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Gillette, A&T Form \$1 Million Partnership



Pictured, l-r: James C. Renick, chancellor, N.C. A&T; Elizabeth Henry, university relations representative, Gillette; Rigoberto Ramirez, assistant human resources manager, Gillette; Jane Roiter, vice president of workforce diversity, Gillette; Royall M. Mack Sr. '69, corporate vice president of civic affairs, Gillette; Harriet Frink Davis '75, director of alumni affairs, N.C. A&T; Paul Burt, electrical control systems manager, Gillette; Cherice Claxton-Howse, university relations and diversity project manager; and Terence Franklin '81, control engineering manager, Duracell.

The Gillette Company has formed a million-dollar partnership with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University that will provide educational and career opportunities in engineering, accounting and finance for minority students.

Gillette will give the university \$1 million over the next three years to fund scholarships for students majoring in engineering, accounting, and finance; faculty fellowships; internships at Gillette; faculty exchange programs and the creation of a Gillette Project Center at the University.

The Project Center will offer opportunities for students to work on product development and testing, while the faculty exchange program will allow professors to spend time at Gillette learning about the company's latest technological advances and management initiatives.

"This partnership is good for the university, good for its students and good for Gillette," said A&T alumnus Royall Mack Sr., corporate vice president of civic affairs. "As one of the world's leading marketers of consumer products, we are

always looking to attract the best and brightest graduates.

"In addition, this partnership will provide us with top-notch, highly skilled minority graduates. North Carolina A&T is regarded as one of the nation's leading institutions of higher learning, graduating more African American engineers and technologists than any other university in the country. We are proud to become a part of that history," Mack said.

Chancellor James C. Renick said that the partnership illustrates Gillette's expanded access to the rich talent pool here at A&T.

"Together, The Gillette Company and N.C. A&T are making a difference in the lives of our students and their ability to respond to the growing challenges of the future," Renick added. "Our promise to Gillette is that there will be many, many dividends from (their) investment with A&T."

The \$1 million gift puts the university's \$100 million capital campaign over the half-way mark. ■

The Gillette Project Center is part of the \$1 million Gillette-A&T Partnership. The Center will enhance the mechanical engineering capstone design experience by leveraging Gillette's cutting edge technology in equipment and product design.

The Gillette Project Center is directed by Dr. Shih-Liang "Sid" Wang, professor and director of mechanical engineering in the department of mechanical and chemical engineer-



Dr. Shih-Liang "Sid" Wang

ing. In preparation for the Center, Wang was selected as a Gillette Fellow to network with Gillette's engineering staff last summer and to learn Gillette's products and manufacturing processes.

Projects for students include the design and development of production and testing machines for use in the blade and razor manufacturing for Gillette Grooming Products. A Gillette engineer is designated as the focal contact for each project to provide technical information and participate in the design reviews. Trips to Gillette for students to understand Gillette's operation are scheduled. The Center is funded for three years and is expected to continue into the future.

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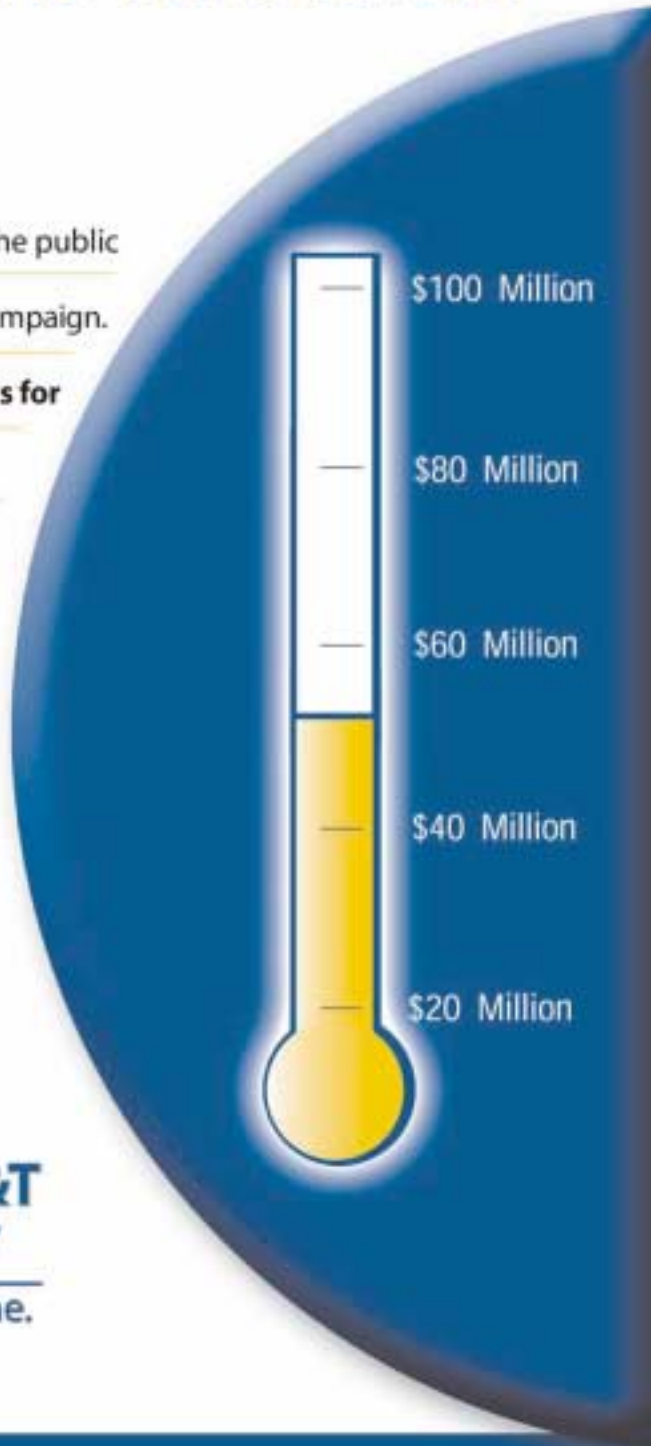
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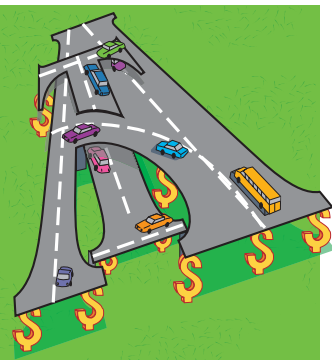
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DOT Grant

The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University-Urban Transit Institute (UTI) has received \$652,700 from the U.S. Department of Transportation to support research, education and technology transfer at the Institute.

DOT awarded five grants totaling \$5.4 million in support of advanced transportation-related research at University Transportation Centers (UTCs) across the nation. In addition to UTI, Northwestern University-Infrastructure Technology Institute, Texas A&M University-Southwest Region University Transportation Center and the University at Berkeley-Transportation Northwest Regional Center have received grants.



These funds allow university faculty in campus-wide disciplines to examine ways to provide safe and efficient transportation and logistics services in small rural and urban areas. The award also makes it possible for students in transportation, logistics and civil engineering to participate with faculty in cutting-edge research.

In addition, the grant enables UTI to continue technology transfer activities such as outreach programs, the Summer High School Transportation Institute (STI) and the Entrepreneurial Development Program (EDP). STI seeks to expose rising juniors and seniors to academic and career opportunities in transportation, logistics, and related areas. The EDP is sponsored in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Bennington Corporation, and it is designed to increase the pool of successful minority and female highway contractors.

Michael E. Simmons is director of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University-Urban Transit Institute, and Deborah Underwood serves as program manager. ■

NASA Awareness

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has selected North Carolina A&T as one of its recruitment sites for academic year 2003-2004.

In October, NASA held an Awareness Day and Career Expo on campus. Activities focused on introducing students and faculty

Millennial Campus

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro are creating a Joint Millennial Campus that will have two campus locations, including the site of the former Central North Carolina School for the Deaf.

To be called the Greensboro Center for Innovative Development, the project was announced Sept. 23 by chancellors James C. Renick of N.C. A&T and Patricia A. Sullivan of UNCG.



“There will be a north campus and a south campus, and they will focus on the whole picture of economic development for this region,” Renick said. “We are very excited about the possibilities.”

The north and south campuses will have combined land totaling approximately 150 acres. The north campus is the former School for the Deaf property and is located off Highway 29 north of Greensboro. It will be home to the planned Institute for Training, Research and Development. Initially, it will target the needs of school systems, business and industry, and various health services and social agencies in the region.

At the south campus, located on East Lee Street near I-40, the universities want to develop a “state-of-the-art” science research park. Areas of research will come from key academic areas of both campuses, including the physical and life sciences, engineering, technology, food and nutrition, and other applied sciences. The south campus will be part of the A&T research farm.

Both chancellors have been in discussions since December 2002 over possible uses for the School for the Deaf property, but the project has expanded considerably.

Teams from both institutions will begin developing plans for academic and research programs in the areas of economic, workforce and community development. ■

to NASA’s education and employment programs.

A&T was selected to serve as a recruitment site based on the university’s reputation and NASA’s critical competency needs in science, engineering and business management. ■



New Website Design

If you have not visited N.C. A&T's website lately, you are in for a surprise!

On Oct. 16, Aggie students, prospective students, staff, alumni, corporate partners, friends and other constituents were greeted by a new website design when they logged onto the system. This venture, which incorporates professionally established best practices in website design, is a direct outgrowth of extensive market research that was designed to identify ways of increasing the effectiveness of A&T's website and making the site more user friendly.

A&T's Division of Information Technology and Telecommunications (ITT) and the Office of University Relations, along with Vitalink Communication, worked together to make this project a reality. The latter played a major role in assisting with the market research, while ITT's primary function is to manage the technical aspects of the site.

Visitors to the new website are greeted by a new navigational system, including a re-configuration of the links, based on the university's organizational structure. While some of the existing links retained their current locations, others were re-configured to more closely correspond with their positions in the newly developed hierarchical structure. Bringing a more professional look to the website, this new design also will increase the ease with which users will be able to navigate the website and find the information they are seeking.

During the past few months, A&T students, alumni, corporate partners and friends of the university participated in focus groups sessions to share thoughts and per-



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spectives on A&T. Information that was obtained during these sessions was used to develop a new marketing strategy for the university.

Billboards, television commercials, radio announcements, and brochures were developed with material provided during the sessions. A&T's new website design was inspired by this material as well.

Initially, 13 of the university's websites were modified to incorporate the new design. In the coming weeks, Web Support Services (WSS) will contact representatives from each school, college and division so that the new design will be available to all areas of the campus.

WSS looks forward to working with website designers and owners across the campus as it continues to use the Internet to communicate the university's mission. ■

Miss A&T

Jocelynn E. Jacobs, Miss North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University for 2003-2004, was crowned Oct. 23 during the weeklong Homecoming celebration.

The theme for the coronation, "Revealing the Beauty of an Illustrious Heritage," was conveyed with a Mardi Gras masquerade ball.

Jacobs is a native of Richmond, Va. The senior business major recently placed in the Top 10 among 40 black college queens from across the country during the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Week in Atlanta, Ga. The pageant is held annually to recognize the talent, personality and intellect of students attending historically black colleges and universities and to strengthen institutional ties. ■



New Online Program



North Carolina A&T has a new online degree program that makes it convenient for community college graduates to obtain a B.S. degree in agricultural education.

The 2 + 2 Online Studies in Agricultural Education program is designed for people who hold associate's degrees in a landscape, turf grass or horticultural field from any of the 10 North Carolina community colleges.

The 10 community colleges partnering with the 2 + 2 program are Brunswick, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Johnston, Lenoir, Mayland, Sampson, Sandhills and Surry. The curriculum also includes a 15-week student teaching requirement as well as several courses in other subjects including English, mathematics, biology health, etc., that can be taken at any community college or four-year university.

Pursuing a degree online is an affordable option for many because fewer fees are required than for on-campus studies. Online degrees have been designed for maximum convenience, enabling students to apply, register, pay tuition and perform other administrative tasks online. Students also have access to the extensive online resources at A&T's Bluford Library.

Call 2 + 2 advisors at (336) 334-7711 to plan a course of study. For more information, go online at www.ag.ncat.edu/2plus2. ■

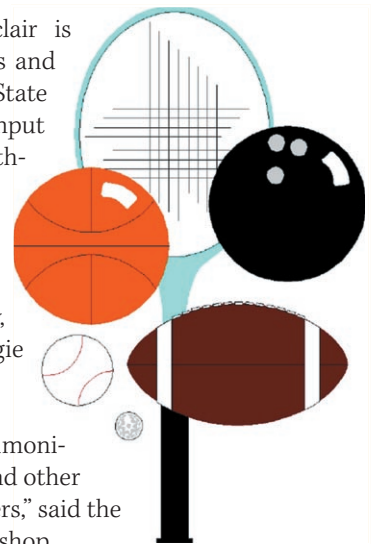
Sports History

Graduate student Cyrus Sinclair is compiling a history of athletics and sports at North Carolina A&T State University, and he is seeking input from the university's former athletes, coaches and fans.

The project, Sinclair's master's thesis that he hopes will become a book someday, includes information on Aggie "firsts" and oral history.

