinction for this unique sibling team.

The two are the 2003 Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dudley Small Farmers of the Year, a designation conferred during a Small Farms Day luncheon held March 26 at North Carolina A&T State University. The award is presented annually by the Cooperative Extension Program of the N.C. A&T School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

Locklear and Locklear-Cummings were chosen for their prudent stewardship of the land while utilizing resources and enhancing farm operations through Cooperative Extension programs. The Robeson County siblings operate Locklear Farms, which harvests more than 20 kinds of fruits, vegetables and flowers on eight acres just south of Pembroke.



*Their combined ages don't even add up to a Jubilee season, which in farm speak refers to a banner harvest that takes 50 years to cultivate.*

holding down full-time jobs outside the farm, have garnered them many admirers. Two of their biggest supporters are Nelson Brownlee, Robeson County area farm management agent, and Martin Brewington, Robeson County agricultural technician.

"You don't find young farmers today trying to make an effort or a go of it on a farm," says Brownlee, who along with Brewington nominated the brother and sister for the award. "Those two are rare."

Locklear-Cummings is a bubbly, assertive, adoring younger sister to Locklear's steady, assessing, man-of-few-words demeanor.

Locklear doesn't talk much, but when he does speak it's mostly about the land, his love of it and his commitment to it.



Amy Locklear-Cummings

In addition to their youth, their willingness to try new farming techniques and their success at doing so, as well as their adherence to a work schedule that includes

"I've been planting for more than seven years," he says during a break from tending the fields and the greenhouse on his family farmstead. "I started before I had a (driver's) license."

At school, when teachers did career assessments and students checked a box next to the job they wanted to pursue,



Ellery Locklear

Locklear never could find one for farming. So he created his own box.

“I’ve loved this ever since I can remember,” Locklear says.

For Locklear-Cummings, her devotion to the family farm is fueled by legacy. Their mother, Vernon Hazel Locklear, a retired teacher who still lives on the farmstead, and their late father, Willie Sanford Locklear, diligently worked the farm they bought in 1969. The couple passed on their moral code, their work ethic and farming to their children.

“Daddy taught Ellery,” Locklear-Cummings says, “and Ellery taught me.”



*Ellery Locklear observes while his sister, Amy Locklear-Cummings, tends to seedlings.*



Brownlee and Brewington describe Locklear and Locklear-Cummings as “remarkable people” whose involvement in state and county Cooperative Extension programs has given them an edge for success.

“When Ellery cannot attend a workshop, Amy is always there to learn about new production and management practices,” the two say in their nomination form.

Locklear Farms is in the Cooperative Extension Program’s Farm Opportunities Program, the Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program, and the Farmers Adopting Computer Training Project. Locklear Farms was also a site on the Small Farmer Alternative Research Tour and was a recipient of A&T’s Golden Leaf Project, through which Locklear was able to pay for the plasticulture, a method by which

crops are seeded and grown underneath plastic sheaths protecting each row.

The star crop currently being cultivated at Locklear Farms is strawberries, which are ready for picking by early April. They and some of the other crops get an earlier-than-traditional start on the season through the benefit of plasticulture. Locklear learned about the system three years ago when he was on an agricultural tour with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

The Small Farmer of the Year Award was established by North Carolina entrepreneur Joseph L. Dudley, president of Dudley Products Inc., as a tribute to his parents’ commitment to higher education and appreciation of farming. Dudley is an A&T alumnus. ■



*The Locklear siblings farm more than 20 kinds of fruits, vegetables and flowers on eight acres just south of Pembroke, N.C.*

## Center for Entrepreneurship Established

By Laurie Gengenbach

Students at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University who want to succeed in business will be better prepared to do so, thanks to the recent establishment of the Interdisciplinary Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business.



“Our students are very interested in entrepreneurship, and we know also that entrepreneurship is very critical to economic development locally and nationally,” said Dr. Thaddeus

McEwen, director. “The Center will allow us to expand existing programs and resources into a more structured program that stresses hands-on, experiential learning.”

Landscape architecture, business, technology, nursing, horticulture, engineering, computer science, music and journalism represent just a few of the N.C. A&T majors where potential exists to parlay academic knowledge into new business ventures, he added.

A cornerstone of the Center is a new certificate in entrepreneurship program for students interested in individual or corporate entrepreneurship. An important feature will be an entrepreneurship lab that will match students with business executives and entrepreneurs in the community to help individuals or small groups in refining their business plans and getting their ventures up and running. Another feature will be a virtual incubator that will host and provide e-business support to student Internet businesses for their first year.

Other features of the Center will include internships and an entrepreneur-in-residence program, a database of community

entrepreneurs to serve as mentors, a website, a resource center, a workshop and lecture series for students and community groups, a student entrepreneur award, and a business plan competition open to high school and college students.

Though the Center is housed in the School of Business and Economics, it has been designed to embrace the entire university. The business school joined forces with the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and the School of Technology to create the Center and ensure it would contribute to the interdisciplinary and collaborative learning environment at A&T. The three schools will promote a faculty interest group to brainstorm ideas for incorporating entrepreneurship into non-business disciplines at A&T.

“The Center can serve the needs of majors from just about any discipline, from the performing arts major who wants to figure out how to start a community theatre, to the family studies major who wants to start a child care business, to the music major who wants to sell sheet music on line,” said McEwen, coordinator of the Center’s e-business program. “If you’re interested in working for yourself, we want to help you make it happen.”

Evidence of student interest in business can be seen in the growing enrollment in the course in entrepreneurship, which attracted just 24 students yearly in 1995, compared to 140 per year today.

More information about the Center is available by calling Thaddeus McEwen at (336) 334-7656, extension 4030, or Dr. Beryl McEwen at (336) 334-7657, extension 4000. ■

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## African Governance Discussed

A symposium on African Governance, Philosophical Thought and Rule of Law was held April 26 at North Carolina A&T. The theme was “Accelerating African Unity, Peace and Progress through Understanding of Traditional African Governmental Structures and Practices.”

Sponsored by the university and AmeriDream, Inc. (Gaithersburg, Md.), and in collaboration with Guilford College and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the symposium examined the political, economic, religious and social justice systems, as well as the governmental structures and philosophy of traditional African society, with emphasis on the Bassa model of governance.

The symposium was based on six basic topics that were chosen in support of the central theme of *Nyanyan Gohn-Manan: History, Migration and Government of the Bassa*, a book by Dr. Syrulwa Somah. Somah is an assistant professor at N.C. A&T and the lead organizer of the symposium.

Rev. Joseph M.N. Gbadyu, Bassa historian and former Liberian Deputy Minister of Local Government, was the keynote speaker. Other speakers included educators, writers, and political and religious figures from the United States and Africa. ■

## A&T Has Phi Kappa Phi Chapter

On March 31, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University received formal notification that it has been awarded a chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

The news culminated a six-month effort that included the development of a lengthy petition and a site visit by two officers of the organization. Dr. Peter Meyers, professor of history and director of the Honors Program at N.C. A&T, led the effort.

“The award of this new chapter represents a campus victory that brings with it many benefits to our faculty and students, as well as provides additional validation of the high quality of our academic and research programs,” Meyers said.



The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society in the United States. Founded in 1897, it has fewer than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines because of the very high standards it requires new chapters to meet. A&T joins Tennessee State University as the only two HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) with chapters.

Phi Kappa Phi awards over \$500,000 each year in scholarships as well as support for students to pursue both internships and study abroad semesters. It awards over \$100,000 per triennium to chapters for special projects. Finally, it also funds national and regional awards for outstanding scholars and artists.

“No other honor society invests so much in the academic and intellectual development of its members,” Meyers added. “Our students and faculty will soon be able to compete for these funds.”

Meyers said that the chapter’s first installation of faculty and students probably will occur next fall.

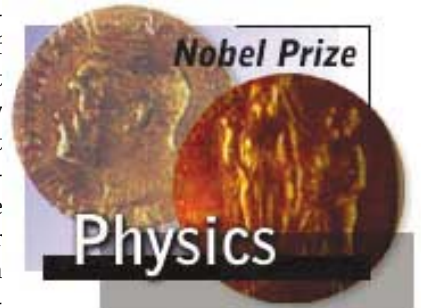
“Students from all disciplines are eligible for membership, but only when they become juniors and seniors,” he said. “The top 7.5% of last-term juniors and 10% of seniors can be invited to join. In general, most juniors and all seniors in the Honors Program will be eligible for membership.”

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit the website at: [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org). For information about the Honors Program of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, call Peter Meyers at (336) 256-0277, or visit the website: [www.ncat.edu/~honors](http://www.ncat.edu/~honors). ■

## Nobel Prize Winner Speaks at Colloquium

Carl Edwin Wieman, winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physics, was the guest lecturer at a colloquium hosted by the department of physics in March. “Bose-Einstein condensation, quantum weirdness at the lowest temperature in the universe” was the title of the discussion.

Dr. Wieman is Distinguished Professor of Physics and JILA (Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics) Fellow at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He is the author of over 150 scientific articles in internationally recognized journals and he holds three patents. He earned a B.S. from MIT, a Ph.D. from Stanford University and a Doctorate of Science from the University of Chicago.



In 1924, Albert Einstein predicted that a gas would undergo a dramatic transformation at a sufficiently low temperature, now known as Bose-Einstein condensation or BEC. In 1995, Wieman’s research group at JILA/University of Colorado was able to observe this transformation by cooling a gas sample to the unprecedented temperature of less than 100 billionths of a degree above absolute zero. During the A&T lecture, Wieman discussed how the Wieman Group creates BEC and some of the group’s subsequent research.

For further details about the colloquium and lecture, contact Dr. Solomon Bililign, chair of the physics department, at (336) 334-7646 or [bililign@ncat.edu](mailto:bililign@ncat.edu). ■



## M.S.A. Degree Program Approved

The UNC Board of Governors has approved the new Master of School Administration (M.S.A.) degree program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Courses will begin this fall.

Dr. Lelia Vickers is dean of the School of Education at N.C. A&T.

The M.S.A. program, which is administered by the School of Education, is designed to prepare individuals to manage schools and other organizations in a diverse and technological society. Completion of this program leads to eligibility for licensure from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and may qualify the individual for administration certification in other states.



Dr. Lola Jackson

“Graduates of the Master of School Administration program will work in administrative positions at the school building level,” said Dr. Lola V. Jackson, program coordinator, “or they will assume positions with local, state and national organizations that focus on educational issues in curriculum, research professional development or policy making.”

There are four special features of the program: (1) a highly

successful and well documented cohort model that fosters a learning environment of significant peer collaboration, as group members progress together through the program; (2) a preset sequence of courses and experiences designed to insure completion of the 42-hour program in two years (three years for extended time students); (3) participation in the North Carolina Principal Fellows Program, and (4) a highly qualified faculty whose expertise and command of the theory and practice of leadership support a genuine commitment to student success.

To apply for admission, submit a formal application to the School of Graduate Studies. Applicants must have earned a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree from an accredited college or university in the United States or the equivalent from an accredited institution in another country.