"Currently I am gathering testimonials, biographies, photographs and other materials from alumni and others," said the history major who teaches at Bishop McGuinness High School in Kernersville, N.C. "I've also been working with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). I want to hear from those who participated, administered and witnessed sports at A&T."

Sinclair's advisors on the project are Dr. Jacquelin Blackmore, assistant professor of history, and Dr. Olen Cole, chair of the history department at A&T.



Educational Tour of Ghana Planned

Dr. E. Monica Ward-Murray and Donna Paulsen, instructors in the School of Nursing, are coordinating an educational tour of Ghana, West Africa, for May 22-June 4, 2004.

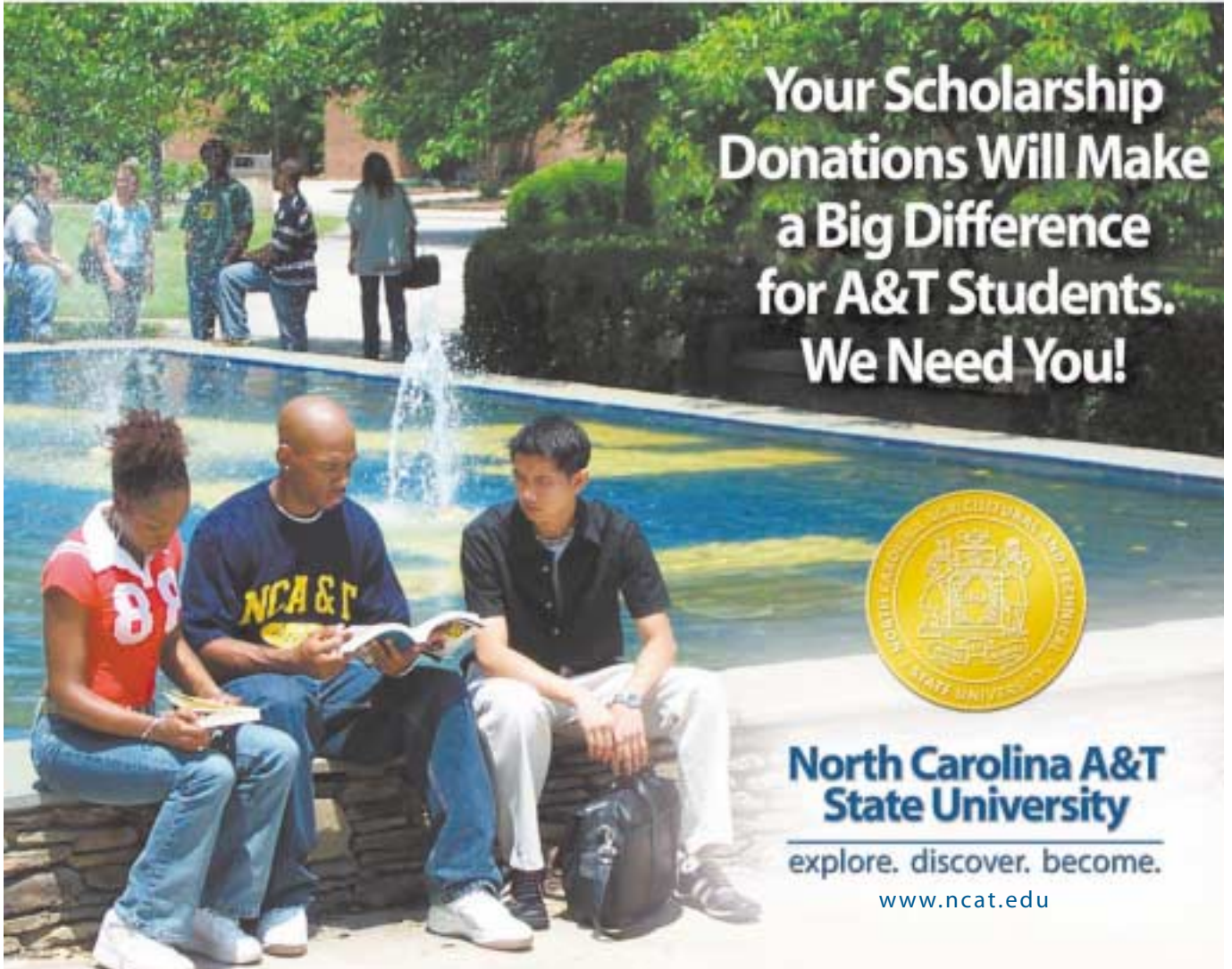
This travel experience is open to all members of the Aggie family and will be offered for continuing educational units (CEUs).

Students in the School of Nursing who are eligible to take the preceptorship course, "Nursing 513: Complex Health Problems across the Life Span," will be exposed to this activity for the first 11 days. Afterwards, they will work in the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital and the Ejisu-Juabari District community for the remaining 11 days, earning three credits toward their B.S.N. degree.

For further information, contact Dr. E. Monica Ward-Murray, assistant to the dean for research, at (336) 334-7751, or Donna Paulsen, clinical assistant professor, (336) 334-7751. ■



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Students

■ Eight accounting majors in the School of Business and Economics have received scholarships from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AIPA) for academic year 2003-04: **Shanyce Campbell**, \$4,000; **Alvin Franks**, \$3,000; **Melanie Glover**, \$4,000; **Racene Johnson**, \$3,000; **Andrea Legree**, \$3,000; **Jennifer McGhee**, \$3,000; **Shannon Rainer**, \$4,000 and **Akilah Thompson**, \$3,000.

■ **Kassidy Johnson**,

a senior public relations major, is an intern in the public relations department of the Women's Sports Foundation in East Meadow, N.Y. Upon graduation, Johnson plans to attend law school.



■ **Crystal Renai Williams**, a freshman in the journalism and mass communication department, is a 2003 Coca-Cola Scholar and the recipient of a \$4,000 scholarship. She was selected based on her strong academic record, her leadership ability in her school and community, and her dedication to excellence.

■ Teacher education majors in the School of Education attended the 16th annual fall meeting of the North Carolina Geographic Alliance in September. **Erin Alexander**, **Kyriisa Denson**, **Willette Middleton**, **Salyna Richardson**, **Melody Simpson** and **Aaron Stevenson** attended the conference with **Dr. Ereka R. Williams**, assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction. This year's conference, "No Teacher Left Behind: Integrating Geography with Reading and Math," was held in Burlington.

Faculty & Staff

■ **Dr. Chi Anyansi-Archibong**,

professor of strategic and international management, is one of seven recipients of the 2003 Beyond Grey Pinstripes Faculty Pioneer Awards, an international awards program that celebrates the contributions of exceptional faculty who demonstrate leadership in integrating social and environmental impact management into MBA programs and significantly influence business education and practice. Candidates for the Pioneer Awards are nominated by their peers, and winners are selected by a panel of judges drawn from corporations that are committed to bridging academic and business environments.



■ **Phyllis O. Cole**,

director of evening/weekend programs in the Office of Continuing Education, and **Veronica M. Ford**, associate director of evening/weekend programs, have been elected to serve a two-year term (2004-2006) on the North Carolina Adult Education Association Board of Directors.



■ **Dr. Robert Davis**,

professor of sociology, was invited by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to participate in a program at United Nations Headquarters, Oct. 8, to hear briefings and discuss ways that eminent members of civil society can contribute to the work of the United Nations and help promote a better understanding of its role among the American public.



■ **Dr. Nita M. Dewberry**,

associate dean for curriculum and student affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences, participated in BRIDGES, an intensive professional development program for women in higher education, Sept. 12-Nov. 19.



■ **Shirley R. Douglas**,

associate director of summer sessions, has been elected to serve a one-year term as secretary of the North Carolina Association of Summer Sessions Board of Directors.



■ **Willie T. "Tommy" Ellis Jr.**,

vice chancellor for business and finance, is a graduate of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Summer Institute that was held in Dallas, Texas, last summer. The 15th Annual Summer Institute convened chief financial officers from 50 HBCUs for a meeting to assess the financial challenges facing HBCUs and to work toward solutions. The Institute was sponsored by Nissan and Educational Testing Service.



■ **Shawnya L. Harris**

has been named director of galleries. She will administer an established collection in the Mattye Reed African Heritage and H.C. Taylor Art Galleries that are housed in the Dudley Building, managing all aspects of the galleries and archives including numerous exhibitions and special events. Harris most recently served as a consultant for the art museum at N.C. Central University. She has also worked as a research assistant at UNC-Chapel Hill.



CampusBRIEFS

■ Dr. Abdollah

Homaifar has been named the first Duke Energy Endowed Professor of Electrical Engineering at N.C. A&T. Homaifar is a tenured professor in the department of electrical and computer engineering who specializes in III-V Materials Growth and Characterization: Semiconductor Device Applications in Analog and Digital Circuits. His work led to the development of the Center for Autonomous Control and Information Technology Center (ACIT) that stemmed from a partnership with the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Highlands University.



■ Dr. Tamrat Mereba,

professor of journalism, conducted a workshop at the World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 7-11. The workshop covered the various forms/models of instructional design in



an e-learning environment needed to foster the alliance between technology and instruction for transforming the academic environment, while highlighting different interactive learning styles that utilize different technologies and teaching strategies that enable active student engagement with one another, content, instructor and software. The workshop is published on the digital library website of the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE), www.aace.org.

■ Dr. Carolyn W.

Meyers, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, is one of the first winners of the Emerald Honors for outstanding women in research science and technology. Meyers has been a mechanical engineering pioneer for several decades, receiving commendations never before awarded to black women by the National Science Foundation, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Foundry Educational Foundation. In September, she received a Women of Color Research Sciences and Technology Award from Career Commu-



nications Group, Inc., publisher of *US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine. The recognition is for career achievement.

■ Merri Christi Pem-

berton is curator of the Mattye Reed African Heritage Gallery on campus. Pember-ton has worked as an educator at Chin-qua-Penn Plantation, Greensboro Cultural Center and UNCG Arts and Sciences Camp. She also has been a columnist for *ESP Magazine* and has had work featured in *Triad Style* (now *Go Triad*). She has a degree in art history from UNCG.



■ Charles Williams,

associate vice chancellor for undergraduate programs/Title III coordinator, is a National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) Kellogg Leadership Fellow for academic year 2003-04. ■



Belk Donates Mascot

Thanks to the generosity of Irwin Belk (3rd from left), Charlotte philanthropist and retired president of Belk department stores, there's a new "Aggie" guarding the entrance of the Fitness and Wellness Center. The bronze mascot was unveiled prior to the first home football game last October. Belk has also donated \$250,000 toward the new track at Aggie Stadium. Also pictured are Roselle L. Wilson, vice chancellor for student affairs; James C. Renick, chancellor; Charles Davis, director of athletics; Carlton Belk and Peggy Renick.

New Faculty Appointments*

School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Walter Adams, agricultural technician, Cooperative Extension Program; **Jarvetta Bynum**, research associate/agribusiness, applied economics and agriscience education; **James Davis**, farm management agent, Cooperative Extension Program; **Juatine Dunham**, family and consumer education agent, Cooperative Extension Program; **Timothy J. Foster**, research associate/agribusiness, applied economics and agriscience education; **Travella Free**, extension associate, Cooperative Extension Program; **Thessalenuere Hinnant-Bernard, Ph.D.**, investigator, human environment and family science; **Sherold D. Hollingsworth**, assistant professor, natural resources and environmental design; **Sheryl Scrimsher, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, human environment and family sciences, and **Jianmei Yu, Ph.D.**, research associate, human environment and family sciences.



Thess Hinnant-Bernard, Ph.D.



Sheryl Scrimsher, Ph.D.



Jianmei Yu, Ph.D.

College of Arts and Sciences

Anjail Ahmad, Ph.D., assistant professor, English; **Hoyt Andres, Ph.D.**, adjunct assistant professor, music; **Arnold Barnes, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, sociology and social work; **Goldie Byrd, Ph.D.**, associate professor/chairman, biology; **Melanie Dalton, Ph.D.**, visiting assistant professor, physics; **Karen Hornsby, Ph.D.**, instructor, history; **Willie O. Jordan**, visiting assistant professor, visual and performing arts; **Rita Lauria, Ph.D.**, associate professor, speech and communications; **Gregory Meyerson, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, English; **Michael Roberto, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, history; **Kenneth Ruff, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, music/director of bands; **Byron Turman**, lecturer, English, and **Nail Yamaleev, Ph.D.**, associate professor, mathematics.



Anjail Ahmad, Ph.D.



Hoyt Andres, Ph.D.



Goldie Byrd, Ph.D.



Melanie Dalton



Karen Hornsby, Ph.D.



Willie O. Jordan

School of Business and Economics

Joong Cho, Ph.D., assistant professor, business administration; **Kathy S. Mack, Ph.D.**, adjunct assistant professor, business administration; **Angela Miles, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, business administration; **Ravi Chand Vellore, Ph.D.**, associate professor, business administration, and **Lee A. Vlahos**, adjunct assistant professor, business administration.



Michael Roberto, Ph.D.