Information about North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, the School of Education and the M.S.A. program can be found on the university website at [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu), or by contacting Dr. Lola Jackson at [lvjackso@ncat.edu](mailto:lvjackso@ncat.edu), or by phone, (336) 334-7522. To apply, contact the School of Graduate Studies at (336) 334-7920 for admission materials.

For information about the North Carolina Principal Fellows Program, contact Dr. Karen F. Gerringer, P.O. Box 2688, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27515-2688, [kfg@ga.unc.edu](mailto:kfg@ga.unc.edu), (919) 962-4575. ■



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## Those Who Can, Teach

*North Carolina A&T English professor receives the state's and the university's highest teaching honors.*

Some people are born into their professions, like Sandra Carlton Alexander, an English professor at North Carolina A&T State University and an award-winning author.

Alexander was chosen by the UNC Board of Governors as a winner of the Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2003. The annual award honors the top professors at each of the system's 16 campuses. Each winner receives a commemorative bronze medalion and a \$7,500 cash prize.

Prior to receiving the state award Alexander was recognized as Teacher of the Year for the College of Arts and Sciences. The honor, which carries a \$1,000 stipend, was bestowed by her colleagues.

"The indication (to teach) was there early on," says Alexander. "Whenever one of my teachers asked me to explain points from the lesson, my classmates seemed to grasp whatever I was explaining. I enjoyed it because explaining reinforced what I already knew."

By the time she was a senior in high school, it was clear to Alexander that teaching was her calling.

Alexander left her family's tobacco farm in Warsaw, N.C., to attend A&T, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1969.

"Farming adversely affects your self-esteem," she said. "But farm life helped me to be focused, competitive and task oriented."

Those traits remained dominant in Alexander, as she also earned a master's degree in English from Harvard University and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Alexander has been a member of A&T's English faculty since 1974. During her tenure, she has compiled an exem-



Sandra Carlton Alexander, Ph.D.

plary record of teaching, administration, research, publication and service.

In the classroom, she has taught composition, literary studies, fiction, nonfiction, writing for science and technology and drama. Her devotion to her students is as well known as her unending search for innovative teaching methods that stimulate students to think critically and become active learners.

Part of Alexander's teaching philosophy is that educators are effective when they believe students want to learn and willingly extend themselves to engage students in the learning process. She says that students are truly engaged in learning when they are transformed from "listeners" into "doers."

Doreen Davis, a graduate student from England, says that Alexander's enthusiasm sparked lively discussions, and her classes invariably overran the scheduled time.

"Being so engaged, one was oblivious to time," Davis explains. "Her sensitive approach to students encouraged even the most timid to participate, and her positive feedback inspired confidence. I was particularly impressed with the intellectual challenges presented by Dr. Alexander's classes and the high standard of work expected."

"Young people deserve good teachers," Alexander says matter-of-factly. "They deserve to get their money's worth."

Alexander retired at the end of the 2002-03 school year. She plans to work on her version of the great American novel. ■

A close-up photograph of a soldier in full combat gear, including a helmet and camouflage uniform, aiming a rifle. The soldier is positioned in a field of tall grass, and the background is a blurred natural setting. The text is overlaid on the image, with the words 'AMERICA'S' and 'FINEST!' in a larger, blue font.

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AWARE OF EXACTLY  
WHAT IT TAKES TO  
BECOME  
AMERICA'S  
FINEST!**

*By Millicent Rothrock*

**O**n television and in newspapers Americans see accounts of soldiers leaving tearful families behind to fight so that their children will know peace. They see young men and women defending their homeland and each other amid blasting bombs and bullets. And after the fighting is done, they see smiling soldiers handing out food to starving children and getting hugs from grateful mothers.

It takes a lot to be an American soldier and even more to be a leader. Officers require guts, smarts, leadership and humanity to lead others into battle – qualities you cannot learn overnight.

And most don't learn these skills overnight. They start while in colleges and universities like North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, thanks to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

N.C. A&T proudly supports Army and Air Force ROTC programs. Through ROTC, students learn leadership, organizational skills, management skills and commitment, as well as military tactics and physical training. The ROTC pays for their education through scholarships and even provides a monthly stipend and an allowance for books and lab fees.

In return, cadets work ROTC courses into their academic schedules each semester and make time for early-morning physical training and a two-hour lab each week.

ROTC life mirrors active duty military life. Each cadet officer plans work, assigns duties to fellow cadets and makes sure that the work is accomplished to the highest standard.

"This acclimates them to what they will see on active duty," explains Lt. Col. Robert L. Rogers, commander of A&T Air Force ROTC detachment. "We try and move the (students) around so that each person gets experience and is challenged.

"Strong performers are not always in leadership roles because they already have skills. We may pull someone up who hasn't shown us a lot and put them in a command position so they have the opportunity to grow."

When they graduate, cadets are college educated officers with a guaranteed job complete with medical, dental, housing and retirement benefits.

That's exactly why 20-year-old Air Force Cadet Lt. Col. Cedric Holley joined during his freshman year.

"I was in the Air Force Reserves right after I got out of high school and once I was introduced to the military lifestyle, I

found out I like it," the junior political science major says. "It's paying for my education and the lifestyle of an active duty officer is nice. Your housing is paid for in a tax-free community. There is a lot of security and a lot more unity."

Like many cadets, Holley looks to ROTC to train him to become an effective leader.

"I particularly enjoy learning how to be a successful leader, to lead without being a dictator and getting your people to perform by motivating them."

Holley is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro – one of several colleges and universities in Guilford and Alamance counties that feed students into A&T's ROTC program.

## **AGGIE ROTC HISTORY**

One of the country's oldest ROTC detachments, the Army ROTC program began at A&T in 1919 under the leadership of Capt. Robert L. Campbell. A World War I veteran, Campbell distinguished himself on the battlefield, receiving two French Croix de Guerre awards for bravery and the U.S. Distinguished Service Cross for heroism. Before the war, Campbell developed patents with famed educator Booker T. Washington at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

From 1919 until 1945, ROTC programs all over the country – mostly at land grant universities – taught military leadership training but did not graduate commissioned officers.

But after the Second World War, with Cold War tensions brewing and the Army in need of officers, the government decided to make ROTC the primary officer training program for the regular army. Soon, it activated the ROTC command so that graduates could receive a commission by taking a series of military courses that allowed them to enter the military as an officer.

As a result, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, ROTC programs popped up all over the country, including the Air Force

ROTC program at A&T. This year, the Air Force ROTC celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its first commissioned class.

Until 1968, all males attending land-grant universities had

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# GENERALS ARMY RETIRED

## Maj. Gen. Charles D. Bussey

*was commissioned in June 1955 from N.C. A&T, where he received a B.S. degree in English. He also holds the honorary Doctorate of Humanities from A&T.*



*Bussey also has a master's degree in journalism from Indiana University and a master's degree in communications from Shippensburg State University. A charter member of the A&T Army ROTC Hall of Fame, he is a recipient of the university's Outstanding Alumni Award. He was the Army's first African American Chief of Public Affairs. He retired in 1989.*

## Maj. Gen. Reginal G. Clemmons

*was commissioned in 1968 from N.C. A&T. He earned a master's degree in education from South Carolina State College. A Vietnam veteran, he is a member of the A&T Army ROTC Hall of*



*Fame. Currently, he is the first African American commandant of the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.*

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to enter either the Army or Air Force ROTC program, says Lt. Col. Larry C. Burnett, commander of A&T's Army ROTC battalion.

Which military branch a student entered depended on whether his social security number ended in an odd or even number. One year, students with odd numbers would go into the Army and students with even numbers would enter the Air Force. Every so often, the two branches would switch off, Burnett says. This continued until 1968, when service was no longer mandatory.

"We used to only accept men, but now there are men and women from



a wide variety of races," Burnett says, adding that the Army accepted its first female cadet in 1972. The Air Force ROTC commissioned its first female the following year.

Although both programs are housed in Campbell Hall, named after the Aggie Army ROTC founder, A&T's two ROTC programs operate separately and offer distinctly different courses.

## ALL THE WAY!

The Aggie Army ROTC battalion has

commissioned more than 1,500 officers in the past 54 years, and more than 200 Aggie Army graduates are on active duty. The Army program prides itself on being one of the most diverse battalions in the state and for being one of the top producers of nurses in the country.

On campus, 71 out of 110 cadets are currently on scholarship with 16 scheduled to receive their commissions this year. Each year, the Army unit provides approximately \$800,000 in scholarships and financial incentives.

One of the pending graduates is Supply Cadet Capt. Janis Lullen, who graduates with an architectural engineering degree in December.

"I hope to get into the Army Corps of Engineers and build military facilities," the 22-year-old says. "A four-year scholarship drew me into ROTC and I'm used to the lifestyle now. I feel like I've grown both as an individual and a leader thanks to ROTC."

Each week, cadets like Lullen combine classes for their major with two hours of ROTC class, a two-hour ROTC lab and three physical fitness classes that begin at 6 a.m. three times a week. For both Army and Air Force students, there are drill teams, various competitions and volunteer work.

In ROTC, cadets study everything from leadership and self-esteem to first aid and technology awareness. Other topics include goal-setting, time management, communications, management and budget, human relations and health.

“Sometimes we teach simply based on need – especially ethics and values,” says Burnett. “Often cadets come in with ethics and values not consistent with our ethics and values in the military. We spend a lot of time on interpersonal things like self-esteem and goal-setting. If we can get that right, then everything else – like military drills and weapons training – kind of falls into place.”

“We have found out that with this current generation, it is important to build teams,” Burnett continues. “Many students grew up without interpersonal connections in front of computers and televisions, but that mode of thought won’t work in the military, you must work as a team.”

Perhaps the highlight of any Army cadet’s collegiate career comes during the summer after the junior year when he or she spends six adventure packed weeks at Fort Lewis, Wash.

“The camp is the culmination of everything they have learned so far in

ROTC,” Burnett says. “It allows the Army to evaluate them and see what they can do. More than 3,500 cadets attend and are divided into squads to see how well they function as a team.”

Cadets must be physically and mentally prepared to fight. They are tested on land navigation (they are given eight points in a field environment and must use a compass to locate all eight points within several miles), team building, physical fitness, peer ratings and leadership.

More than 30 years later, retired Army Col. Paul Jones still remembers his summer camp experience and the valuable lessons he learned there.

“It was 1970 at Fort Bragg,” he recalls. “More than 75 schools were there and we found out we were as competitive as anyone there. It gave our self-confidence a boost in navigation, leadership and team work,” says Jones, who went on to enjoy a successful legal career and now serves as a Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for District 8-A, which includes 12 eastern North Carolina counties. Jones was recently inducted into the A&T Army ROTC Hall of Fame.

“ROTC was great for me because it gave me insight into planning and, more than anything else, discipline,” Jones adds. “You learn to take the good with the bad and achieve your goals, sometimes in hostile circumstances. It prepared me for my current position. I still appreciate what ROTC has done. I think back to my early days and how I learned to respond to requests and stand up with confidence in front of groups – to be a leader and not fear competition and not be intimidated by being a minority in a majority world.