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Judie Bucholz, Ph.D., adjunct assistant professor, human development and services; **Joseph Jordan**, adjunct assistant professor, human development and services; **Robin Liles, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, human development and services; **Lisa McLeod, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, human development and services; **Chester Preyar, Ph.D.**, professor, human development and services; **Ereka Williams, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, curriculum and instruction, and **Mary P. Williams, Ph.D.**, associate professor, human development and services.



Judie Bucholz, Ph.D.



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Ereka Williams, Ph.D.

College of Engineering

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Mary P. Williams, Ph.D.



Yaohang Li, Ph.D.



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School of Technology

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Claude Hargrove, Ph.D.

¹ Maranda McBride received her Ph.D. from N.C. A&T in December 2003, becoming the first recipient of an A&T doctorate to be hired as a full-time faculty member. She is now an assistant professor.



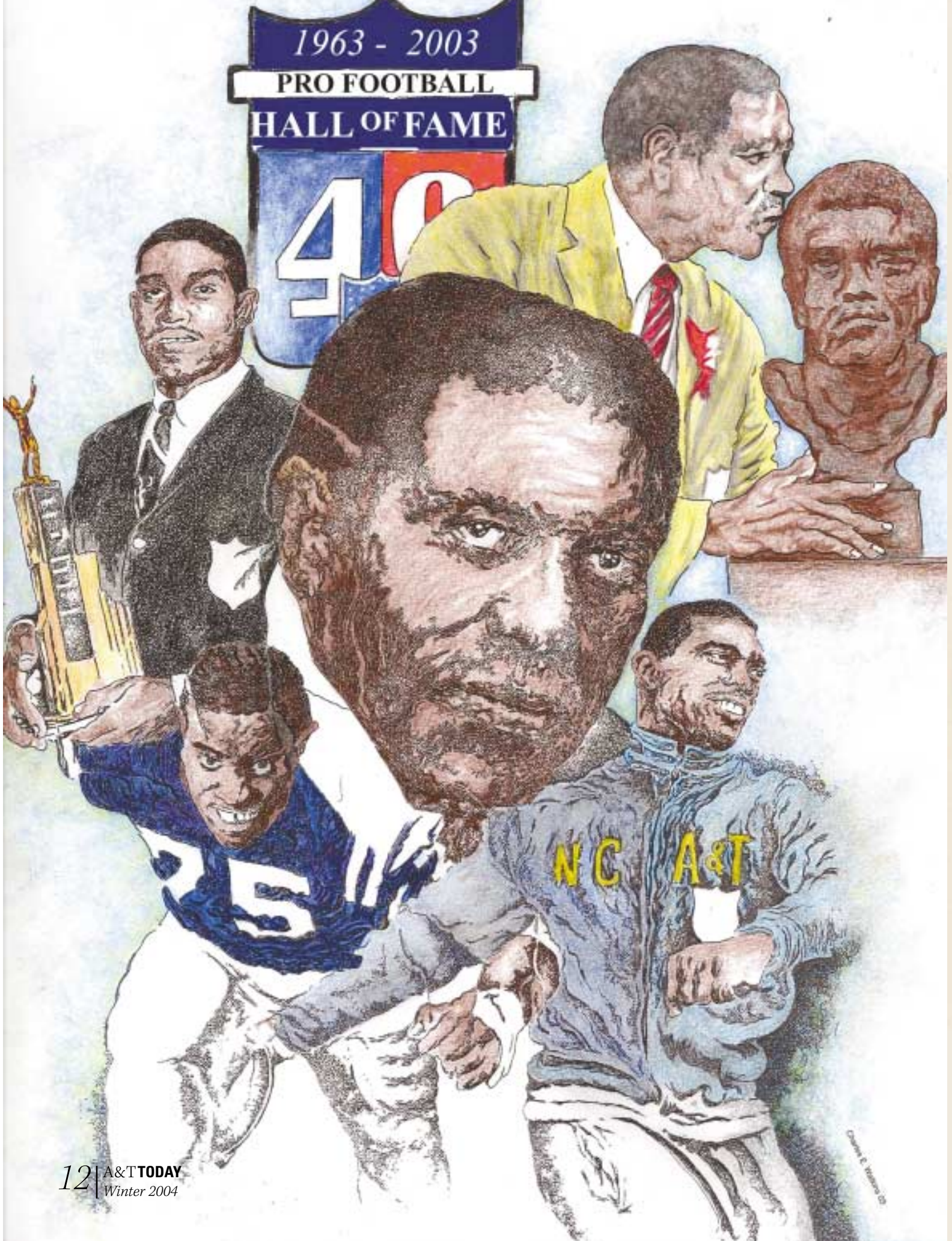
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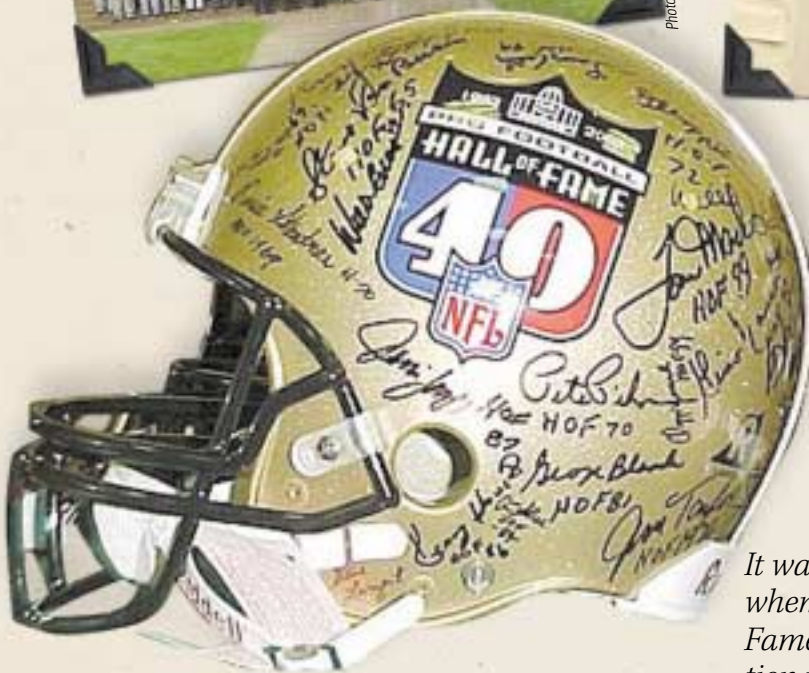
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IN THE HALL

It was a historic moment for North Carolina A&T when Elvin Bethea joined the ranks of the NFL Hall of Fame, but for the 1968 A&T alumnus it was confirmation that if you give 100 percent you will succeed.

By Nettie C. Rowland '72/'95MS

On Aug. 3, 2003, 57-year-old Elvin Bethea became the first Aggie to join the elite group of 221 National Football League Hall of Famers.

Bethea, who is now director of government affairs at Anheuser-Busch's Houston, Texas, office, confirms that there are no limits to what Aggies can achieve.

"I've always felt that it doesn't matter whether you attended a small school or a large school as long as you work hard and give 100 percent toward your goals that hard work, good work ethics and focus are going to help you achieve your goals," Bethea said.

A&T alumni across the country traveled to Canton, Ohio, to witness Bethea accomplish another milestone for himself and the university. Watching the A&T All-American football and track star's induction into the NFL Hall of Fame along with James Lofton, Joe DeLamielleure, Marcus Allen and Hank Stram was an awesome feeling for the entire A&T family.

For Shirley McFarland, an A&T employee, and four colleagues who traveled to Canton for the enshrinement activities, the trip was unbelievable.

"To see Mr. Bethea inducted into the Hall of Fame was one of the greatest events in my lifetime and it was totally mesmerizing," McFarland said. "There were many football legends in attendance and seeing Bobby Mitchell again brought back fond memories of my years in Washington, D.C., working for the federal government and attending Redskins games."

Aggies also saw other legendary athletes such as Tony Dorsett, Leroy Kelly, Joe Green, Don Shula, Eric Dickerson, Lawrence Taylor and Randy White.

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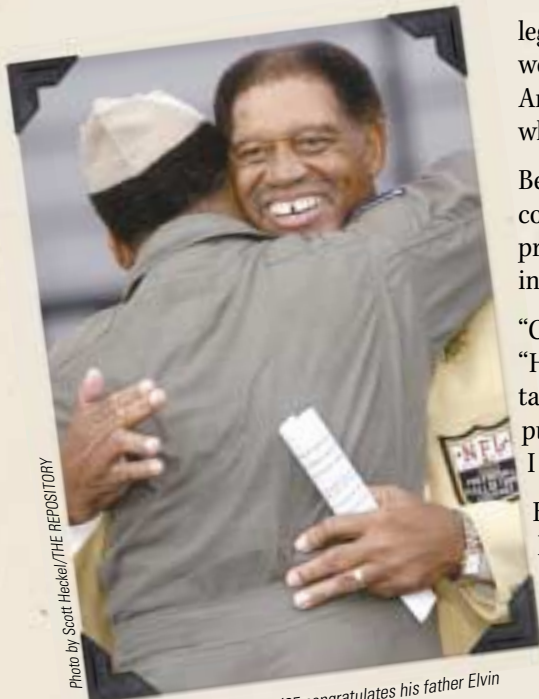


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Navy pilot Lamonte Bethea '95 congratulates his father Elvin Bethea during the NFL Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The former participated in a flyover at the beginning of the ceremony.

They were among the more than 100 Hall of Famers that attended the weekend's events.

A&T National Alumni Association President Teresa Davis was interviewed by several television stations in Ohio. She praised Bethea for his outstanding accomplishment.

"Elvin Bethea's induction into the NFL Hall of Fame is truly indicative of the essence of "Aggie Pride" – achieving excellence and honor in the world of professional football. We are extremely proud of him," she said.

It was thrilling for Heyward L. McKie to see his friend and classmate being honored. McKie, who resides in Chesapeake, Va., was among Bethea's former A&T football teammates to attend the ceremony. Neither he nor his fellow classmates were surprised by Bethea's selection into the Hall of Fame.

"He has always been dedicated to excellence," said McKie who played tight end and defensive end with Bethea. "In col-

lege he prided himself on lifting more weights than any other team member. And he was an outstanding ball player who believed in team work."

Bethea said it was only fitting that his college football coach Hornsby Howell presented him at the NFL Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

"Coach was always there," Bethea said. "He taught me how to be a man. He taught me good work ethics and always pushed me to my limits and then some. I have great respect for him."

Bethea met Howell in 1968 when the latter took the helm of the university's football program. The coach was known for his toughness and no-nonsense disposition. In watching Bethea on the football field, he knew immediately that he had an outstanding athlete in his midst.

"He had a tremendous work ethic and thrived on hard work," said Howell who retired from A&T in 1982 and the University of Georgia in 1998. "He was a very serious player who was never boastful."

Howell bonded with the athletes and, as Bethea sees it, provided them with the key ingredients of life.

At the induction ceremony, Bethea praised Howell, who now resides in Raleigh, N.C.

"Coach Howell is the man who put me here today. He pushed me to the point of no return and beyond."

The new Hall of Fame inductee said he would never forget the quote Howell used during his football years at A&T, "Either be good or be gone."

Having Howell present him at the enshrinement was great but Bethea was speechless when he found out his son Lamonte participated in the flyover at the beginning of the ceremony. Lamonte, a Navy pilot, graduated from A&T in 1995.

"I am very proud of my father," Lamonte said.

"It was great seeing his expression when he found out that I had participated in the flyover."

For Bethea's wife Pat it was a relief because she had helped him prepare his seven-minute speech and was glad he got through it.

"Elvin is a good and humble guy," she said. Bethea's other two children, Brittany and Damon, also attended the ceremony.

Bethea's road to the NFL Hall of Fame



A contingency of Aggies – including members of the A&T Hall of Fame and Alumni Association President Teresa Davis (far right) – celebrate with Elvin Bethea (center) at the 2003 NFL Hall of Fame festivities in Canton, Ohio.

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began when he was in the 10th grade. That was the year that he became interested in football. But the Trenton, N.J., native wouldn't develop his talents until college, for in high school he demonstrated his outstanding abilities in track and field and shined in the shot put and discus events.

After graduating, the track star was set on going to a college with a great track and field program. At that time, North Carolina Central University in Durham fit the bill. They had an excellent track program and offered Bethea a scholarship. But Bethea's mother convinced him to attend A&T where her hometown friend Mel Groomes was an assistant football coach.

So as destiny would have it, Bethea would trample the grounds of A&T and excel, not only in track but also in football.

was on the track team with Bethea from 1964-68 and remembers him as a very gifted and dedicated athlete. "With his skills, I knew he would become great," said Thompson, who is convinced that if Bethea hadn't been drafted by the pros, he would have gone to the U.S. Olympics.

On the football field, Bethea was a terror. He was versatile with the ability to play multiple positions – guard and tackle, defensive end and linebacker. However, the humble Bethea didn't just depend on his talents; he often called on a higher being for wisdom.

To get mentally prepared for a game, Bethea said that he would read the Bible, something that he would continue throughout his professional career. When his team lost a game, and they lost many, he would just prepare harder for the next game.

"You learn from your mistakes," Bethea said.

Bethea was drafted by the Houston Oilers in 1968, and he had an outstanding career with the team for 16 years.