“Whether you realize it or not,” says

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## GENERALS ARMY RETIRED

### **Maj. Gen. Hawthorne L. Proctor**

*received his commission in 1968 from N.C. A&T, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He received a master's degree in public administration from*



*Central Michigan University in 1976. He was the Army's first African American quarter master general and he currently directs logistics operations for the Army, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va.*

### **Brig. Gen. Clara L. Adams-Ender**

*was commissioned in 1962 from N.C. A&T, where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing. She has a master's degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Military*



*Art and Science degree from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Adams-Ender is the first African American female to command a major installation. She retired from the Army in 1993 and currently resides in Lake Ridge, Va. She is president and CEO of CAPE Associates Inc., a management consulting agency.*



# GENERALS ARMY RETIRED

## Brig. Gen. Voneree Deloatch

*was commissioned June 11, 1964, from N.C. A&T. He holds a bachelor's degree in social studies and history from A&T, and a master's degree in public administration from Howard University. A Vietnam veteran, he was promoted to brigadier general in 1996. He retired from the military in 1999 and is currently president and CEO of Deloatch Consulting Services Inc. He lives in Silver Spring, Md.*



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Jones, "we are always being tested and evaluated on our performance. And the military is just basically what you will go through in the civilian world, it's just more structured."

## AIR POWER!

Established 52 years ago, A&T's Air Force ROTC is currently the number



one producer of African American officers in the Air Force, an honor it has held since 1971. Since its beginnings more than a half-century ago, the AFROTC has commissioned more than 1,500 officers.

This year, the detachment has given out \$120,000 in scholarship money to its 81 cadets.

New cadets begin their course of study with the General Military Course. Freshmen and sophomores attend a one-hour class and a two-hour leadership laboratory each week. The

freshman course introduces students to the USAF and provides an overview of the basic characteristics, missions and organization of the Air Force.

The sophomore course is designed to examine the general aspects of air and space power through a historical perspective, covering everything from the first balloons and dirigibles to the space-age global position systems of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During their junior year, cadets study leadership, management fundamentals, professional knowledge, Air Force personnel and evaluation systems, leadership ethics and communication skills. Seniors examine the national security process, regional studies, advanced leadership ethics and Air Force doctrine.

Between their sophomore and junior years, students attend field training at one of three Air Force bases, where they participate in leadership training, physical training and academic study.

"The work they will do on active duty comes more from their majors than what we would teach them in ROTC," says Lt. Col. Rogers, adding current cadets are studying engineering, computer science, psychology, music, English, history and electrical computer technology.

"We teach leadership, organization skills and management skills to carry over to their career more than the nuts and bolts of a particular assignment," Rogers adds.

A&T's Air Force ROTC has produced numerous outstanding leaders during its 50 years, including retired Capt. Henry E. Frye, retired Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, who was one of 18 cadets in the first graduating class of commissioned officers in 1953.

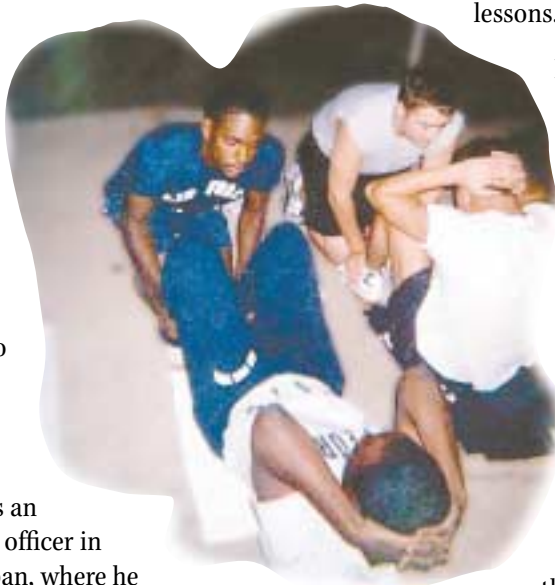
“Back then, everybody had to take the Army ROTC basic course, it was mandatory for all males,” Frye explains. “At the time, I wasn’t interested in taking any advanced courses, but then I heard fellas talking about the Air Force program. It was exciting and new, and I decided I wanted to try it.

“I enjoyed it, and we had some good teachers,” Frye says, adding that subject matter ranged from aeronautics to the code of military justice.

Frye served as an ammunitions officer in Korea and Japan, where he met an attorney who helped the young soldier determine his life’s work.

“I had a good experience with a military lawyer in Japan who taught English to prisoners in the stockade. I was very impressed by that. He happened to be an Army officer, but I forgave him for that,” Frye laughs. “At that point, I started to consider a career in law.”

Frye went on to graduate with honors from the University of North Carolina School Of Law in 1959. His stellar legal career was crowned in 1983 when he became the first African American appointed to the North Carolina Supreme Court, where he served as chief justice for several years before his retirement in 2001. He also served in the State Senate and N.C. House of Representatives.



“The biggest thing ROTC teaches is discipline and part of discipline is respect for authority,” Frye says. “And it teaches some planning and it’s pretty good at condensing a lot of academic material into something real and practical. And the organization it teaches is one of life’s key lessons.”

Rogers agrees, adding that his cadets are well-prepared to face the world.

“Everybody in the military is a professional,” he says. “We are dedicated to doing our jobs to the best of our ability and doing them the way they should be done. And we are dedicated to serving our country.”

The war in Iraq has not affected how cadets carry out their jobs, both Rogers and Burnett say, adding that soldiers are always proud to serve their country.

“In the last few weeks, I’ve had so many folks tell me as I walk around town how much they appreciate the folks in the military,” Rogers says. “Spirit increases when we get into conflict like this. But there are always people out there, even in the quietest times, who support you. It’s just highlighted during these times. The public is always very supportive.” ■

*\* This article was written in April 2003.*

## GENERALS AIR FORCE RETIRED

### **Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil**

*received his commission in 1963 from N.C. A&T and earned a graduate degree in corporate finance from New York University in 1976. In 1991, he received the honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Humanities from N.C. A&T. A member of the Greensboro Four who tested segregated policies at Greensboro’s Woolworth’s store with a sit-in, he is lauded as a hero of the Civil Rights Movement. He retired from the Air Force Reserves in 2001.*



### **Brig. Gen. William E. Stevens**

*received his commission in 1970 from N.C. A&T, where he received a bachelor’s degree in business administration. He also received a master’s degree in national security affairs and African studies from the Naval Postgraduate School. Before retiring in 1998, he served as assistant deputy undersecretary of the Air Force for International Affairs. He passed away Jan. 5, 2003.*



## Students

■ **Byron M. Adkins**

**Jr.**, a senior electrical engineering major and cadet in the Army ROTC program, was awarded the George C. Marshall ROTC Award at the ROTC National Security Seminar held April 15-18 in Lexington, Va. The award is presented to the most outstanding Army ROTC cadet at each university offering ROTC across the nation.



■ **Lauren McGee**,

president of the Environmental Science Club, wrote a proposal that resulted in the club being chosen as one of 18 campus organizations to become a Strategies for Ecology Education, Development and Sustainability (SEEDS) Campus Ecology Chapter. The SEEDS program began in 1996 as a collaborative effort between the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), Ecological Society of America (ESA), and the Institute for Ecosystem Studies (IES). Benefits of being a SEEDS chapter include travel funds, field trips, research fellowships and faculty development funds. The university



has an opportunity to receive more than \$20,000 per year for ecological activities. McGee is a freshman majoring in earth and environmental science and mathematics.

■ **Felicia R. Williams**,

a Ph.D. candidate in electrical engineering, was one of three presenters at a symposium titled "Guide to Navigating the Ph.D. in Engineering and Science: A Woman's Perspective," which was held on campus in March. The other presenters were Indira Nair, Ph.D., professor and vice provost for education at Carnegie Mellon University, and Juliet E. Wynn, M.D., visiting research faculty in cell biology and physiology at the University of Pittsburgh.



■ At the 2002 Annual Fall Conference of the National Association of Industrial Technology held in Panama City, Fla., **Yuqui You**, a Ph.D. candidate in technology management, received the Best Graduate Student Research Award.

■ Thirty-four journalism and mass communication students and 13 media professionals from across the nation partici-

pated in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Student Broadcast Short Course in March. Participants from A&T were **Danya Bacchus, Emily Bailey, Robert Bodison, Antoinette Brown, Jennifer Carter, Erica Coleman, Eboni Davis, Karen Fairey, Jamie Galloway, Tim Jennings, Miatta Johnson, Saida Malik, LaDonna Martin, Chad McKelvey, Marvin Morrison, Joia Nunn, Kevette Peterson, Brad Taylor** and **Kipling Wilson**. The short course, which is hosted by the department of journalism and mass communication at A&T, is designed to acquaint African American college students with behind-the-scenes jobs in the broadcast industry. It is aimed at encouraging the students to pursue television management as a career. (See p. 28)

■ Five A&T students

exhibited their intellectual prowess in the 2003 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Quiz Bowl, which was held March 26-31 in Orlando, Fla. Selected to participate based on their performance in the school-wide tournament were **Antoine Harris** (pictured, captain), **Jonathan Rosero, William Griffin, Justin Bullock** and **Derrick Ware** (alternate).



## Faculty & Staff



Dr. Sandra C. Alexander



Dr. Marihelen Glass



Dr. Thaddeus McEwen



Dr. Gloria Palma



Dr. Robert B. Pyle



Dr. Sonja Wilson

■ During the annual Honors Day Convocation, six members of the faculty received the university's highest teaching award for the 2002-03 academic year. Drs. **Sandra C. Alexander** of the College

of Arts and Sciences; **Marihelen Glass**, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; **Thaddeus McEwen**, School of Business and Economics; **Gloria Palma**, School of Education; **Robert B. Pyle**,

School of Technology; and **Sonja Wilson**, School of Nursing, were recognized as Teachers of the Year for their respective college/school on March 20.

## CampusBRIEFS

■ **Dr. Joyce G. Dickerson**, associate professor and director of the domestic violence program, has received the Fruit of Her Hands: Academic and Community Alliance



Award from The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute (BCDVI). Award recipients are recognized for justice seeking, determination, courage and faith as they organize their communities to address domestic violence. The Academic and Community Alliance Award is given to an individual who has a campus-based training program that encourages established professionals to train alongside undergraduate and graduate students. Dickerson was recognized for her innovative and dedicated work as a local domestic violence activist. Based in Atlanta, BCDVI works to develop partnerships with governments, churches, and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

■ **Jerry Eaves**, a former assistant coach with the Cleveland Cavaliers, has been named head basketball coach. The Louisville, Ky., native graduated from the



University of Louisville, where he was a starting guard. As a player, he led the team to the NCAA Championship in 1980 and to the Final Four in 1982. He went on to play in the NBA with the Utah Jazz, where he was a member of the 1983 NBA All-Rookie Second Team. He also played with the Atlanta Hawks and the Sacramento Kings. Eaves has had stints as a professional assistant coach with two other teams – the New Jersey Nets (1994-96) and the Charlotte Hornets (1999-2001). He was assistant coach for the Cavaliers this season. In the collegiate coaching arena, Eaves served as an associate head coach with Howard University from 1990-94. Under his leadership the team won the MEAC Tourna-

ment in 1992. He also served as an assistant coach with the University of Louisville from 1996-99, learning from legendary coach Denny Crum.