When the football legend returned to his alma mater on Oct. 25, 2003 to serve as the grand marshal for the Homecoming Parade, he received a warmhearted reception. He led the parade, called the coin for the game and was given a key to the city. The night before at the alumni concert, Bethea was presented Greensboro Artist William Mangum's print of the Dudley Building by the alumni national president.

Bethea, who has a degree in physical education, was delighted to be back in Aggieland.

"Being back at A&T feels wonderful," the A&T Sports Hall of Famer said.



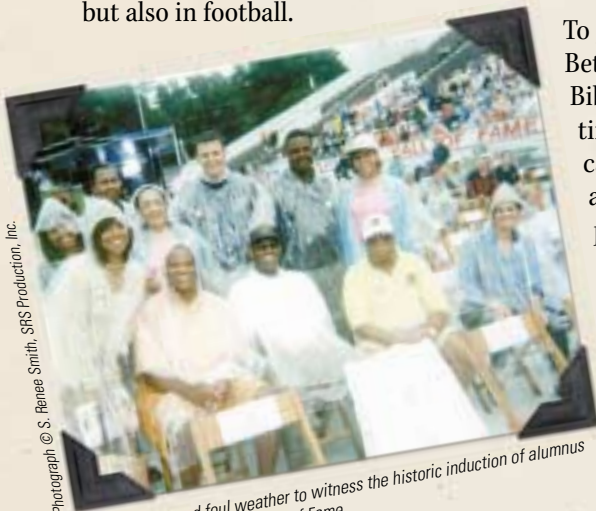
NFL Hall of Fame inductee Elvin Bethea (left) and Hornsby Howell, Bethea's college football coach, pose with the bust of Bethea that is now on display in the NFL HOF Museum in Canton, Ohio. Howell presented Bethea at the ceremony.

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When Bethea entered Memorial Union and saw display representing his athletic career, he was amazed. The display contained photographs, a Hall of Fame plate, an illustration by A&T student Hurston Fails, his Houston Oilers jersey, a 1968 yearbook, and NFL Hall of Fame and other A&T paraphernalia.

However, the display item that captured his attention the most was a drawing by university photographer Charles Watkins of his life as a football and track star (see page 12). Watkins said that the drawing was easy to do because as a fan he had followed Bethea's professional career. Watkins' rendition of the NFL Hall of Famer was selected for the cover of the 2003 Football Media Guide.

"I learned a great deal at A&T about life and it has taken me a long way," he said. "It's a great feeling coming from a small black college to have achieved such honors in my life. It proves that it's what you have inside that counts." ■



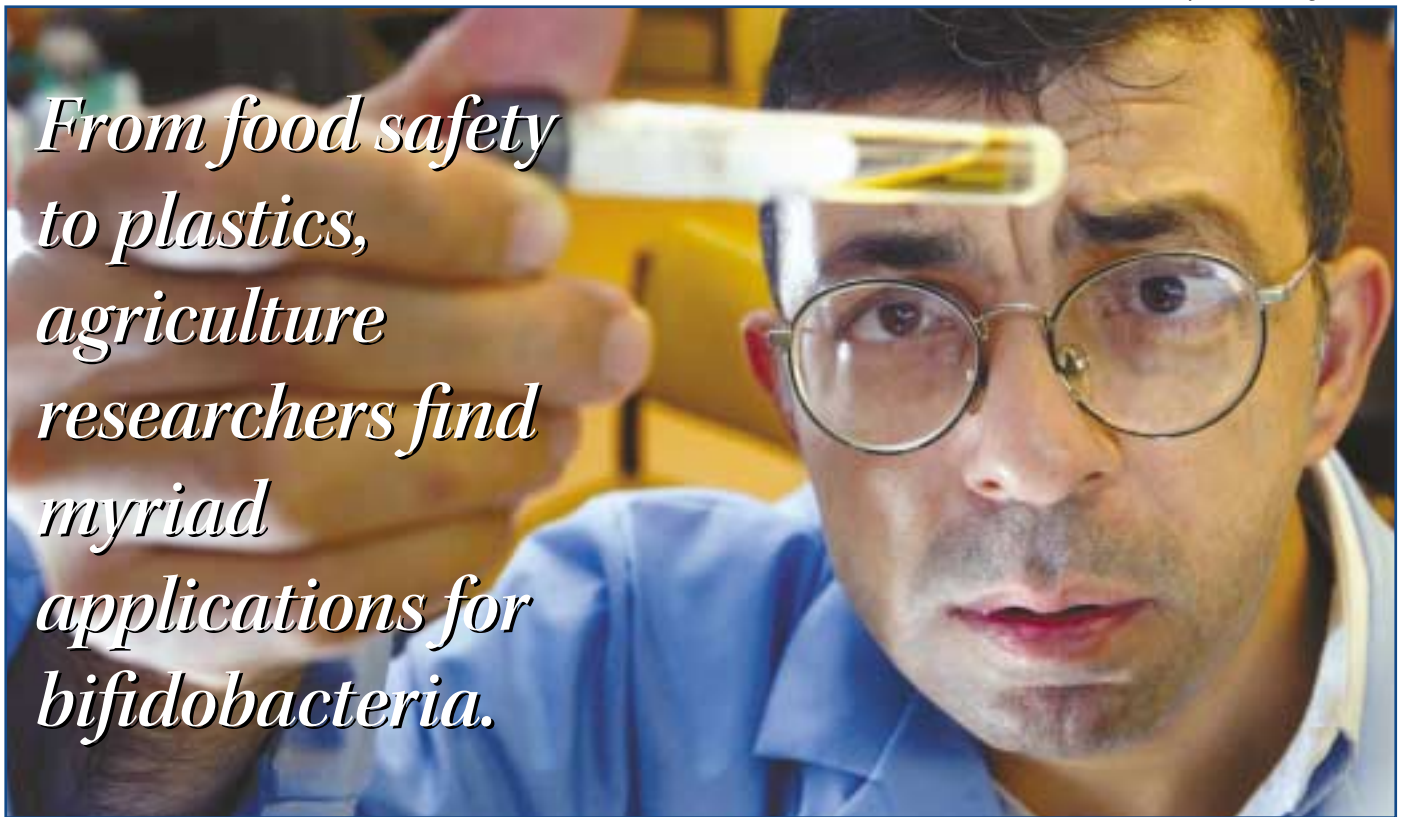
Aggies withstand foul weather to witness the historic induction of alumnus Elvin Bethea into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Bethea's football career began at A&T in 1964 with A&T coach Bert Piggott. Bethea continued to triumph in track and field, where he was an NAIA champion in the shot put event and a track and field All-American. The skills he acquired from that sport gave him the quickness he needed in football.

Roy "Spaceman" Thompson, who currently serves as track coach at A&T,

Miracle Microbe

By Laurie Gengenbach



From food safety to plastics, agriculture researchers find myriad applications for bifidobacteria.

Photo by James F. Parker/N.C. A&T SALES

Dr. Salam Ibrahim at work on the miracle microbe, bifidobacteria.

Researchers in the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences have discovered that a beneficial bacteria widely used in yogurt to enhance health could also be a potent new tool in food safety. They have also discovered it could be used to produce biodegradable plastics from agricultural waste products.

Known as *bifidobacteria*, the microbe is part of the natural intestinal flora and is believed to be one of the most abundant forms of friendly bacteria in mammals. Interest in the bacteria has increased in tandem with a growing interest in functional foods that contain living microorganisms – so-called “probiotics.”

Research has shown that bifidobacteria thrive in the presence of dairy calcium, which is one reason the dairy industry uses them so extensively. They are

believed to improve metabolism, enhance immunity and digestion, and aid in lowering cholesterol.

Now **Dr. Salam Ibrahim** and other researchers in the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences have found that the miracle microbe also works outside the body to kill food borne pathogens before they can cause trouble on the inside. **Dr. Ipek Goktepe** combined bifidobacteria with organic acids to make a dip that destroys spoilage bacteria in raw poultry, thus extending shelf life. **Dr. Ghasem Shahbazi** took Ibrahim’s work a step further and developed new value-added products for the cheese industry, including lactic acid (used in food preservation) and biodegradable plastics. The same project also yielded an effective compound that killed salmonella and *E. coli* bacteria.

A patent is pending on one of the most important inventions to arise from Ibrahim’s research: an all-natural preservative. A second patent is pending on a new fermentation process Ibrahim developed.

“We are currently working with three different food industries to implement these technologies, and test them with different processed food products,” he said.

Ibrahim has been studying the bacteria since the early 1990s. His first order of business after arriving at N.C. A&T in 2000 was to isolate new, more potent strains of the microbe, in response to ongoing demand from the food industry.

Two new strains of bifidobacteria emerged as a result, one of which is particularly powerful. Ibrahim harvested the antimicrobial compounds the bacteria

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Chemical Industries of the Future Program Launched

By Shena L. Crittendon

North Carolina A&T State University researchers are looking for new and innovative ways to make sure that North Carolina's chemical industries will continue to survive and prosper. The innovative, government-driven strategy is known as the Industries of the Future (IOF) program.

The IOF programs work in partnership with U.S. industry to increase the efficiency of energy and materials use, both now and in the future. Nine industries have been designated by the Department of Energy (DOE) as critical Industries of the Future: aluminum, forestry, mining, chemical, metal casting, steel, glass, agriculture and petroleum refining.

Picking up on the idea, a team in North Carolina was awarded a grant to implement a state IOF program. The State Energy Office and the DOE fund the award. The team consists of researchers from N.C. A&T, North Carolina State University and Advanced Energy System. Bob McGuffey of the NC Solar Center heads the team.

While N.C. State University will implement the program for the forestry and mining industries, A&T has set up a chemicals field office to concentrate on the chemical industry. **Dr. Harmohindar Singh** of A&T's Center for Energy Research and Technology and **Dr. Franklin King**, professor of chemical engineering, are leading the NC-IOF program for the chemical industry.

The field office under the direction of Singh and King is now concentrating on identifying and recruiting charter partners for the IOF chemical sector, working with the industry consortium to identify



Drs. Harmohindar Singh and Franklin King are leading the N.C. Industries of the Future program.

common and individual company needs, to obtain funding for research needed by the chemical industry and organizing and hosting workshops and symposiums for the program. These sessions will focus on explaining to government the needs of the chemical industry, and the National Industries of the Future program.

"The concept behind IOF is to make sure American industry is efficient, reliable and sustainable," said Singh. "The project will help maintain the chemical industrial base in the state.

Chemical industry contacts will be developed and maintained from the field office established at A&T. The program's objectives are to identify and recruit charter industrial partners for the chemical sector of IOF in North Carolina; to identify the research needs of this sector; and to inform them about the financial help available from the state and local governments.

Singh added, "Another advantage for small companies is to use us to share what problems they are encountering and then share in the costs of solving the problems. That is the purpose of bringing academia, the private sector and the state together."

The chemical and forest products industries are important to North Carolina's economy. Together they employ 16 percent of North Carolina's manufacturing work force.

According to King, "We have a group of people in North Carolina who have a vested interest in the state. Our mandate is to collect information from these employers and provide the help needed so that they can be here 20 years from now. Before you worry about growth you have to maintain where you are. People want jobs and security for our industries." ■

Professor Walks Nuclear Security Tightrope

By Joel Davis

Derrek Dunn's research walks the tightrope between nuclear security and flexibility.

Dunn, an associate professor at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, spent 10 weeks at Oak Ridge National Laboratory last summer investigating security issues associated with implementing wireless sensor systems in nuclear power plants.

Going to a wireless sensor system could mean greater flexibility, cost-savings and security in a nuclear power plant environment, Dunn said.

"You don't have to run cables anywhere," he said. "It's easy to reconfigure the telecommunications infrastructure. All you have to move is the device."

Dunn performed the investigation as part of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory/Oak Ridge Associated Universities Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Education Institutions Faculty Summer Research Program.

"The experience has benefited me by expanding my knowledge base of practical communication theory and communication simulations," he said.

The objective of the program is to foster long-term relationships between Oak Ridge National Laboratory research staff and the visiting faculty members. It is part of ORNL's ongoing commitment to increase interactions with historically black and minority education institutions.

For Dunn, a typical day on the job was spent conducting computer simulations. He studied how three popular wireless communication technologies reacted when used together. He also investigated whether radio frequency radiation could cause unintentional effects in power plant control systems.

The research indicated that wireless systems could be safely used in a nuclear power plant.

"They tended not to interfere," Dunn said. "Preliminary studies indicate there shouldn't be any problem."

During the program, Dunn worked with scientists in ORNL's Nuclear Science and Technology and Engineering Sciences and Technology divisions. His mentors were researchers Paul Ewing and Richard Wood.

Derrek Dunn, associate professor at N.C. A&T State University, uses a computer simulation at Oak Ridge National Laboratory to investigate security issues associated with implementing wireless sensor systems in nuclear power plants.

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Since completing the program, Dunn has returned to A&T, where he chairs the department of electronics and computer technology. He said the experience far exceeded his expectations and that he would love to return and continue his collaboration with the ORNL scientists.

"The program ... is a wonderful program," Dunn said. "The engineers and scientists that I am working with are top-notch."

Dunn's research interests include wireless communication systems, global positioning system (GPS) technology and real-time information processing. Going wireless holds great advantages for the nuclear power and other industries, he said.

"The potential is vast," he said. "Just look around. See all the cell phones, pagers and PDAs? There is a tremendous opportunity for growth there."

A native of Whitsett, N.C., Dunn holds a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. His industrial experience includes work on the design of radio frequency identification tags.

Dunn encourages interested individuals to take an active approach to learning about the program.

"Call and speak to one of the engineers on-site and discuss what kind of research they are doing," he said.

"The program really brought the participants together. The various faculty members who are in the program work together and share information and ideas on teaching and research."

The ORNL/ORAU HBCU/MEI Program is funded by ORNL and ORAU in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy. The program is administered through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). For more information on this and other educational programs, please visit the ORISE Web site at www.orau.gov/orise/Educ.htm. ■

Joel Davis is a communications specialist with Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

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produces, and combined these with a blend of antimicrobial herbs and spices, with impressive results. The blend caused a significant reduction in dangerous *E. coli* bacteria in ground beef and was also effective against salmonella. In addition to safeguarding ground beef, the product also has potential for use as a food preservative in processed foods. Ibrahim is hopeful the food industry will see the product as one alternative to chemical preservatives and irradiation, practices that are still viewed with skepticism by many consumers.

Other important findings emerged from his research, including a new growing medium, and a new screening process. These have been published in the May 2002 issue of the *Journal of Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology*. Ibrahim feels he has only begun to scratch the surface of bifidobacteria research. In addition to the food safety aspects of the microbe, more questions remain to be answered about its functional and nutritional aspects, he said.

"The next question is to understand more

about the beneficial impact of bifidobacteria within the intestinal ecosystem of humans," said Ibrahim.

Though research always leads to new questions, there is one matter that has been made abundantly clear to Ibrahim: the importance of milk as a dietary staple. Milk is essential to maintaining a healthy balance of bifidobacteria, he says.

"By shifting from milk to soft drinks, we could be exposing ourselves to disease, therefore, we need to get back into the habit of drinking milk." ■

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Aggie Trademarks

By Mable Springfield Scott '99MS

Watch out Patti LaBelle! The N.C. A&T Aggies have taken center stage with a new attitude!

The new attitude — a new look — was unveiled before crowds of cheering Aggies on Oct. 16 in front of Aggie Stadium.

The award-winning A&T Blue & Gold Marching Machine stepped out in full force from Frazier Hall to Aggie Stadium to kick off this electrifying unveiling ceremony. Amidst throngs of students, faculty, staff, alumni, retirees, news reporters, governmental leaders, elected officials and children, the unveiling brought Aggies of all ages on one accord.



Billed as the “Greatest Tailgate Party in Greensboro,” the logo unveiling gave over 1,500 Aggies an opportunity to fellowship and celebrate the new university trademarks.

A&T Chancellor James C. Renick boosted the cheering crowd regarding all the changes taking place on campus.

“Change is in the air as we journey from good to great,” Renick said. “A&T is creating its own destiny. We are communicating our past, our present, our future.”

The loudest cheer during the entire ceremony erupted as the chancellor unveiled the three-dimensional, fierce new bulldog in front of Aggie Stadium. With drum rolls and trumpets blasting under-

neath, Renick introduced the ferocious bulldog logo, the interlocking “A” and “T” logo and the Baby Aggie logo.

WNAA-FM, the University’s official radio station, played smooth jazz as the Chancellor and First Lady Peggy Renick modeled the new logos on blue and gold sportswear by OT Sport Industries. The Renicks were followed by a fashion show highlighting the new logos by A&T student group, Couture Productions. Joining Couture were several children models: SaVon Wilson, Alise Brown, Michael Lance McMillan and Zakirah White.

A&T Student Government Association President Terrence Jenkins explained how campus focus groups had spent a year working on possible logos.

“We labored around conference tables and flip charts of drawings, sketches, fonts, graphics and designs,” Jenkins said.

“We talked, discussed, debated, argued, disagreed and agreed. But through it all, we became a stronger Aggie Family as we listened, learned and moved toward our goal.

As SGA president, Jenkins had promised the campus would be making bold, new steps.

“The bold new logo is an example of the new steps and new strategies we are taking,” Jenkins said as he thanked the chancellor for permitting student input during the process.

A&T National Alumni President Teresa Davis had similar comments.

“We are positioning the alumni association as we embark on a new era of change, inclusion and direction,”

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Davis said. “Like the SGA, we also are moving toward new directions, new beginnings and new ways to mobilize, energize and



strengthen Aggies Pride worldwide!”

Davis encouraged alumni to buy new apparel with the new logos.

“Once you see these hot new logos, you will join me in line and on-line to buy new blue and gold merchandise to showcase Aggie Pride!”

(Enthusiastic buyers are encouraged to check Aggie merchandise for the authorized Collegiate Licensing Company symbol that designates official Aggie merchandise.)

The unveiling’s grand finale invited hundreds of Aggies to join in singing “Aggie Spirit” led by the band, cheerleaders, mascot,

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Aggie Live Wires, Couture, Blue Reign, and the Blue & Gold Wig Crew.

Event sponsors included Sodexo Marriott,

OT Sport Industries, New Era Cap Company, Mr. Augi's Sportswear, Jansport, and DJ's Sportswear.

Following the unveiling, Aggies enjoyed a delicious feast of hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, barbeque, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, fruit punch, and Aggie water.

The new logos brought so much excitement, many Aggies took the event to another level on the concrete pavement in front of Aggie Stadium. Lines of Aggies did various dances like the electric slide, the Cha-Cha slide and the Chicago slide. And what else would you expect at an A&T party?

Since the unveiling splash, the new Aggie logos have been a tremendous hit according to sales from the A&T Bookstore. The bright, bold, blazing new logos have brought new life to a campus already undergoing a complete metamorphosis due to new construction and renovations.

Logo improvements have been underway for over a year led by Lesley Renwick Bennett, special assistant to the chancellor for legal affairs and trademark director. Co-chairs were Todd Johnson, director of business services, and Mable Scott, associate vice chancellor for university relations.

According to Bennett, the university's trademark program had three main objectives: "to provide a sufficient number of logo choices, to stress continuity of usage and to offer transitional appeal."

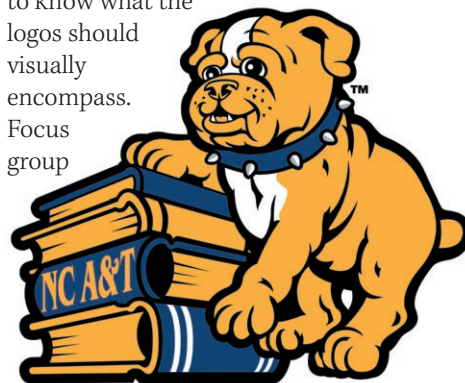
"We work with Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC) to administer our trademark program," Bennett said. CLC, the leading collegiate licensing and marketing representative in America, has clients that include over 180 universities, bowl games, conferences, NCAA and Heisman Trophy.

Bennett said CLC called on Phoenix Design Works of New York City to improve A&T's logos. Phoenix has created some of the most memorable identity programs in sports history for collegiate and professional teams. Phoenix has a formidable background in branding and advertising on a national and international basis for clients such as AT&T, Coca-Cola, Reebok and Sony. The firm has also created logo design work for the Florida Marlins, Cincinnati Reds, U.S. Open, Arkansas Razorbacks,

Brown Bears, Indianapolis 500 and NASCAR.

Since last fall, A&T focus groups worked with Phoenix to review possible logo designs. Focus groups included the PR Council, Futures Marketing Committee, students, faculty, staff, alumni and external supporters. They met monthly to narrow recommendations from Phoenix that were approved by the chancellor and his senior cabinet.

During one of the focus group meetings, Phoenix Design representatives wanted to know what the logos should visually encompass. Focus group



members said they wanted the new logos to communicate that A&T means pride, strength, success, enthusiasm, vitality, spirit, leadership, discipline, direction, and determination. The group said the new logos should exhibit Aggie Pride as dynamic, focused, awesome, infectious, inspiring and cutting-edge. ■

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CHAMPIONSHIP FALL!

Football and bowling teams nab *MEAC* titles.

By Jim McNally

Football Team: Dreamers and Achievers

The old saying goes that rebuilding is a process, not an event. Well try to tell that to the 18,000-plus fans who were crammed into Aggie Stadium on the cold and misty fall afternoon of Nov. 15, 2003.

When the final second of the fourth quarter ticked off the game clock, and the scoreboard read "Aggies 38, Hampton Pirates 28," most in attendance would argue, quite convincingly, that any rebuilding new Aggie head football coach **George Small** and his staff had to perform was completed in that very instant.

The N.C. A&T football team, beleaguered in recent years but now under the command of an alumnus of Aggieland, secured an improbable MEAC championship title by winning 10 of its first 11 games, including all six of those against conference rivals. Improbable perhaps, but many on the team have been using the language of the improbable; the language of the destined.

"I just think this thing is meant to be," said kicker and punter **Yonnick Matthews** following the team's first big conference win in Daytona Beach against league powerhouse Bethune-Cookman College. Matthews, who has made a strong case this year as the team's most valuable player, added, "I mean, since Coach Small has been here, all of us have this feeling that we can do it and we just care so much about each other that we never let anyone stop believing."

"It's a dream come true," Small said. "It shows what I have been telling these guys all year, that if you work as a unit, great things can happen. And this is something I have dreamed of since I played here."

That dream started as a nightmare for Hampton coach Joe Taylor, who looked up at the scoreboard and saw that the score was 14-0 before his team's offense had stepped foot on the field.



Curtis Deloatch

But the game turned out to be a nail-biter that hinged on key plays at important times. There was the Pirate drive thwarted by interception at the hands of vaunted cornerback **Curtis Deloatch**, who was forced to sit out the first half of the game as penance for penalty the previous week against Delaware State (another Aggie win). There was the even bigger interception by upstart freshman **Theron Thomas Jr.** (the son of long-time team equipment manager Theron "T-Bone" Thomas Sr.) late in the game with Hampton threatening to steal the game away. And there were the career days by running back **Micheaux Hollingsworth**, who rushed for 125 yards and scored his first touchdown of the season, and wide receiver **Byron "Bud" Phillips**, 132 receiving yards and the second touchdown of his career.



George Small



Yonnick Matthews

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Bowling Team "3-peats"

On a cool November late afternoon, a proud team of hard workers with an unlikely and lofty ambition, and led by a new head coach, hoisted a MEAC Championship trophy over their heads.

No, this was not the A&T football squad toting this piece of hardware across the gridiron. This club did its work on the lanes.

The Lady Aggies bowling team picked up its unprecedented third consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Women's Bowling title in Dover, Del. The team racked up 10,479 pins and captured its fourth conference title in the five years the event has been held.

Howard finished second with 370 pins behind A&T. Lear's runner-up, Maryland-Eastern Shore (UMES), finished third, 540 pins back.

The year's All-Tournament Team was led by the Aggies. **Hiliary Cox** was named the 2003 Outstanding Performer, finishing with 1,959 pins, and teammate **Jamie Brungard** (1,859 pins) earned places on the team.



Like his football counterpart, first-year head coach, **James "Jimmy" Mack** was named 2003 MEAC Outstanding Coach.



"I had no doubt at all in these ladies. They are a great group and we did what we knew we could do," Mack said. ■

James "Jimmy" Mack



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Taylor, who was Small's boss when the latter was the Pirates defensive coordinator before taking the A&T job earlier this year, was congratulatory. He told Small that if he couldn't have the MEAC championship, he wanted the Aggies to win it.



Theron Thomas Jr.

But the season added up to more than just the title-clinching game. It was one made more remarkable by the fact that the Aggies did not play their first home game until nearly two months into the season, which opened with six road games. A&T was victorious in five of those contests, which were played between some 8,000 miles of travel to places as far away as Las Vegas – which, perhaps appropriately enough, was the site of the team's only loss – and as nearby as Elon.



Micheaux Hollingsworth

It is also a team that has no central figure on the playing field. Aside from Matthew, who nearly lapped the MEAC field with his 16 field

goals on the year, all the key positions have been handled by a committee of players. It appeared as though all three quarterbacks – **Marshall Glenn, Randal Rankins** and **Rico Watkins** – took turns at taking snaps; the backfield was just as likely to have Hollingsworth, **Frank Patterson** or **Carl Scriven** taking handoffs; and the receiving corps had many troops.



Byron "Bud" Phillips

There were no stars on this team, just a lot of guys who reached for them. ■

Spirit of Homecoming Should Filter into Alumni Giving

By Aaron Stevenson

The Greatest Homecoming on Earth has come and gone, and once again we have received the rejuvenation of alumni enthusiasm and loyalty, combined with student excitement and dedication, and topped off with a lot of good ole' fashioned Aggie Pride!

Every October the city of Greensboro, N.C., is witness to one of the biggest family reunions in the world, and Homecoming 2003 definitely was not a disappointment. But behind the football games, band performances, tailgating and concerts – and beneath the roar of the thousands of brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, grandparents and great-grandparents that comprise the Aggie family – lies a greater cause for rallying Aggies far and wide, the \$100 million capital campaign.