■ **Dr. Joseph Michael Green** has

been named director of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at N.C. A&T. Green is an adjunct professor in the political science department.



■ **Dr. Lola Jackson**

has been named coordinator of the Master of School Administration (M.A.S.) degree program. Jackson's background includes associate professor for career and technical education at Wayne State University; consultant for the National Center for Research in Vocational Education, University of California-Berkeley; state director of career and technical education, Michigan State Department of Education; and public school teacher. She has a B.S. in home economics from Howard University, a M.A. in consumer education from Wayne State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Michigan State University.



■ **Dr. William K. James**, professor, has

received the Outstanding Industrial Technology Professor Award for Division III from the National Association of Industrial Technology. James was among six professors from across the nation and Taiwan honored. James has taught at N.C. A&T since 1992, when he was hired to start the M.S. degree program in industrial technology. In 1999-2000, he was named Teacher of the Year for the School of Technology.



■ **Dr. Wyatt Kirk**, chairman of the department of human development and services, and **Dr. David Lundberg**, an

assistant professor in the department, have been elected presidents of different divisions within the American Counseling Association. It is a rare occurrence for two faculty members in the same department at the same university to be elected president of their respective divisions of the ACA in the same year. Kirk will lead the Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development. Lundberg will lead the Association for Assessment in Counseling. They will begin serving as presidents-elect in July 2003.



*Dr. Wyatt Kirk*



*Dr. David Lundberg*

■ **Camille L. Kluttz-Leach** has been

appointed assistant legal counsel for N.C. A&T. Before joining A&T, Kluttz-Leach was staff attorney for Montgomery County (N.C.) Department of Social Services. She received her J.D. degree from North Carolina Central University and her B.A. in psychology and sociology from Wake Forest University.



■ **Dr. Perry V. Mack**,

professor of biology, was elected to a two-year term as treasurer for the Southern Region of the National Association of Minority Medical Educators at the organization's annual meeting in Galveston, Texas.



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■ **Dr. Tamrat Mereba**, director of the Academy for Teaching and Learning, **Dr. Karen Guy**, assistant professor and director of student teaching and internships in the School of Education, and **Don Estler**, coordinator of distance learning, presented a paper at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla. The paper, "Integration of Technology into Teaching and Learning: The Challenges facing Higher Education in The Information Age," highlights challenges of determining how the various forms of technology should be organized and used by reducing costs and increasing efficiency for providing students an effective educational experience far beyond the traditional classroom. The presenters shared the efforts of A&T's Academy for Teaching and Learning (ATL) to develop and deliver a seamless university-wide technology support system that encourages resource sharing, collaborative work and improved workflow among the various academic departments of the university.



Dr. Tamrat Mereba



Dr. Karen Guy



Don Estler

■ "Collegiate Adult Children of Alcoholics: Increasing Awareness and Providing Campus Services," a book chapter written by **Dr. Judy Rashid**, has been published in *Diversity in*



*America: Visions of the Future* (Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company). In the chapter she helps to expand the number of topics on diversity by presenting research findings on the characteristics of adult children of alcoholics, how they are impacted by the college experience, and ways that faculty and student services personnel can meet the needs of this growing population.

Rashid, dean of students, has been named chair of the Senior Student Affairs Officers Program Track for the 2004 Conference of the Association of Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA). In this position, she will be responsible for selecting national topics of interest and facilitators for the conference program. With approximately 1,600 members, ASJA is the premier national organization for student judicial affairs administrators.

■ Chancellor **James Carmichael Renick** has been named chairman of the Greater Greensboro Merchants Association Board of Directors. Serving a one-year term, Renick is the first African American selected to chair the GMA Board of Directors. He will lead the 1,700-member organization in its efforts to build greater ties between Greensboro's academic and business communities. He says that this is an opportunity for North Carolina A&T State University and other institutions of higher learning in the area to encourage more businesses to become partners in education.



■ **Dr. Abolghasem Shahbazi**, professor of bioenvironmental engineering, has been elected chair of the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, which educates and advocates for clean smoke



stacks, reduced emissions and greater use of green energy including solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric and bio fuels.

■ **Dr. Harmohindar Singh**, director of the Center for Energy Research and Technology, received the 2003 E.K. Campbell Award of Merit at the national meeting of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning.



■ **Dr. Clifford Watkins**, music professor, has written the biography of Perry George Lowery, a groundbreaking African American cornetist. Watkins' book, *Showman - The Life and Music of Perry George Lowery*, tells the story of how the cornet player, a quiet maverick, became the standard that shook American music. The publisher is University Press of Mississippi.



## Others

■ **Dr. Charles E. McQueary**, former trustee, is the new undersecretary for science and technology for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. McQueary recently retired as president of General Dynamics Advanced Technology Systems in Greensboro. ■



# Six Graduate with Perfect GPAs

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University graduated 1,100 students at the spring commencement ceremonies held May 10. Six students graduated with perfect 4.0 grade point averages: **Vicki L. Case, Ellis T. Cozart, Andre'J. McSwain, James E. Mason Jr., Richard M. Wagner** and **Zanjabil Williams-White**.

Case, 48, is a native of Greensboro. She received her degree in business education. She holds an associate's degree in accounting from Guilford Technical Community College. Case plans to teach business education in North Carolina public schools and eventually attend graduate school.

Cozart, 22, received his degree in mechanical engineering. The Oxford, N.C., native is taking a position with Merck & Company in the Merck Management Development Program. He is the son of Juanita Hargrove Cozart and Ellis Cozart Jr.

Mason, 21, is an accounting major from Hope Mills, N.C. Mason has accepted a job at Wachovia Corporation (Charlotte, N.C.) in the corporate finance division. His ultimate goal is to secure a M.B.A. and to pursue a career in corporate tax. He is the son of James Errick Mason Sr. and Georgianna Mason.

McSwain, 28, is a native of Lewisville, N.C. He received his degree in economics. This summer he will complete the Summer Minority Program for Economics in Denver, Colo. In the fall, he will pursue his doctorate in economics at Michigan State University. He is the son of Carnell Randall and Linda McSwain-Randall.

Wagner, 33, received his degree in landscape architecture. He also has a B.A. degree in economics from East Carolina University. Wagner was born in New York City and he attended high school in Greensboro. His parents are Dennis W. K. Wagner (father), Marsha Wagner (stepmother), Rosalind Pierce (mother) and Louis Pierce (stepfather). Wagner's mother received her degree from A&T in landscape architecture in 1986, and they are the first mother/son duo to complete the program. The day after graduation, Wagner married his finance, Heather Devault.

Williams-White, 25, is a native of Danville, Va. She received her degree in accounting. She the executive director and CFO of a business that she started with two friends. She is married to Abdul-Kareem White, and they have three daughters: Nailah, Zakira and Fatima. Willilams-White's parents are Maryam Funches (mother), Carl Williams (father) and Marshena Williams (stepmother). ■



*Ellis T. Cozart*



*Vicki L. Case*



*Andre'J. McSwain*



*James E. Mason Jr.*



*Zanjabil Williams-White*



*Richard M. Wagner*

# Commencement Highlights 2003



Commencement speaker Julian M. Earls shares words of wisdom with the class of 2003: degrees alone do not make you smart; God is in charge; always acknowledge those who helped you; recognize and accept truth; be human; and cement (your) knowledge by teaching. Earls, who was given an honorary doctorate during commencement, is center deputy director at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Glenn Research Center.



Alumnus Vernell Stallings '64, '71MS (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) is the 2003 recipient of the Alumni Excellence Award. He was lauded for his 25 years of dedicated service as an employee and for being the first and only employee in A&T's history to give a Charitable Retainer Uni-Trust donation to the university. Also pictured are Vice Chancellor David Hoard, Alumni Affairs Director Harriet Frink Davis and Alumni Association President John Petty.



Col. Adam Harrell '53, celebrates the 50th anniversary of his graduation with his granddaughter Brook Harrell, a 2003 graduate.



Walter O. Evans, M.D. (right) receives an honorary doctorate. The owner of one of the largest collections of African American art and letters, Evans was recognized for contributing to the excellence, growth, support and availability of art in America.



Brooke Myatt, Miss A&T 2002-03, communicates the good news.



*We made it!*



## First African American Female Ph.D. Candidates Graduate

by *Nettie Collins Rowland '72, '95MS*



*Drs. Tracee L. Jamison and Mary Louise Murdock*

**Tracee Lynn Jamison** and **Mary Louise Cook Murdock** made history on May 10 becoming the first African American females to complete doctoral programs in engineering at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Jamison, a native of Washington, D.C., received her Ph.D. in electrical engineering. Her dissertation is titled "Lithium Niobate Cylinder Fiber." In her research, Jamison created a fiber modulator used for telecommunications and Naval applications. A major defense corporation is now interested in the fiber and that has prompted an invention disclosure for Jamison.

The 34-year-old currently has a job offer at NASA as a director of the photonics laboratory. She conducted research at NASA after completing her course work at A&T. Jamison aspires to teach at a university.

A&T professor Chung Yu was Jamison's advisor. She received her undergraduate degree from Howard University and her master's from Michigan State University. Both degrees were in electrical engineering.

Murdock, a 43-year-old who was born in Louisiana and grew up in Detroit, received her Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. Her dissertation is titled "A Parameter Sensitivity Study of a Porous Annulus with Blowing and Suction." Murdock created a program to simulate fluid flow with a porous medium. The program is capable of testing the effects of critical parameters during fluid flow within a porous medium under normal and adverse conditions.

Murdock is currently working at Murdock Concrete Company, a family-owned business, as a concrete batcher in charge of quality control. Murdock Concrete is the first black-owned ready mixed concrete company in Greensboro. Like Jamison, Murdock wants to teach at a university.

Dr. Meldon Human was Murdock's advisor. Murdock has a B.S. degree in mathematics from Bennett College and B.S. and M.S. degrees from A&T in mechanical engineering. ■



## ***Preliminary Schedule of Events***

### **Friday, August 29, 2003**

- 7:00 p.m. Jazz/R&B Concert  
7:30 p.m. Step Show & After Party

### **Saturday, August 30, 2003**

- 8:00 a.m. Golf Tournament  
11:00 a.m. Classic Fun Festival

### **Sunday, August 31, 2003**

- 11:00 a.m. Vendor Pavillion  
1:30 p.m. Kid's Pavillion  
4:00 p.m. Game Time / Carter-Finley Stadium

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*“Of all the civil rights for which the world has struggled and fought for 5,000 years, the right to learn has been bought by bitter sacrifice. And whatever we may think of the curtailment of other civil rights, we should fight to the last ditch to keep open the right to learn, the right to have examined in our schools not only what we believe, but what we do not believe; not only what our leaders say, but what the leaders of other groups and nations, and the leaders of other centuries have said. We must insist upon this to give our children the fairness of a start which will equip them with such an array of facts and such an attitude toward truth that they can have a real chance to judge what the world is and what its greater minds have thought it to be.”*

*---From **The Greatest Civil Right**, by W.E.B. DuBois*



*By Mable Springfield Scott '99MS*

The big, yellow school bus rolls onto campus each morning. As the door swings open, a lively group of high school students wave good-bye to the bus driver and hello to a new world.