Anyone and everyone who visited the campus in the past year noticed that this university is in the midst of a pride inducing transformation. A new general classroom building, the construction of two new dormitories and a winning football season are just a few of the accomplishments made possible, in part, by contributions from alumni and friends. If we can achieve all of these things with only half of our campaign goal being met, imagine the possibilities that will become reality upon the campaign's completion. We have come a long way from the campaign's kick off in 2001, but we still have a long way to go.

Students in North Carolina and across the nation are facing rising tuition prices, and falling federal and state financial aid and support, and A&T is no exception. Now is the time for Aggies to grab the reigns and drive the campaign

home to success. We need your assistance more than ever, and if we cannot count on family, who can we count on?

If we are to continue producing successful graduates, we must continue supporting our students. From generation to generation, A&T has become home to many students. You must ensure that the A&T your children inherit one day will be \$100 million dollars better than the one we enjoy today.

A contribution to the capital campaign is not an option; it should be an obligation. Every alumnus, student, faculty member, friend, group or company that cares about embodying tomorrow's youth with the skills and knowledge to effectively advance our country, should feel obligated to contribute to this campaign.

The Capital Campaign is a pivotal point in A&T's history. The success of this campaign can determine the future of our university and students. This Historically Black University is a model for others that have followed it, and it will continue to stand at the forefront of success and greatness starting with our capital campaign.

Over 20,000 people purchased tickets to events sponsored in A&T's honor, but how many of those ticket holders contributed to the university's capital campaign? How many alumni, who reap the wonderful benefits of graduating from this university, have taken the destiny of today's students and tomorrow's leaders into their own hands by giving back to their university? **Only 10 percent.**

That's right. Only 10 percent of A&T alumni have contributed to the campaign. With 84 percent of our students on financial aid, it does not take an A&T math professor to figure out that 10 percent is not enough. If we want to continue to demand that 100 percent of our students excel, we must command that 100 percent of our alumni recognize our strides and take an everlasting part of our excellence.

North Carolina A&T State University should never settle for 10 percent of your support, so I must implore you to call on that enthusiasm, loyalty and overall Aggie spirit that is apparent during Homecoming and help us reach our \$100 million goal. ■



"A Student's Perspective" is a regular column written by Aaron Stevenson, a junior at N.C. A&T State University who is majoring in math and computer science. Stevenson is also an A&T Teaching Fellow.

A&T students
experience the world
of work as interns
at Michelin North
America, Inc.



REAL WORLD



Steve Hunt, recruiting director at Michelin North America, Inc., presents a \$60,000 check to Chancellor James C. Renick for the Michelin Scholars Program while Provost Carolyn W. Meyers and N.C. A&T University Foundation President Obrie Smith enjoy the moment.

By Mable Springfield Scott '99MS

Corporate/university partnerships bring big benefits. Right at the top of the list are the valuable, real work experiences students receive via internships.

This past summer, Obrie Smith, president of the North Carolina A&T University Foundation, helped coordinate internships for students from various disciplines. The corporation, Michelin North America, Inc., makes and sells tires, inner tubes, wheels, and maps and guides throughout Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Smith worked behind the scenes with deans, department chairs, Michelin officials and students to ensure that seven N.C. A&T students received a real dose of the world of work.

"N.C. A&T prepares students in classrooms and labs here on campus, but that extra exposure in plants, in offices, in executive suites and on the road makes theories and principles come to life," Smith said.

He took the Michelin Scholars under his wing to provide additional guidance to make sure that their internships were rewarding and successful.

Throughout the summer, Smith called and emailed the scholars with advice and ideas. Pulling from his own background of over 30 years as a corporate executive, Smith shared critical information about professional decorum and communication.

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“There may have been many preconceived ideas about what to expect with an internship,” Smith recalled. “We just wanted to add some important caveats about work schedules, punctuality, receptivity, work environment, socialization and meaningful productivity versus busy work.”

On Aug. 8, Michelin’s recruiting department and diversity team held a reception and barbecue at their South Carolina corporate offices in honor of the Scholars, which was attended by A&T Chancellor James C. Renick and Provost Carolyn Meyers.

According to Smith, the results of the internship program were outstanding.

“Our Michelin Scholars were very impressive and professional. They were stellar! They made their families, A&T and everyone proud! The summer internships spoke volumes about these young people in addition to their tremendous academic accomplishments.”

Here is a sampling of how the Michelin Scholars feel about their summer internship.



Bob Rawley, director of senior management personnel for Michelin, N.A., talks with Michelin Scholar Andrea Legree about her summer work experience.

“CULTURAL” ENLIGHTENMENT

*By Heavenly Key
Electronics Technology Major*

Initially, I thought the Michelin work environment would be extremely stressful and tense on a daily basis. To the contrary, it was very relaxed and my coworkers were very friendly.



Heavenly Key

What stunned me the most was that the shop I worked in took three breaks in an eight-hour shift.

My supervisor was very friendly and helpful. Although my project was meaningful,

my initial assumption was that it would be a project just to keep me occupied. How wrong I was! I left Michelin with enhanced knowledge, better skills and preparation for the corporate world.

I never knew how much of what I learned in the classroom would apply to my job at Michelin. While there, I learned that classroom theory could not be taken for granted because potentially I will have to use it again in some shape or form. Because of this experience, I now know how to write my own PLC (programmable logic controllers) program, how to troubleshoot a PLC program and how to convert Silimog Logics to a PLC program.

Michelin terminology was a challenge at the outset. However, my coworkers were more than willing to help me understand and become familiar with the “language” so I could utilize it more effectively. Additionally, the culture at Michelin made working there productive and gratifying.

For example, when walking around the manufacturing floor, employees always greet fellow employees with a wave or a smile, which always made the walk quite pleasant. Being an employee in

a corporation like Michelin where its employees’ positive values are exhibited on a daily basis, made working there a valuable experience.

Overall, my internship at Michelin was a great experience, and I am honored to have had the opportunity. My skills in electronics were improved considerably, and this experience gave me a new respect for my field of study.

If I could do this internship again, I would add more activities for the interns, on and off the job site, to make the summer experience more rewarding and exciting. I would also suggest that a departmental terminology sheet be sent to all interns before they started the internship. In general, my experience enlightened my perception of the corporate world, and it gave me some insight into my post college expectations.



A NEW PERSPECTIVE

By Jessica M. Alarcón
Foreign Languages Major

COMING OF AGE

By Brian Daniels
Manufacturing Systems Technology Major

Have you ever been through the Lincoln Tunnel? You are well aware of your surroundings before you enter; but as you descend below the surface, you drift into a darkness that you do not understand. You know where it begins, but not where it will end. You know that you will be safe despite that slight feeling of anxiety. What helps you endure is the assured sense that there is a light at the end of the tunnel that will lead to an enchanting world of opportunity.



Jessica M. Alarcón

My initial steps along this journey remind me of the tunnel. I had never been to Mexico, had never worked in the corporate sector and I had no idea where I would live or what it would be like at Michelin Mexico. Yet, I was ready to jump on the plane and see the world that I had known only on paper.

Some would say I was crazy to step out on a limb like that, but too many people have passed up wonderful opportunities for fear of the unknown.

These tunnels that link the familiar with the unfamiliar are thrilling to me and, with every road I traveled, I gained a wealth of increasing experience and knowledge that is incomparable. ¡Buen viaje!

As I progressed, I realized that this was truly an opportunity of a lifetime. I had an amazing experience. My Spanish vocabulary and fluidity significantly increased, I tackled challenges that I did not know I was capable of conquering, and I grew. I drove through mountains and climbed pyramids. As the experience drew closer to the end, I found my place, both in the corporate environment and in my newly adopted community.

This experience served many purposes. It was healing and educational. In addition, it has encouraged me to be empathetic with immigrants, migrants and expatriates. Through my experience, I now understand that the process of adjusting can be overwhelming.

I returned to my country with a different set of eyes, and I am glad to have the opportunity to broaden my perspective.

Like a bright eyed child who looks in a mirror and sees his or her reflection for the first time, I am exploding with amazement, wonder and fear as my mind stretches to recall who I was before, but then it hits me that I am not who I was before. The experience with Michelin Mexico has changed my life and my perspective of the world forever.



If I had to give this summer internship experience a title, I would have to call it “The Coming of Age.” I had an opportunity to advance in life and to mature as a person.

The internship was the first time I lived on my own and the first time I worked in the corporate world.

Going into the program, I was very nervous. I had no idea what to expect. I was constantly asking myself, “Am I capable of doing this work?” However, all of my doubts went away very quickly when I met my co-workers and saw the project I would work on.

When I was not at work, I experienced the other side of adulthood. I learned how to cook and provide for myself. I never thought I would see the day when I would be paying bills. Now I can honestly tell my parents, “I know how you feel,” when we talk about spending money and being an adult. I even caught myself watching more news and fewer cartoons. I also interacted with other interns – which made my summer even more pleasurable – and we explored the Greenville area.



Brian Daniels

I would highly recommend an internship with Michelin. Besides the experience that would look good on a resume, Michelin is a well-organized company. The internship program gives students an opportunity to actually work and not just be office clerks.

The Michelin experience will help interns for the rest of their lives. I know I definitely gained a lot, and I would be willing to do it all over again.



PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS

By Iman Maxwell
Mechanical Engineering Major

When I received my offer for the internship at Michelin, I was happy and excited. I was going to be able to learn and work in a corporate environment.

As I thought about what was to come over the summer months, I feared that Greenville would be boring and dull, and the summer would slowly pass by. I also thought that the interns would not become good friends and just keep to ourselves. To my surprise the summer passed by rather quickly, and I spent a lot of time getting to know the other interns.

As far as the internship and Michelin were concerned, I had many assumptions and preconceived notions. I remember thinking about how I would

be received in the department. I thought everyone would work around me and put forth no effort into helping me accomplish a successful term. Would the assignments be too complicated, and would I fail to finish any of them? I also did not know if the assigned projects would be “real” projects that would be assigned to “real” employee if I was not there.

All of these thoughts and assumptions could not have been further from the truth. I met everyone in the department within my first few days at work, and all of them seemed genuinely glad that I was there. They accepted me as an adult worker, not as an intern that would be leaving shortly. In other words, I was expected to do my work as well as anyone else in the department.

All of the people I worked with were helpful and allowed me to ask questions, day after day.

The assignments I received were far from busy work, and I was given the opportunity and freedom to develop my own ideas and strategies to solve problems.



Iman Maxwell

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED ...

By Lester Simpson
Electrical Engineering Major

I will never forget my experiences at Michelin. I had the opportunity to meet many people and build relationships that, hopefully, will last a lifetime.

Most of my co-workers accepted me and allowed me to be a member of the team. During the course of the summer, I had several different assignments that ranged from AutoCAD drawing to software design.

I created a block that illustrated the functions and paths of different ribbon cables and their respective connections. The drawing is now being used to help test drivers interact with the data translation acquisition module.



Lester Simpson

At first I was totally lost because I was not familiar with the software I needed to use in order to complete one of my assignments. My only option was to ask my co-workers for advice on how to use the tool. They provided me with tips and tricks that enabled me to get a lot of work done and save time.

I had more freedom with my second assignment – a drawing – which went more smoothly.

My next assignment was to edit a TestPoint program. I was able to write the code, and the program ran smoothly for a while. After about a week, I started noticing some unusual behavior in the graphs. From this experience, I learned that you have to test your product extensively before you can present it to the customer.



THE MICHELIN WAY

By Andrea Legree
Accounting Major

My internship with Michelin was spent in the accounting department. My primary project, called the Brique de Base Project, could be translated to mean the bricks of a firm foundation.

Financial reporting is the foundation of every business. It allows upper level management to make important decisions that affect and attempt to maximize profit and maximize the value of the company to the shareholders and company owners. This project was vital to the accounting department because it made the financial reporting process more clear and efficient.

I also worked with the fixed assets department on smaller projects. I was responsible for entering batches for other internal costs and labor costs into the general ledger. I also was given the duty of transferring expenses amongst numerous projects. Lastly, I helped with the compilation of a monthly financial report.

From these assignments, I was able to gain many skills and invaluable experiences. My oral, writing, organizational and research skills were enhanced. I received invaluable training, and I became knowledgeable about Michelin's transaction flows.

I have heard numerous horror stories concerning summer intern positions. Many interns are made to photocopy, file

papers, run errands and type letters as if they were clerks or secretaries. They are not afforded the opportunity to have hands-on experience within their fields.

Coming into this internship, I expected to be assigned this type of work. To my surprise, I was given a project that was both valuable to the betterment of the company and to me. The staff in the accounting department was great. Everyone was helpful and played an important role in making my experience beneficial and pleasant.

Overall, my experience as a Michelin Scholar has been significant. I believe that the skills and knowledge I have obtained are vital for my development into a successful professional. I sincerely appreciate the hospitality shown to all of us and the concern displayed by Michelin staff and North Carolina A&T faculty for our continued development and success. I am happy to have had this intern experience – the Michelin way!



Andrea Legree



REFLECTIONS

By James Williamson III
Electronics Technology Major



James Williamson III

First of all, I definitely enjoyed my internship at Michelin's US1 manufacturing facility. Secondly, I was extremely pleased with how nice the employees were and how receptive they were to me. The people with whom I worked in the boiler house were polite and always willing to help.

My project involved upgrading and replacing a mimic board in the boiler house. Initially, the project seemed very complex due to my unfamiliarity with programming logic control. As a sophomore, I had not yet taken any courses at A&T that would have prepared me for the project. However, as I became more familiar with this ongoing project, it grew more interesting.

At times my progress was hindered due to delays with equipment and supplies. But by the end of the internship, the project was completed.

Overall, I enjoyed working at Michelin. I am thankful for the opportunity given me and the other scholars.



From the Desk of the National Alumni President

Greetings Aggies!



Change is in the air. Can you feel it? The energy and excitement that exist within and around the North Carolina A&T community – stemming from the new Aggie logo to the new residential facilities – carries over to those of us who hold that good 'ole Aggie Spirit near and dear to our hearts.

How befitting as the Alumni Association ventures into uncharted territory. It is an exciting time as we transform ourselves into an organization that will be more inclusive, representative of all A&T alumni and financially responsible. Our goals and objectives are driven by the desire to inspire and encourage Aggies to think, act and speak for the excellence of

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, thus strengthening our alumni support base.

For several years, the Association's leadership has been redefining our standards of operational efficiency and consistency to better serve our alumni. Our goals and objectives underline our commitment of our first graduates, "No Steps Backward." We must ascend to the next level of world-class status and reclaim our rightful place among all alumni associations.

As many of you know, we are transitioning into an operational format to attract, build and retain deeper relationships with our alumni. We are focusing on the following question: "Can we serve all alumni as we are and with the financial resources available?" After several in-depth discussions, dialogue and debate, the leadership identified opportunities to broaden our reach to alumni.

The restructuring of the Alumni Association is an important event in our organization's history. Communication and education are key in ensuring validation among alumni.

Changing our processes will take time; however the Association's leadership team is committed to moving with a sense of purpose and urgency (see sidebar).

I am extremely proud of our successes and I embrace the opportunities for growth. As we move forward with building and reinforcing alumni relationships, aligning with the University to provide an environment of academic excellence, and marrying traditions with progress, I know that each of us will continue to make "Aggie Pride" an ideal worth expecting, worth demonstrating and worth fighting for.

With much Aggie Pride,

Teresa M. Davis '89



Here's a brief overview of the new restructured organization. Each chapter has received the plan approved at the Annual Meeting in May 2003.

- The governing format is moving from an executive council (meeting twice a year) to a board of directors (meeting four times a year).
- Regional representatives on the board of directors will replace regional directors.
- Affinity groups (colleges and schools) will have representation on the board of directors.
- Active chapters will sustain their level of criticality to the Alumni Association and will become stronger in the restructured environment.

General timeline of critical events:

- Develop execution/transition plan to the new organization structure
End of fiscal year 2004
- Revision and adoption of Bylaws to support new structure
End of fiscal year 2004
- Update and adopt Long-Range Plan
End of fiscal year 2004
- Implement new structure
FY 2005 national election

Alumni Chapter News



Photo by Markus O. Perry

Recipients of Queen City Alumni Chapter Alumni Awards are Teresa M. Davis, national alumni association president, Leadership Award; James C. Renick, chancellor, President's Award; and Deloris Chisley, alumna, Dedication Award.

Queen City Hosts Banquet

Queen City Alumni Chapter ended its 2002-2003 fiscal year with a successful Inaugural Awards Banquet. The banquet, "Aggies in Motion – Keeping the Pride Alive," was held April 12, at the Hyatt South Park.

Deloris Chisley '73 was presented the Dedication Award; **Teresa M. Davis '89**, the Leadership Award, and Chancellor **James C. Renick**, the President's Award. Local radio and television personality, Tequilla Duru, was mistress of ceremonies for the event, and **Velma R. Speight-Buford '53** was keynote speaker.

The 2003-2004 fiscal year began with the annual Aggie Round-Up cookout that was held July 12 at Hornets Nest Park in Northwest Charlotte. The event is an opportunity for Charlotte area Aggies to gather for a day of good food, good company and good times. All Charlotte area rising freshmen, current students and their parents were invited to participate in the festivities. University officials making the trip down from Greensboro included David Hoard, vice chancellor for development and university relations, and Speight-Buford, trustee.

Newly elected and appointed officers of the chapter's executive council for 2003-2005 are **Charvetta Ford-McGriff '85**, president; **Alteka Jinwright '98**, first vice president; **Jason Rouse '98**, second vice president; **Tamika Bease '98**, secretary; **Erica McDowell '95**, treasurer; **Joe Bloomfield '77**, parliamentarian; **U.J. Cozart Jr. '77**, past president; **Ricky Mitchell '78**, annual giving chair; **Donna Tillman**, community service chair; **Shontilia Guy '98** and **Clement Bowman '84**, fundraising/social co-chairs; **Larilyn Reid '95**, membership chair; **Aaron Odom '97**, public relations chair; **Denee Robinson '98**, scholarship chair, and **Jennifer Watson '71**, student recruitment chair.

DC Chapter has Reception for New Students

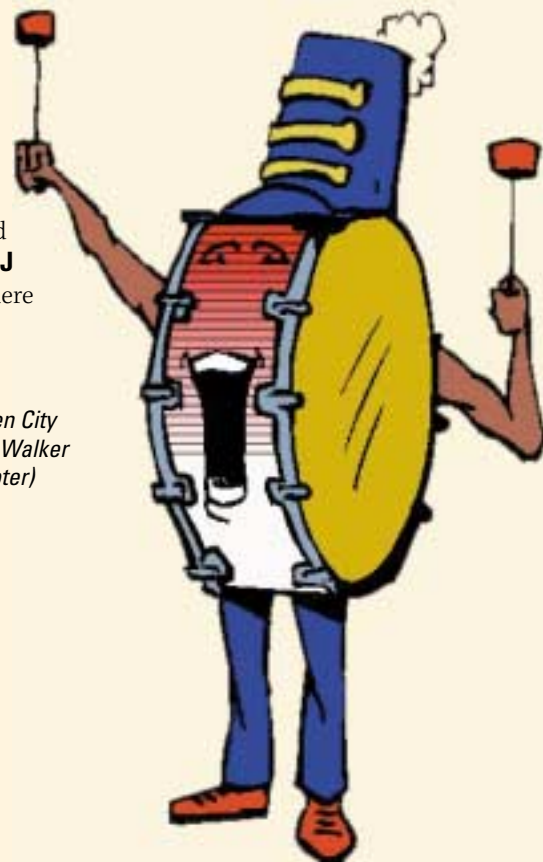
On July 13, the **Washington DC Alumni Chapter** held its second annual New Student Reception at the DC Alumni House. Over 50 students and parents attended the event.

Students were given a freshman information packet that included the Aggie Pride Compact, fall academic calendar, tips for the first six weeks of college, a college check list, the 2003 football schedule, a list of the DC Alumni Chapter officers and board of directors, a summary of the chapter's significant achievements and information on the chapter's annual Aggie Ho Down. In addition, there were a brief question and answer session, light refreshments and the opportunity to network with students, parents and alumni.

Bands Battle for Burlington NJ Chapter

Five high school bands participated in the Battle of the High School Drumlines competition that was held in Willingboro, N.J., in October. North Carolina A&T's "Cold Steel" drum line performed after the competition. The event was presented by the **Burlington NJ Alumni Chapter**, where Deborah Price '78 is president. ■

D. Tyrell McGirt (Queen City Chapter) and Verdina Walker (Washington DC Chapter) wrote the respective updates.



Aggies on the Move

At a time when much emphasis is placed on the increased number of marriages ending in divorce, a bridal show that educates brides and grooms on pre- and post-wedding issues has evolved. **Marvette Artis'** Bridal Dreams Wedding Showcase provides seminars in wedding planning, marriage counseling, economics, finance, home buying, and health and beauty while featuring companies that support the African American community. Artis is a 1985 graduate with degrees in business marketing and clothing, textiles and fashion merchandising. For further details, visit www.wesayido.com on the Internet.

Dr. Lonnie G. Barnes Jr. '54 has been elected to membership in the 2003 Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in the special recognition category.



David K. Brown '76 recently received the M.M. degree in theology from Cincinnati Bible Seminary. He also has been approved for ordination by the Assemblies of God (April 2004), where he is currently licensed. He pastors a new church in the Houston, Texas, area.

Phoebe Bruce '03 has joined B&C Associates, Inc., a management consulting, marketing research and public relations firm in High Point, N.C., as a communications specialist. Bruce graduated magna cum laude with a degree in mass communications-public relations in May.



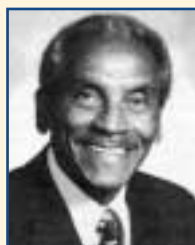
E. Franklin Campbell '84 was re-elected for a third four-year on the Mooresville (N.C.) Town Board of Commissioners. Campbell, the senior member of the

board and the youngest in age represents a constituency of over 4,000 residents in Ward II and I am the seniority member of the board but youngest in age.

Sheletha Y. Campion '95 has earned a Master's of Business Administration degree from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

Judy James Carlee '77 has started Conquering Books, LLC, a publishing, printing and distribution company that helps first-time authors and self-published writers get their manuscripts printed. The company also sells books by black and other authors. Visit her website at www.conqueringbooks.com.

Retired Lt. Col. **Eugene C. Chandler '51**, a member and former president of the Harford County (Md.) Board of Education since October 1997, has received the Charles W. Willis Memorial Award, which is the highest honor presented to an individual by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE). The award is given to the board member from around the state who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership at the local board level and for the state organization. Chandler also recently received one of the Achievement Initiative for Maryland's Minority Students (AIMMS) statewide awards.



Jillian H. Davis '99, a Ph.D. candidate in the area of pharmacology at Howard University, is a recipient of a 2004 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Minority Scholar Award in Cancer Research. As an AACR Scholar, Davis will participate in the Sixth Joint Conference of the AACR and the Japanese Cancer Association: Advances in Cancer Research that will be held in January in Waikoloa, Hawaii.



Janine Davis '88, co-host of the nationally recognized "Breakfast Brothas Morning Show" on WPEG-FM in Charlotte, N.C., has founded a non-profit organization called Girls Talk Foundation, Inc. The organization is aimed at building positive self-esteem, spiritual health and character in young girls ages 11-16.

Deborah Grinnage-Pulley '75, principal at Calvert Middle School, is one of two Maryland educators who recently received the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award



worth \$25,000. The award is designed to celebrate and reward educators who are making great strides in improving the nation's education system. Grinnage-Pulley has been principal at the school for seven years and an educator in Calvert County, Md., for 29 years.

Cultural Hangups, Inc., a company that specializes in multicultural wall borders, debuted its exclusive line in select Walmart stores last spring and summer. **Cynthia P. Ham '90**, is president of the company.

Clyde O. Harris '74 has received an Ed.D. degree in educational leadership from Nova Southern University. In addition to a B.S. degree, Harris also received two M.S.



degrees from N.C. A&T. He is currently the principal at Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson.

Nicole Trotter Henry '93 is assistant director of student services at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, where she is responsible for recruiting minority students.

Amili Holmes '95 is featured in an *Essence* magazine article (Nov. 2003) titled "The Moment She Had My Heart." Holmes and six other men recount "why they

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committed to the special women in their lives." He is married to **Candise McKeever Homes '95**.

D. Tyrell McGirt '98 has accepted a position with the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department as director of the Splash Park at Charlotte's newest indoor water park attraction, Ray's Splash Planet.

Charles DeBerry Miller Jr. '74, president and chief executive officer of Allied Wenco International, was keynote speaker at the N.C. A&T Founders' Day program, held Oct. 23. Miller once served as president of KitchenAid Appliances, senior vice president of Whirlpool Corporation and vice president of General Electric Corporation. His B.S. degree is in mechanical engineering, and he received his M.B.A. from the University of Illinois. He is also a graduate of INSEAD-IMD in France/Switzerland and attended the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business.

Award winning poet **Lenard D. Moore** recently presented a haiku reading and workshop at Rockingham (N.C.) Community College. Haiku is traditionally defined as an unrhymed Japanese poem recording the essence of a moment keenly perceived in which nature is linked to human nature, according to the Haiku Society of America. Moore's poems, essays and reviews have appeared in more than 350 publications and have been translated into several languages. The author of three books, Moore is writer-in-residence for the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County (N.C.). He also teaches English at Shaw University.

Deloitte, one of the nation's leading professional services firms, recently promoted **Kecia Williams Smith** to senior manager in the firm's Assurance and Enterprise Risk Services practice. Smith primarily serves companies registered with



the Securities and Exchange Commission. Her current clientele includes media, broadcasting, and information technology companies. In addition to her client service responsibilities, Smith also has served on the firm's national faculty. Externally, she has served as the Clark Atlanta University Recruiting team manager and as a North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University recruiting team member.

Stephen C. Williams '92 is educational director for the Juvenile Day Reporting Center of Randolph County (N.C.) He also teaches driver's education at Dudley High School in Greensboro. ■

Presidential Visit



N.C. A&T Chancellor James C. Renick and U.S. President George W. Bush. In February 2002, Bush appointed Renick to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

In Memoriam

The names of alumni and friends listed below have not appeared in past editions of *A&T Today*.