Like other high school students, they're young and energetic. Unlike most of their peers, their classrooms are on the campus of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

The Reach Higher Program at N.C. A&T offers 19 non-traditional freshman and sophomore students new opportunities in an alternative learning environment.

“This pilot program just started March 3<sup>rd</sup> and it's only one of N.C. A&T's solutions for closing the achievement gap,” said Dr. Wyatt D. Kirk, chair of human development and services.

Michelle Hayes is project director or principal. According to her, the achievement gap is quickly closing for

students enrolled in the program. “The collective grade point average for students rose from 0.06 at Dudley High School to a 2.5 here at A&T,” said Hayes. “Overall attendance went from 77 percent to 85 percent. Disciplinary referrals decreased from 46 to 10.”

“Our faculty members have been engaged in helping to raise the bar for public school students,” said Lelia Vickers, dean of education. “This is part of our role as a change agent. Reach Higher has a middle college concept with students taking high school classes on a college campus.”

A&T's School of Education partnered with Dudley on a formal basis three years ago during an adoption ceremony involving Vickers, Chancellor James C. Renick and Jimmy Williams from the Greater Greensboro Community in Schools Program. A formal agreement was written along with a white paper titled *What Does Dudley High School Want to Be When It Grows Up*.

Dudley principal Tony Watlington, a 1992 A&T graduate, is a former A&T Student Government Association president and a former Guilford County Teacher of the Year. He has worked closely with Vickers on several initiatives involving faculty, staff and students in the School of Education.

The partnership designed a ninth grade transition program that Watlington said affected Dudley's drop-out rate (that has decreased two consecutive years) and math and English 9 scores (that have doubled).

“All we have to do is stay the course with the focus on ninth grade,” Watlington said.

According to Watlington, ninth grade is typically the time most students drop out. With excitement in his voice, Watlington explained, “I don't know of a university partnership with a public high school any where in the state that has essentially turned around students

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who were not reaching their potential in such a short time. We have given them a positive association and allowed them to see what lies ahead in terms of college. This dramatic improvement is phenomenal and we want to continue this partnership.



*Dr. Lola V. Jackson (left) and Dr. Bernadine S. Chapman with U.S. Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.) while lobbying on Capitol Hill to establish stronger governmental relations between A&T and legislators. Jackson is a 1987 graduate of N.C. A&T. In 2002 the university awarded him with an honorary doctorate.*

“We talk a lot about the achievement gap, but the key to closing that gap is to provide intervention and to connect students with real opportunities. Tutoring cannot do it. Reducing class size will not do it. We must fundamentally change things for students who normally do not receive what they need as individuals from a large high school.”

Hayes coordinates teaching, counseling and mentoring support from Dudley teachers, A&T professors and volunteers. Her students take a full load of classes within the Hodgkin Hall complex and eat lunch in the university cafeteria.

Progress is being made because the students have a whole new outlook on life just being on A&T’s campus. They receive daily, one-on-one attention to help strengthen their individual educational and socialization skills.

As professors and counselors interact with the students in the Reach Higher program, others are asking for federal assistance to close the achievement gap. Dr. Lola V. Jackson, program

coordinator for the Master of School Administration program, and Dr. Bernadine S. Chapman, an assistant professor in adult education, recently attended a national education conference in Washington, D.C., that was sponsored by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

NABSE is a nonprofit organization with over 5,000 members and the largest network of African American educators dedicated to improving the educational accomplishments of African decent.

The conference, which dealt with NABSE’s Guiding Principles for the Federal Role in Education and the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, focused on academic excellence and equity regarding the No Child Left Behind Act of

2001 that redefines federal roles in K-12 education. This comprehensive reform legislation is supposed to help cure educational challenges.

Unfortunately, necessary funding is still unavailable to implement many crucial programs for disadvantaged and minority students. Jackson and Chapman learned strategies to improve governmental relations; visited legislators, and lobbied Capital Hill on behalf of A&T’s School of Education.

“Resources along with a more collaborative approach are a must if we are to close the achievement gap between disadvantaged and minority young people and their peers,” Jackson pointed out. “We must be sensitive to these issues. We must hit ‘The Hill’ and lobby to make our voices heard as we build stronger relationships with legislators.”

The No Child Left Behind legislation has four principles:

- 1) Stronger accountability for results
- 2) Expanded flexibility and local control
- 3) Expanded options for parents
- 4) Emphasis on teaching methods that have been proven to work

Chapman said that going on Capitol Hill and talking with U.S. Senator John Edwards, U.S. Representative Mel Watt and others gave her a sense of empowerment.

“I was especially proud when our very own A&T alumnus, Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., gave an inspiring speech so educators could clearly understand why we need to be ‘at the table’ to voice our concerns with those who can make a difference.”

The NABSE conference also addressed over-representation of African American students in special education.

Making learning relevant for all students was a theme that evolved from NABSE focus groups. It was echoed in



*Dr. Lelia Vickers, dean of education at N.C. A&T, accepts an award on behalf of the university for Outstanding Support of Communities In Schools of Greensboro from Jimmi Williams, executive director*

Greensboro by a program sponsored by the School of Education and led by Dr. Cathy Kea, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction.

Special education faculty and students participated in the Closing the Achievement Gap Conference at Koury Convention Center in March. Special emphasis was placed on improving minority and at-risk student achievement. ■



A&T associate professor Olenda E. Johnson teaches officers at U.S. Army War College. She is the first African American female to hold this position.

## *A&T professor is first African American woman to teach at U.S. Army War College*

*By Nettie Collins Rowland '72, '95MS*

“Oh snap, I got it now,” is an expression that students often use when something is being explained to them and it finally clicks. It is moments like these, the “aha” moments, that makes teaching so fulfilling for North Carolina A&T associate professor Olenda Johnson.

Currently on leave from A&T (she will return this fall), Johnson is a visiting professor of organizational behavior at the U.S. Army War College.

In July 2002, the 38-year-old became the first African American female to teach at the College. It has been quite an experience for the vibrant professor who is no longer teaching undergraduates, but students with master's degrees, multiple degrees and Ph.D.s.

“These students have experienced things that many of us cannot begin to comprehend,” says the management professor, who received a formal invitation to teach at the College from the commandant, Maj. Gen. Robert Ivany. “I often tell my students they make CNN real for me.”

Consequently, Johnson is learning as much from her students as they are from her.

“There is an exchange that occurs during class dialogue that has been very stimulating,” she says.

Johnson says that the greatest difference between teaching at the War College and at A&T is the level of discourse and the context of discussions (military vs. business), given current world events.

A native of Cheyenne Wyo., she became interested in teaching while working at Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, N.Y., where she was participating in the Kodak Management Candidate Program (corporate “fast track”) and doing exceptionally well. However, after several years of toiling at the company, she began

to reflect on what she really wanted to accomplish in life.

The answer was revealed to her one day while she was reading an editorial by the former editor of *Essence* magazine, Susan Taylor: “The thing you enjoy doing most in life, is the thing God has placed you on this earth to do.”

Johnson began to analyze her life. She realized that the thing she enjoyed doing the most was teaching.

“I spent most of my free time teaching, whether teaching Junior Achievement or returning to my alma mater Florida A&M University annually to address the students,” she said.

It was at that point, that Johnson decided to pursue a Ph.D. and enter the world of academia.

Two years later she gave up her promising career at Kodak and enrolled in a doctoral program at Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh, where she would obtain her doctorate.

Johnson has been teaching since 1993. Her philosophy of teaching is simple: learn by doing.

“I have a very interactive teaching style that requires students to be engaged in their own learning,” she said. “I believe students gain and retain much more when they are actively involved in the learning process. I apply this same method whether teaching senior officers at the Army War College or underclassmen at A&T.”

Johnson's department chair at A&T, Dr. Paul G. Simmonds, describes her as one of the most dedicated and effective teachers at the university.

“Her teaching philosophy and classroom pedagogy demonstrates her commitment to excellence in teaching,” he said. “She uses her extraordinary talents to provide a climate where students are

stimulated to actively engage in learning both within and outside the classroom.

Johnson's effect on students is evident. She has repeatedly been selected in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, an honor bestowed on less than 2% of the nation's teachers. The recognition comes from students.

Former student Dana Coles, who graduated from A&T in 1998 with a degree in marketing and management, says Johnson is not only a gifted professor, but she is also a mentor to many of her business students.

"She allowed each of her students to become scholars in their own rights," Coles said, "always encouraging and mentoring us to become leaders in business and independent thinkers."

Entrepreneur Dennis Dingle, a 2002 A&T graduate who owns a furniture store, describes Johnson as enthusiastic, determined and a true go-getter.

"Dr. Johnson works with a passion, not just for her job, but for her students," Dingle said. "Her enthusiasm is directed into making certain that her students learn and understand that what she teaches in class are life lessons, not just subject knowledge."

Johnson's parents have influenced her a great deal and have been great role models for her. But faith has been her driving force.

"I walk by faith," Johnson said. "I believe in the power of God to orchestrate my circumstances. I am not a planner. I have never sat down and mapped out my future. I am faith-driven not career-driven."

By being the first black female to work at the U.S. Army War College, Johnson is following in her parents' footsteps.

"My parents cracked open doors for others through their involvement in the

*"A professor in my doctoral program once told me that the best thing about teaching was watching the light bulb go on," said Johnson. "I did not understand at the time, but now that I have experienced it there is no greater feeling."*

Civil Rights Movement. I guess in some way I am continuing the family tradition," she said.

The professor didn't perceive the full impact that being the first Black female would make until she attended the first assembly with the faculty. She and the



Johnson returned to Greensboro in May to participate in commencement exercises. Here she is pictured with two of her students, Nelson and Nicholas Williams of Oakland, Calif.

other faculty members were on stage in full dress uniforms and regalia and the students in the audience. After the convocation, several students approached her to indicate how important it was for them to see her and how proud they were of her.

Johnson says that she is not consistently conscious of being the only African American female faculty member at the College, and she thinks that both the students and faculty have accepted her as a full-fledged member. However, she is aware that she is setting the stage for others to follow. When Johnson arrived at War College, one of her biggest challenges was doubting her abilities.

"I recall having a panic moment early on about my ability to be an effective teacher in an environment where: (1) I am not a senior military officer like most of my colleagues and the students, (2) I was younger than all of my students, (3) the students had more significant experience than me, and (4) very few of the students looked like me."

Fortunately, with a very good friend and prayer partner Johnson was able to move forward.

"They reminded me that God will equip you with whatever he has called you to do," she said.

Johnson misses her students and is excited about returning to Aggieland. She will return to the university with a newfound respect for members of the Armed Forces, and considerable personal, spiritual and professional growth.

The outstanding teacher has often said that she would love to "grow up" and be a stay-at-home-mom. But through this seasoning, she is learning to be obedient and follow whatever plans God has made for her life.

"He is ordering my steps," she said. ■

## NABJ Short Course Puts Students in Touch with Media Professionals



Participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NABJ Broadcast Short Course held at North Carolina A&T State University

By Danya R. Bacchus

"It is a wonderful opportunity to learn firsthand from professionals about the media field," says Nagatha Tonkins, Short Course director for the National Association of Black Journalists.

The National Association of Black Journalists, along with the journalism and mass communications department at North Carolina A&T, hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Broadcast Short Course, March 19- 22. The Short Course is designed to encourage more African American journalism students to pursue television management as a career.

The project gives students access to African-Americans who currently work as news directors, producers, writers, assignment editors, directors and the like, at some of the top television stations in the country.

"The participants get the chance to learn more about management positions and hear from the professionals the importance of news management," Tonkins said.

Students from schools such as New York University, Clark-Atlanta University, Howard University and Western Illinois University all traveled to North Carolina to participate in the course.

Brandon Blue, a senior from Western Illinois University, said, "The experience was very valuable to me and my career goals."

Students from all schools had one goal to accomplish: to put together a 30-minute newscast. With the help of professionals, students formed groups and were given various assignments: some were anchors, reporters and videographers, while others

were producers, directors and editors. Story ideas were given, tasks were assigned and deadlines were met.

Room 111 in Crosby Hall quickly transformed from a classroom into a newsroom with producers trying to make sure the stories and scripts were in, editors putting reporters' packages together, and the professionals keeping a careful eye on the students to make sure there were no mistakes.

"The professionals pushed us to our full potential, making sure we had everything together," says Miatta Johnson, a junior at North Carolina A&T.

In addition to simulated newsroom experience, the Short Course allows students to network with professionals who can mentor, inspire, help guide their careers and help secure internships.

After two days of hard work and long hours, the conference ended with a luncheon where Mike Woolfolk, vice president of NABJ, was keynote speaker. Woolfolk explained how much he appreciated NABJ and everything the organization has done for him. He also encouraged students by naming individuals who participated in the Short Course as students and who are now producers, news directors and other top managers across the nation.

Each short course participant received a certificate for completing the course.

Jeff Roulston, a NABJ participant from Oakwood College in Alabama said, "Even though the short course was challenging, I was able to network and meet people who I know I will run into again in the future." ■



John A. Petty  
National Alumni President

# National Alumni President Bids Farewell

Dear Fellow Aggies:

I have completed four fantastic years as national president of the greatest alumni association in the world. During the past four years, we have witnessed some exciting and productive changes as we worked in partnership with Chancellor James C. Renick. These changes are too numerous to list; however, one needs only to talk to the students and walk around campus to hear and see the tremendous revival taking place at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

My administration takes this opportunity to thank you – the alumni – for making my four years smooth sailing. You are an amazing group of talented and committed volunteers. I also would like to thank the staff of the Office of Alumni Affairs for their dedication, service and hard work.

To the future leadership of the N.C. A&T Alumni Association, I pledge my support and request that you be ever mindful of the *Aggie Pride Compact* that manifests the essence of Aggie Pride:

**Achieving Great Goals In Everything  
Producing Renowned Individuals Dedicated to Excellence  
“AGGIE PRIDE”**

Remember, our greatest resource is our students. We must embrace the *Compact* and generously support our university in every way that we can.

“From Generation to Generation: The Campaign for North Carolina A&T – the goal is \$100 million. Let’s make it real. Many thanks to the Class of 1953, whose members already have contributed more than \$167,000 in cash and \$3 million in pledges through planned gifts toward the campaign.

Again, it has been my pleasure to serve. I wish my successor the very best and look forward to working with you.

With Aggie Pride,

John A. Petty '70



## Greetings from the Office of Alumni Affairs

### “Making the Connection - from Good to Great”

Having served as your director of Alumni Affairs for approximately two years, I am ecstatic about the never-ending possibilities of this office, especially when I think about interacting with more than 38,000 graduates of A&T.



Harriet Frink Davis '77, '89MS

In my role I have chosen to focus primarily on “Making the Connection – from Good to Great,” making the connection with A&T alumni everywhere and maintaining and keeping that connection. In order to accomplish this, the Office of Alumni Affairs is diligently working on improving the existing connection. It is clear to me that communication is the key ingredient to making this connection. Our goal is to keep alumni informed.

Are we reaching you?

We pledge to keep you informed and to update you about the university in hopes of creating and maintaining loyalty and increased donor participation among the entire Aggie family at all times. In so doing, we are continuously updating alumni/donor information and we are making an all out effort to secure e-mail addresses from those alums that have them. Do not worry because we will continue to mail and call you. You, in turn, can stay connected by keeping in touch with us.

We want to hear from you. You can help us make the connection from good to great by identifying influential Aggies across the nation, as well as any other prominent individuals and companies with whom you come in contact and inform and encourage them to stake their claim on N.C. A&T. Help us find them. Seek them out!

The Office of Alumni Affairs is pleased to offer seven new areas that have been developed, designed, enhanced and put into place with you in mind in order to insure that the connection remains intact.

**1. Alumni Website.** The alumni website is located at [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu). Just click on *Alumni*. Check us out!

**2. Web for Alumni.** To gain access, simply use your social security number for your password and the last six digits for your PIN, or email us at [alumni@ncat.edu](mailto:alumni@ncat.edu).

**3. Aggie Pride and Other Publications Online.** The *Aggie Pride* alumni newsletter is now online. Additionally, all other University publications can be read online including *A&T Today* magazine, *The Aggie Report* (faculty and staff newsletter) and the *Register* (student newspaper).

**4. Aggie License Plate.** The Aggie license plate is available in North Carolina and we are working on making it available in your state.

**5. New Alumni Center.** Plans are underway for construction of a new 20,000-square foot alumni facility at the corner of Bluford Street and North Benbow Road, in the heart of our magnificent campus. The estimated cost is \$2.5 million.

#### **6. Alumni Giving Online.**

In keeping the connection, don't be left out. Stand up and be counted in the \$100 million capital campaign, From Generation to Generation: The Campaign for North Carolina A&T.

Aggies, make your hotel reservations **early** this year for Homecoming 2003, October 24-26. The A&T Aggies will compete against the Howard University Bisons on Saturday, Oct. 25. If you make your reservations before Sept. 24, your alma mater will benefit greatly.

Remember, communication is the key ingredient to keeping the connection. Let's all stay connected as we move our North Carolina A&T State University from “Good to Great!”

Have a great summer!

AGGIE PRIDE!

Harriet Frink Davis '77, '89MS  
Alumni Affairs Director



## Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Celebrates Diamond Anniversary

By Claudette Bennett, Ph.D.  
Northeast Region Director

On Nov. 16, 2002, the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter celebrated its Diamond Anniversary by reflecting on its rich history and accomplishments, by paying tribute to its founders and great leaders, and by looking toward the future.

Dr. Velma Speight-Buford, a trustee and member of the class of 1953, brought greetings from Chancellor James C. Renick. She shared the status and the vision for the future of our great university. Speight-Buford also challenged all alumni to become involved in the chancellor's plan for preparing North Carolina A&T State University students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Seven men founded the chapter on Oct. 6, 1927, known at that time as the A&T College Club. Bilton Adams, Luther Barnes, Winfred Byrum, Baxter Flowe, Jerry Green, Claudius Hackney and Lonnie Polk set precedence by establishing the organization that would later become the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter of N.C. A & T State University. The goal of the seven founders was to render assistance to their alma mater and to assist deserving youth in obtaining high education. Green was the first president.

The chapter established precedence by setting an annual award that was presented to the most outstanding athlete for 49 years. In 1957, Philadelphia purchased the first alumni house and for many years sponsored a highly successful autumn scholarship social. Under the direction of Mary Williams, a volunteer group took a bold step when it established the Creative Business Council for the purpose of preparing high school students in the areas of business, mathematics and English.

## Williamsburg-Peninsula Chapter Plans Homecoming Excursion

The Williamsburg-Peninsula Chapter of the N.C. A&T Alumni Association will sponsor a bus excursion to Homecoming 2003. The roundtrip fares (\$393 and \$450) include refreshments on the bus, two nights lodging at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel (Homecoming 2003 headquarters) and admission to the football game.

For complete details and reservations, contact Arthur Keyes '57 at (757) 596-7746. ■



Two Philadelphia Alumni Chapter presidents, Julia Brooks and Eugene H. Preston Jr., later became national alumni presidents. Brooks also has the honor of being the first female national alumni president. She, along with Elmo Daugherty and Carolyn Reinhardt, served as presidents of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter then later served as president of the Northeast Region.

In addition to celebrating 75 years, the anniversary was also a tribute to Claudius Hackney, a founder and devoted lifetime member who departed this earth in September 2002 at age 106. Hackney played an important role in purchasing the Philadelphia Alumni House at 923 Belmont Ave. He served the alumni until he was 100 years old, at which time the chapter gave him a birthday celebration.

In her inspiring message, Speight-Buford congratulated the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter on its rich heritage, great legacy and reminded its members of their 75 years of accomplishments. She also reminded the members not to stop, "for success comes only through continuous work."

Speight-Buford emphasized that alumni organizations must not forget their role and purpose for being – to support the university. She offered five challenges of courage to the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter: (1) courage to see current reality, (2) courage to confront, (3) courage to be confronted, (4) courage to learn and grow, and (5) courage to act.

Hopefully, all Aggies will accept these challenges and apply them at both the local and national level. ■

## Class of '53 Observes 50th Anniversary



Members of the class of 1953 returned to Greensboro May 9-11 for Alumni Weekend.



## For 2004 Alumni Directory

Dear Fellow Aggies:

I am pleased to announce that work has begun on our **2004 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Directory** to give you a complete and up-to-date reference of all N.C. A&T State University alumni. To make this directory even more successful than our 1999 edition, your input is needed. I am asking you to take a few minutes to complete the Alumni Directory Questionnaire that was recently mailed to you to *verify* or *change* your profile.

Your complete listing in the Biographical Section will include home address, names of spouse and children (if applicable), as well as business and professional information. Preferred email addresses also will be included in this edition. Other sections in which your name will appear are Class Year, Geographical and Career Networking. You also will be able to locate alumni listed under current name as well as the name used while a student at A&T.

*Even if the pre-printed information is correct, please let us know by returning the Alumni Directory Questionnaire, in order to insure that we have accurate data about you.*

Once again we have chosen the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce our alumni directory. Their years of experience ensure a quality publication that we think will become an invaluable reference for you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With Aggie Pride,

Harriet F. Davis '77, '89MS  
Director of Alumni Affairs

## Aggies Win NAFEO Distinguished Alumni Awards

Five Aggies were named Distinguished Alumni by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) during the organization's 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Washington, D.C., April 8-13.