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Bruce D. Morgan '94
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Others

Allie L. Thompson of Greensboro, N.C., died Sept. 22, 2003.
Sharon White-Williams of Newport News, Va., died Sept. 18, 2003.
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Matty Reed of Greensboro, N.C., died Dec. 11, 2003. ■

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Money Maker

William Wills is COO at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

By Tia Bracey

"Aggie Pride," a phrase often heard on the campus of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, is now popular worldwide. From shore to shore, Aggies are a familial network.

Part of being a family is building and maintaining a network. Networking also is an integral part of the workforce. Knowing someone makes the transition smoother when entering a new career.

William Wills '61, associate director and chief operating officer at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), makes certain that Aggies who enter BEP get the knowledge they need to aid in the production of our nation's currency. Wills is the top ranking African American at BEP, where he is responsible for the day-to-day production operations at two printing facilities in Washington, D.C., and Fort Worth, Texas, and 1,400 employees.

BEP is the starting point for America's paper currency. Five days a week, the 24-hour facilities print U.S. currency, government securities and postage stamps. Each fiscal year, the Bureau prints roughly 9.2 billion notes worth approximately \$142 billion. Currently, the BEP is producing the newly colored \$20 note.

Wills not only ensures that the production of currency goes smoothly; he also helps out fellow Aggies by sending recruiters to N.C. A&T's annual fall career fair as well as through routine recruitment with the university's Office of Career Services.

Marcus Gause, a production specialist at the Bureau who recently completed the requirements for the master's program in industrial technology, says, "I am grateful that Wills was willing to help me. It's a good feeling when your university produces top-level graduates who are willing to help other alumni." Mary McLean, a fall 2002 graduate who was recruited through the Office of Career Services, says that BEP has provided a great work

atmosphere and the opportunity to observe various divisions in a central workplace.

In addition to weaving an intricate networking web for Aggies to be a part of the government, Wills also involves himself with a variety of media outlets to educate the public about the role of African Americans in the production of the nation's currency. ■

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N.C. A&T senior Tia Bracey and BEP COO William Wills '61

Cycling for a Cause

By Brooks Newkirk

Charles Brockington is much like many North Carolina A&T State University alumni. He cares about the school that has given him so much, he's active in his community and he wants to make the world a better place. But what sets him apart are the great strides, or actually miles, he has taken to help others.



Brockington, a 1973 A&T graduate, has always been involved with community outreach, so when the opportunity arose for him to participate in the MS Tour to Tanglewood bike ride 14 years ago, he jumped on it and hasn't looked back.

"The first year it took some of everything (for me) to do it," said Brockington, "but now it's not really hard for me because I ride year round, even in 18-degree weather."

It's dedication and commitment that makes him a valuable asset to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the organization that hosts the MS Tour to Tanglewood.

"He is a blessing to us," said Suzanne Bland, director of special events for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. "In the 14 years he has participated in the ride, he has raised \$195,283. We're fortunate to have him involved in our organization."

According to Bland, even though the amount of money Brockington has raised is amazing, there is something he achieved that is even more amazing.

"I think the coolest number in the 14 years he has been in the tour is that he has either been our number one or number two fundraiser 11 out of those 14 years," said Bland. "He has continued to be a leader and an example to all."

When Brockington signed up to help find a cure for MS, he had no idea he was signing up for a life altering experience.

"Charles didn't know anyone with MS when got involved with the event," said Bland. "But now he has met so many people with it that have affected and changed his life."

Brockington says that knowing people with MS, and knowing that his efforts are helping to improve the quality of their lives, makes him work even harder.

"To know that the little I do is helping someone that I actually know verses someone I don't know is a great feeling," he said.

Although he is slowing approaching retirement, Brockington says he has no plans of retiring from the MS Tour, only his job at UPS.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Why do you work so hard?' I work hard because it's good for you, and when I retire I'll work even harder at this because I'll have more time."

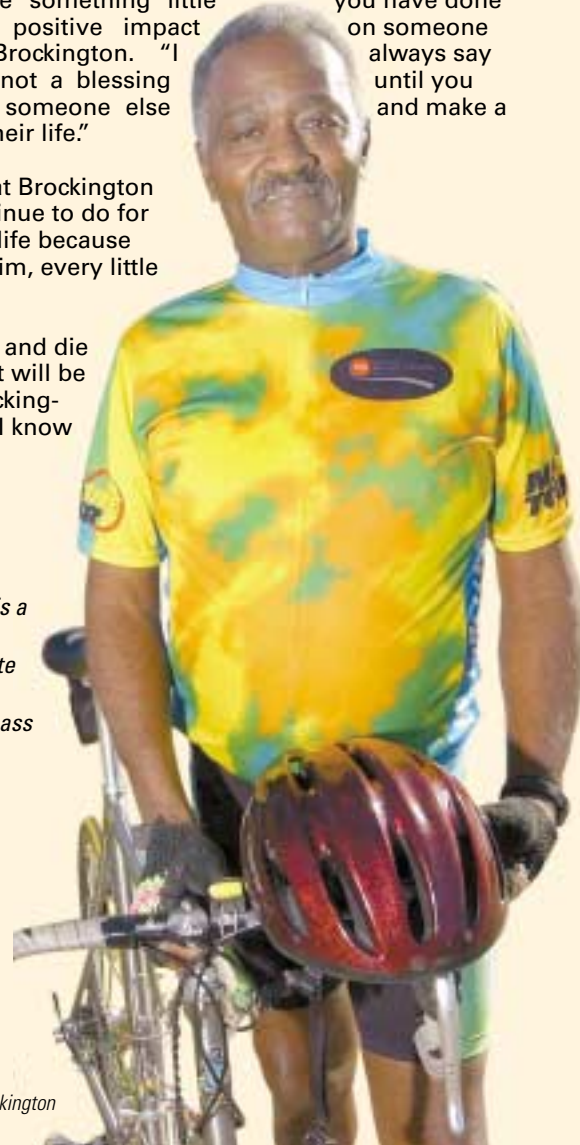
Brockington has an interesting philosophy on life that he thinks everyone should follow, especially A&T students.

"In life, fulfillment comes when you help others, when you see something little you have done has made a positive impact on someone else," said Brockington. "I always say a blessing is not a blessing until you share it with someone else and make a difference in their life."

And that's what Brockington says he'll continue to do for the rest of his life because according to him, every little bit counts.

"If I ride today and die tomorrow, that will be fine," said Brockington, "because I know I make a difference." ■

Brooks Newkirk is a December 2003 N.C. A&T graduate with a degree in journalism and mass communication.



Charles Brockington

The Doctor is Out

Otis E. Tillman Sr., M.D. '53 retires after 45 years in the medical profession

On the evening of Sept. 6, 2003, you could hear a pin drop in the streets of High Point, N.C. That's because a large percentage of the local citizenry was at Showplace to pay homage to Dr. Otis Edward Tillman Sr.

More than 800 guests gathered at Showplace, a venue where High Point's annual International Furniture Market is held. According to Nido Qubein, one of two masters of ceremonies, there were probably an equal number of would-be guests for whom there wasn't enough space.

"Someone once said that reputation is what people think you are, and character is what God knows you are. Otis Tillman wins on both counts," said Qubein, chairman of Creative Services, Inc. "He is a man of great character and he is a man with a reputation that receives him wherever he goes with great and extraordinary magnificence."

Tributes and presentations were made by family, friends, colleagues, politicians, fraternities and professional societies.

Tillman was born in Anson County, N.C., to the late Daniel F. Tillman and the late Nellie Mask Tillman. He was educated in the public schools of Anson County, and he received his B.S. degree from N.C. A&T (1953) and his medical degree from the Howard University College of Medicine (1957).

Shortly after completing medical school, Tillman moved to High Point to open a general family practice. In the early years, it was not uncommon for Tillman to make house calls and

to accept baked goods and produce as methods of payment. Tillman is credited with delivering more than 3,000 babies, among them a set of Siamese twins in 1965, High Point's first known record of a conjoined birth. (Note: The surviving twin attended the retirement celebration.)

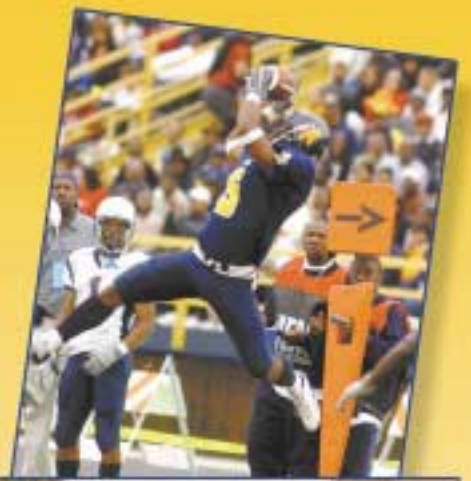
Proceeds from Tillman's retirement celebration were donated to an endowed scholarship in his name at North Carolina A&T State University.

"What began as a family scholarship effort to aid students that want to attend A&T, became a community project of unbelievable magnitude," Tillman said. "Not only for the funds raised, but also to highlight A&T State University and its importance to the educational well-being to our community."

Tillman and his wife Barbara have four children and 11 grandchildren. ■



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A Banner Project

By Renee H. Martin

In the transition toward becoming an interdisciplinary university, North Carolina A&T has embarked on a multi-year project of replacing its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. By this time next year, all of North Carolina A&T's administrative systems will operate under one efficient system, SCT Banner.

"Banner is a fully integrated, Oracle-based, Internet-native technology solution that will replace all business and administrative software for alumni development (ADS), financial records (FRS), human resources (HRS) and student information (SIS)," said Cheryl Harrelson, director of advancement services at A&T and chair of the UNC Shared Services Alliance Alumni/Development Workgroup. "The proposed 'go live' dates are advancement services in July 2004, human resources in January 2005, student services and financial aid in spring 2005, and finance in July 2005."

Harrelson said that all of the systems have special features. "With Banner, for example, the advancement component will improve constituent tracking, events tracking and membership," she explained. "The new system will provide more efficient records keeping. Across the board, databases will be accessible through the one system."

This spring alumni will be asked to provide current information regarding class years, majors, name changes, etcetera.

Banner History

In November 2000, responding to the need for increased service requirements and operational efficiencies on each campus and across the UNC system, the UNC Shared Services Alliance (Alliance), under the sponsorship of the UNC Division of Information Resources, designed a decision-making process to guide the University's search for a new enterprise system for administrative functions. By February 2002, the Alliance had approved a resolu-

tion to migrate to SCT's Banner following a Request for Information (RFI) that affirmed SCT's integrated software applications as still the "best fit" for the majority of UNC campuses. A&T committed to the project on April 15, 2002, following a demonstration and evaluation of the product.

Fourteen of the 16 UNC campuses have agreed to implement Banner together: Appalachian State, East Carolina, Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State, N.C. A&T, N.C. Central, N.C. School of the Arts, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Pembroke, UNC-Wilmington, Western Carolina and Winston-Salem State.

In addition to each university's specific objectives, the comprehensive objectives of the Alliance are to (1) enhance university services with integrated databases, (2) to transform business processes finding efficiencies and common practices that can be shared among all 14 campuses, (3) to enhance reporting capabilities and (4) to provide better support for the decision-making requirements for the universities and the Office of the President.

A key component of the Banner project is A&T's partnership with Oracle. Through the partnership (which was made in November 2002 by A&T Vice Chancellors David Hoard and Rodney Harrigan and Oracle Vice President Reginald Brown), A&T received the necessary application software, database software and technical support required to implement and support Banner.

The Banner project is estimated to cost at least \$5 million over the next three years, including hardware and software license acquisitions, maintenance, technical and project management training, SCT consulting and training, and temporary and permanent staffing as needed. ■



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Erected on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University, in front of the historic Dudley Building, is the February One monument – a statue that honors four courageous A&T students who, on Feb. 1, 1960, staged a sit in protesting the segregated lunch counter at F.W. Woolworth in downtown Greensboro. The actions of Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair) and the late David Richmond incited similar civil rights protests throughout the South, ending segregation in Woolworth and other stores.

In 2002, one year after the unveiling and dedication of the February One monument, North Carolina A&T University Foundation, Inc. commissioned artist Jim Barnhill to create a miniature reproduction of the February One monument as well as a commemorative coin. The exquisite commemorative items now are available for individual purchase.

Order Today!

Since unveiling the February One monument, there have been hundreds of requests to reproduce this work of art that represents an important part of American history. These reproductions will be offered to the 40,000 A&T alumni initially. Shortly afterwards, they will be offered nationwide. Because of the historical significance and value, these pieces will sell very quickly. So hurry and reserve your piece of history by ordering online at www.ncatfour.com or by calling 1-866-271-8460.

Send checks or money orders to North Carolina A&T University Foundation, 100 N. Booker St., Greensboro, N.C. 27411.

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In addition to the February One statue, sculpted coins (made of pewter) are available for purchase. Each coin is encased in a gorgeous britania leather portfolio that contains a 4x6-inch picture of the four A&T freshmen. The left inside panel of the portfolio is laser printed with the significance of February One, and the right inside panel contains a 2½-inch die-cut circle that holds the coin. This historic artwork is available for \$149.95, plus shipping and handling.



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