Each year, NAFEO awards selected graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities with this citation that is designed to honor black college graduates whose careers and service are exemplary of the quality of black college alumni, and to enhance the public image of HBCUs.

The five recipients and their areas of expertise are as follows:



**Haywood L. Brown, M.D. '74** (B.S., biology) was recognized in the category of Medicine/Education. Brown chairs the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Duke University in Durham, N.C.



**Willie A. Deese '77** (B.S., business administration) was recognized in the Corporate category. Deese is a senior vice president at GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park, N.C.



**James F. Garrett '63** (B.S., electrical engineering) was recognized in the Corporate category. Garrett is founder, owner and CEO of SENTEL Corporation in Alexandria, Va.



**Royall M. Mack Sr. '69** (B.A., history) was recognized in the Corporate category. Mack is senior corporate vice president for civic affairs at The Gillette Company in Andover, Mass.



**Faye Mitchell Moore '76** (B.S., business administration) was recognized in the category of Government. Moore is general manager of SEPTA (Southeastern PA Transportation Authority) in Philadelphia, Pa.



## Mastering the Game

We all have a philosophy in life. Some of us very seldom utter or write down our beliefs, but we all apply them consciously or subconsciously to our everyday living. These are the things that have shaped and molded us into the individuals we are today.

Donna A. James, executive vice president and chief administrative officer for Nationwide, wholeheartedly says that her beliefs are the things that have taken her to the top.

The Greensboro native believes that everything happens for a reason and that even the negative things in life can be leveraged to your advantage without taking advantage of others.

"Always play the hand you are dealt in life," James said. "Don't complain about it or ask for a new deal. Play your hand, play hard, play fair and play to win. Always expect the rules to change and be prepared when they do."

The 1979 accounting graduate explains that once you have mastered the game, you can make your own rules with a wisdom and selflessness that will assure that others have an opportunity to play.

There is no question, James has mastered the game of success. She has been with Nationwide, a \$117 billion Fortune 500 insurance and financial services organization based in Columbus, Ohio, since 1981.

She has held the positions of senior vice president, human resources; vice president, assistant to the chairman and CEO; director of investment products administration; director of treasury service; director of training and communications; and manager of compliance, underwriting an accounting operations.

As executive vice president and chief administrative officer for Nationwide, she is responsible for human resources, corporate communications and advertising, corporate public involvement, Nationwide Foundation, corporate customer relations and Medicare operations.



Donna A. James '79 (left) on a recent visit to campus.

James recently returned to A&T to speak at the School of Business' first Leadership Series. She provided business students with tips on staying balanced in an unbalanced world.

The executive gave them three suggestions for confronting difficult situations at home, school, church or on their jobs.

The first approach she recommends is to stay on purpose.

"Staying on purpose is about understanding what's right or Godly in

any situation," James said.

"It means you are conscious of your responsibility to keep fear, anger, revenue, jealousy and ego out of your decisions and actions. Staying on purpose also means giving people grace and showing respect even if you think they don't deserve it."

The second approach is to stay on your knees even while standing.

"It is the way you let go and let God in during times of struggle," the spiritual James said, "but also at the height of their joy and when they have triumphed over trials or troubles."

The third approach is to take care of family.

"Self love and tough love are the keys to taking care of family," James said.

James told the students that learning what to do to stay balanced does not mean you always do it.

"I am a work in progress," she said. "My life and my experiences are wonderful opportunities to practice what I preach." ■



## Sharecroppers' Son Grows Multi-million Dollar Corporation

Like a rocket, James F. Garrett has soared to the top of his profession. The son of sharecroppers, Garrett is founder, president and CEO of SENTEL Corporation, an engineering and computer software company that employs over 300 people and has offices across the country.

SENTEL, which is headquartered in Alexandria, Va., started with a single \$33,000 subcontract. Under his leadership, it has grown to an engineering and computer software powerhouse with over \$35 million in revenue. Its roster of clients includes numerous government and commercial organizations such as the U.S. Department of Defense, Federal Aviation Administration, NASA, Internal Revenue Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service and the cellular wireless industry.

The company has been cited by Washington Technology magazine for numerous years for outstanding growth and innovation and named Small Business Association's Small Business Subcontractor of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Region. SENTEL is also the recipient of the David Packard Award for Excellence Acquisition, the U.S. Navy's Technology-to-Sea Award and NASA's Software Product of the Year Award.

A native of Reidsville, N.C., Garrett received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from A&T State University and his M.B.A. from Southeastern University.



James F. Garrett '63

Garrett credits his alma mater with providing him the encouragement and knowledge that he needed to succeed in life. Highly respected in the engineering field, Garrett gives generously of his time and funds to the university. On numerous occasions he has hosted fundraising activities for A&T in his home. He co-chaired the fundraiser to create the February One Monument, a statue of the four young men who sparked the national Sit-In Movement in 1960, Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.), Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, and the late David Richmond.

Garrett shares his wealth of knowledge with engineering students across the country. He serves on the Southeastern University Board of Trustees and the Eastern High School Choral Society Board of Directors, both located in Washington, D.C. He provides scholarships for the predominately African-American high school and choral group.

Garrett has won the navy's Superior Civilian Services Award, the Northern Virginia Urban League's Corporate Community Services Award, the Ernst & Young Technology Entrepreneur of the Year (1999), the 2000 Black Engineer of the Year Entrepreneur Award and A&T Alumni Excellence Award.

Garrett and his wife Joyce have two children, Rodney and Melanie. ■



## Aggies on the Move

**Lt. Col. Reginald R. Reeves '47** was inducted into the 2003 Army ROTC Hall of Fame at N.C. A&T State University. Reeves, a member of the first commissioned class at A&T, practices family law in Sun Valley, Idaho. He was recently honored by American Red Cross Blood Services in Idaho for donating 186 units of blood. In 1950, Reeves organized the first university sponsored blood drive in the nation as a student at the University of Idaho.

**Shirley T. Frye '53** has retired after serving 10 years as vice president of community relations at WFMY-TV (News 2) in Greensboro, N.C. At a recognition luncheon held in her honor, Frye's co-workers announced the establishment of an endowed scholarship in her honor at N.C. A&T State University.

Retired **Lt. Col. Charles P. Ervin Jr. '65** is an assistant professor of secondary education at Florida A&M University and state coordinator for the education of over 28,000 homeless children and youth for the Florida Department of Education. Ervin's teaching and research focus on multicultural education. He has a Ph.D. in social foundations of education from Georgia State University.

**Morais E. Davis '67** recently was inducted into the National Academy of Arbitrators. Davis is a former U.S. Federal Government Administrative Law Judge and attorney in Oakland, Calif.

**Bettye H. Perkins '70** recently received her doctorate in educational leadership, administration and policy from Fordham University. She is executive director of Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT), a nonprofit organization based in Elmsford, N.Y., that recruits and trains minority students to pursue teaching careers.

Retired **Col. Paul L. Jones '71** was inducted into the 2003 Army ROTC Hall of Fame at N.C. A&T State University. Jones currently serves as the senior resident superior court judge in Kinston, N.C.

**Deborah Roberson-Martin '85** recently was featured in Woman Engineer magazine. Roberson-Martin supervises 15 engineers and designers at Northrop Grunman Newport News (Va.), new carrier construction division. She supervises the lighting group in charge of designing and installing the lighting distribution system and hotel services aboard aircraft carriers. Northrop Grunman is a defense electronics company that produces nearly 60% of the Pentagon's airborne radar systems. It is the second largest provider of information technology for the federal government.

**Jacqueline M. "Jackie" Jackson '94**, a computer network specialist with Capital One, was elected to the Richmond (Va.) City Council in 2002. Jackson represents Richmond's 8<sup>th</sup> District. She chairs the education committee and she also serves on the economic development, organizational development, public safety and transportation committees.

**Johnelle M. Torbert '96**, an exceptional education teacher at William Fox Elementary School, has been selected Richmond (Va.) Public School's 2003 Teacher of the Year. Torbert has taught learning disabled students at Fox since 1999. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership at the College of William and Mary.

**Vondell Richmond '98** is an actor, director, teaching artist and writer. As an actor, Richmond has appeared in over 35 productions. The former president of the Richard B. Harrison Players has a M.F.A. degree in acting from the Mason Gross School of Arts at Rutgers University. Richmond's feature film debut as an actor and writer will be in "Sophisticated Romance," a film that explores the relationships of two couples. (The film was still in post production at press time.)

In 2001, **George T. McCormick '99** was ordained as a Baptist minister through the Rowan Baptist Association. He is youth pastor at Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Ashboro, N.C.

Marine Corps Reserve **Pfc. Vaughn R. Hill '01**, was called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in March while assigned to Communications Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Force Service Support Group, home based in Greensboro, N.C. The 4<sup>th</sup> FSSG is an integral member of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, providing focused logistical support at home base and deployed units throughout the world. They provide combat service support in six main areas: supply, maintenance, transportation, medical and dental care, and engineer support.

"Rhythm: An Evening of Jazz Poetry with **Lenard Moore**" was featured at the Otterbein College Integrative Studies Festival that was held April 21-25 in Westerville, Ohio. Moore's performance was accompanied by R.S.V.P., a jazz combo. Moore is the author of *Forever Home* (St. Andrews Press, 1992) and other books. ■

# Ford Revs Up Its Centennial Celebration at A&T

*On Ford Day at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, strong sentiments are spoken about the commitment between Ford Motor Company and the university.*

*By Mable Springfield Scott '99MS*

Actions may speak louder than words, but on May 1 – when Ford Motor Company brought its Centennial Tour celebration to N.C. A&T – actions and words went hand in hand.

The celebration began at 6 a.m. with a display of new, vintage and race cars and a succession of media interviews and other activities that provided opportunities to laud Ford's business success story. At 100 years, Ford has outpaced most companies in its growth, its enduring family values and its strong relationships with customers.

"We are proud of our accomplishments and want to share our centennial celebration," said Kofi Kpeglo, capacity planning analyst at Ford and A&T 1986 engineering grad.

Executive director of marketing, sales and service, Dr. Jim Gwaltney, explained how Ford Motor Company has celebrated many successes and weathered many storms with their focus always on the product.

"Ford has overcome every business challenge you can throw at a company," Gwaltney said. "But when the chips were down, Ford rallied by developing a product-led solution."

Gwaltney said that Ford always has emphasized diversity of people and diversity of thought. He said Ford's recruiters have attracted outstanding A&T graduates from engineering, technology and business.

Along the road to success, Ford has partnered with a select number of institutions of learning across the nation including a 30-year relationship with A&T. In the three years since James Carmichael Renick has been chancellor, the Fortune 500 Corporation has provided several million dollars in support.

For example, in 1999 the Ford Fund gave A&T \$3 million to be distributed over a five-year period. This was one of the largest donations to the university in recent years. Due to recent financial difficulties, the annual allocation has been reduced. The proposed amount for 2003 is \$200,000 bringing the five-total to \$2.4 million.

Portions of the gift supports 40 interdisciplinary academic scholarships, three laboratories, an endowed professorship, a motorsports program, career services, campus radio station and a sports complex.

"Companies don't make investments unless there is a return," said Chancellor Renick. "We appreciate the strong partnership we have with Ford Motor Company."

During a taping for A&T's radio station, WNAA 90.1 FM, student deejay Myles Robinson received a straightforward view of Ford's philosophy and values as he interviewed Anne Stevens, vice president for North America vehicle operations at Ford. As an electrical engineering junior



*Ford Motor Company executives, Vice Chancellor David Hoard (far right) and Aggie under the Ford Sports Complex sign at Aggie Stadium*

and student government leader, Robinson was eager to quiz Stevens about her rise up the corporate ladder and suggestions for students about to enter the world-of-work.

Stevens encouraged Robinson and other students to have a quest for knowledge and a passion to understand issues. She also spoke of lifelong learning, travel abroad and critical thinking as vital components for leadership success.

"The core to success is to learn how to work, study, ask questions and solve problems," Stevens said. "Ford has high regards for interns and recruits from A&T because you bring so much to the table."

She complimented A&T faculty for teaching students to study, work in teams, ask questions, and find answers. ■

# A&T Needs More Corporate Support

By Aaron Stevenson

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has produced some of the greatest minds in fields such as engineering, technology, business and education, just to name a few. Several companies around the world have felt the impact an N.C. A&T alumnus can make and immediately jump at the chance to support our wonderful university.

Aside from alumni, student and faculty support, it is important that our community and corporate partners follow the lead of companies such as Boeing, DaimlerChrysler, and 3M in supporting the unprecedented \$100 million capital campaign.

To assure that A&T can continue to maintain an incredible student body, it is imperative that companies and corporations begin to play a major role in the success of the capital campaign. The investment companies make in our university is returned tenfold in the knowledge and experience of our students. The capital campaign will heighten the resources afforded each student and, therefore, only magnify the already incomparable abilities of each graduate.

One method of ensuring a positive corporate-student relationship is by establishing corporate fellowships for incoming students. These fellowships would afford several students full college scholarships in return for their guaranteed employment at the donating company for an amount of time equal to their reception of the scholarship.

Although the capital campaign thrives off monetary gifts, not all corporate donations come in the form of financial support. A&T welcomes donations of computers to be used for labs, furniture for conference rooms and classrooms, and many other facets that are deemed useful to the university.

Not only is it important to the university that national corporations donate to the capital campaign, it is also important to the students of the university as well. A donation to A&T means much more than just a new building or new computers, it means that individuals and companies support and recognize all of the hard work each student on this campus puts into everything they do. No building can compare to the overwhelming feeling that one gets when they know that someone actually does believe in them and the work they are doing.



Representatives from Ford Motor Company and N.C. A&T participate in the dedication of the Ford Motor Company Analytical Lab in Smith Technology Building. Pictured left to right are Kofi Kpeglo, capacity planning analyst, Ford; James C. Renick, chancellor, A&T; Anne Stevens, vice president for North America vehicle operations, Ford; Ralph Shelton, chair of the board of trustees, A&T; Brooke Myatt, Miss A&T (2002-03); Jim Gwaltney, executive director of marketing, sales and service, Ford; and Elazer Barnette, dean of technology, A&T.

So you see, your support not only builds buildings and resources, it also builds strength, drive, confidence and character. I am certain that we are all reaching for a common goal – to promote North Carolina A&T's development as a prominent Historically Black University while also maintaining its ability to instill excellence in each one of its students because not only does A&T "Expect Success," it demands it.

No one person or corporation is going to make us reach our \$100 million target; we all must contribute. It takes a village to create an exceptional student, but it takes an empire to create 2,000. A&T students, faculty, corporate partners and alumni complete this empire. We graduate hundreds of exceptional students each year and send them off to dominate their chosen field. It is our duty as members of this empire to insure its everlasting success, and with the triumph of the \$100 million capital campaign, we will continue to do just that – SUCCEED! ■



Aaron Stevenson is an A&T Teaching Fellow majoring in math and computer science. He is a rising junior.

## Uzochukwu Named Administrator of the Year

Dr. Godfrey A. "Uzo" Uzochukwu, professor and director of the Waste Management Institute of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, was recognized as the university's 2003 Administrator of the Year during the annual Honors Day Convocation.

Since joining N.C. A&T's faculty in 1985, Uzochukwu has taught a variety of courses, influencing the lives of more than 6,000 students. In the early 1990s, Uzo – as he is called on campus – worked diligently with his colleagues to establish the Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute (WMI) with a \$1.4 million dollar grant that he sought and received from the U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Office. WMI's mission is to enhance awareness and understanding of global waste management issues and to develop programs needed to improve the quality of life and protect the environment.

Uzochukwu coordinates and highlights the environmental programs of the university including the interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute Certificate program as well as student scholarship and internship programs. More than 800 students have received Waste Management Certificates since they were implemented in 1995.

Under Uzochukwu's leadership, WMI has received local and national recognition. In 1996, the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce presented WMI with a first-place award for developing innovative waste manage-



*Godfrey A. Uzochukwu, Ph.D.*

ment practices that protect the environment. In 2002, the Environmental Careers Organization selected WMI as the winner of the National Environmental Excellence Award in academic programming and diversity.

Uzochukwu completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Oklahoma State University, respectively, and his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was a post-doctoral scholar at Texas A&M University.

Last year, Uzochukwu was one of the lead coordinators for the Second National Conference on Environmental Science and Technology that was held at Grandover Resort and Conference Center in Greensboro.

Uzochukwu currently serves on the National Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, and he is a member of the Central YMCA of Greensboro Board of Directors.

Uzochukwu chairs A&T's Futures Goal II Team on Interdisciplinary Programs and Centers. He recently took the lead in developing a proposal for an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in energy and environmental studies.

The N.C. A&T Administrator of the Year receives a plaque and a \$500 stipend.

Shortly after being named ninth chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, James Carmichael Renick announced that the university would award a Human Rights Medal. The Human Rights Medal is awarded annually to recognize individuals who have endeavored to correct social injustice and have significantly contributed to the betterment of the world.

The award was established to honor individuals whose courageous actions are a reflection of the extraordinary action against social injustice that was demonstrated by Drs. Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.), Franklin Eugene McCain Sr., Joseph Alfred McNeil and the late David Richmond Jr. Their bold move to lead a group of students to take a stand for justice by sitting down at the lunch counter of the local "Five and Dime" initiated a wave of similar sit-ins by college students across the South.

Past recipients of the Medal include Lewis A. Brandon (2000), civil rights activist; Vincent G. Harding (2001), civil rights activist, author and co-founder of The Veterans of Hope Project; and Rosemarie Freaney Harding (2001), peace and reconciliation activist, author and co-founder of The Veterans of Hope Project.

#### *Awards Committee*

Candidates for this award will be selected from nominations submitted to the Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/Honors Day. The membership of this committee is appointed annually from N.C. A&T faculty and staff.

#### *Eligibility*

Nominees for the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Human Rights Medal will be evaluated according to actions demonstrated by the individual and the scope of his or her contribution within a community, state, country, or the world. Nominees are not required to be citizens of the United States. However, the winner must be able to accept the award on the university's campus in person.



# NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR FOURTH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS MEDAL

#### *Who will be eligible?*

Any outstanding individual who has had a positive impact on humanity is eligible to receive this award for one or more of the following reasons:

- Correcting social injustice
- Heroism
- Promotion of fellowship
- Technological discovery
- Academic contributions
- Diplomatic achievements
- Human welfare
- Social reform
- Significant community contributions

#### *Who may nominate?*

Anyone may nominate. The nominator should include clear and complete contact information for herself/himself.

#### *When?*

**Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2003.**

#### *Where?*

Forward all entries to Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/Honors Day, c/o Office of the Chancellor, 1601 East Market St., Greensboro, N.C. 27411.

#### *Need forms?*

For application forms, visit [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu) on the Internet or call (336) 334-7940.

#### *Recognition*

The winner will be notified in December and will be invited to accept the award at the Sit-In Breakfast marking the 44th anniversary of the Greensboro Sit-In Movement. The event is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 30, 2004.

The recipient must be able to accept the award in person at the Sit-In Breakfast on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University. Another condition of the award is that the honoree give a lecture at a mutually agreed upon campus event. ■

## Understanding the Need to Give

By Danya R. Bacchus



Senior Class President Jermaine Porter (right) presents a \$25,000 pledge to N.C. A&T from the class of 2003. Accepting the pledge are Vice Chancellor David W. Hoard and Chancellor James C. Renick.

The livelihood of any university lies with its alumni. North Carolina A&T State University carries a legacy of producing great leaders, scholars and prominent community figures. In order to keep this rich tradition alive it is imperative that alumni give back to the University through monetary contributions.

As a junior, out-of-state student, I have seen the effect of state budget cuts, rises in tuition and pure frustration from students of various majors who say there aren't enough computer labs on campus. Hearing and seeing these concerns allows me to recognize the dire need to give back to the university that has been uplifting and educating the African American community for more than 100 years.

Of course not every student on campus understands the necessity to give. Some students say that they will never give back to N.C. A&T because of the student loans they have to repay, difficulties with financial aid and housing, and all of the other problems that college students face. Fortunately for the university, the non-giving spirit doesn't seem to be rubbing off on all students.

Senior broadcast production student Najah Mohammad says, "It is my hope and my desire to be able to give back to A&T whenever I establish myself in a career. I see the benefits at other universities where alumni have given back and I see the need for that at A&T. I'm touched by alumni giving back ... it means a great

deal to me, and I would like to be able to do the same thing."

"It's just the right thing to do," says Lavonne Coaker, a senior graphic communications systems major. "Not enough alumni give back. Thankfully, some gave for me to come here."

Senior public relations major Brooke Harrell says that anyone who recognizes a need for change on this campus would give back. She wants to continue to see the A&T grow and be not only one of the top HBCUs but become one of the top universities nationwide.

"As I freshman, I see all of the construction and repairs being made to different places on campus. I want to contribute to the betterment of the university, so I will give back," says Tarik Webb, a graphic communications systems major.

This year the class of 2003 is setting the precedent for giving from the graduating class. The class has pledged a gift of \$25,000 in the form of an endowed scholarship.

"This gift will allow us as graduating seniors to give future generations the

same opportunity that was afforded to us," said Senior Class President Jermaine Porter. "Plus, by starting this scholarship, we are setting the standard for giving when it is time for the underclassmen to graduate."

To raise money for the scholarship, the class of 2003 is asking each member of the class and their parents give a donation of \$53. The scholarship is designed so that any time a member of the class makes a donation, it will go directly into the scholarship fund.

There always will be an undying need for the North Carolina A&T's alumni to give back. The bigger picture lies not in what A&T has done for you, but what you can do to better what A&T does for others.

The Aggie tradition must continue and so must alumni giving. ■



Danya R. Bacchus is a rising senior majoring in electronic media major at N.C. A&T.



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