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## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

### Aggies observe World AIDS Day

JASMINE JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

While Aggies Against AIDS and RED sponsored an event in Exhibit Hall Monday night to observe World Aids Day, somewhere in Charlotte, Sarah James reflected on the past 10 years of her life. James is HIV positive.

The program started with a purpose. Dec. 1, 2008 marked the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day was established by the World Health Organization in 1988 in order to raise awareness and focus attention on the global epidemic. The day focuses on AIDS and HIV awareness.

RED sponsored a two-part fashion show with A&T students wearing their products. RED sponsors include Armani, Apple, Gap, Hallmark and Microsoft. These companies have pledged that every time someone purchases a RED product or service, at no extra cost to the consumer, it will give 50 percent of its profit to buy and distribute anti-retroviral medicine to those dying of AIDS in Africa.

"The overall program was pretty good," said Jamarius Eaves, a sophomore fashion merchandising major from Charlotte. "I already

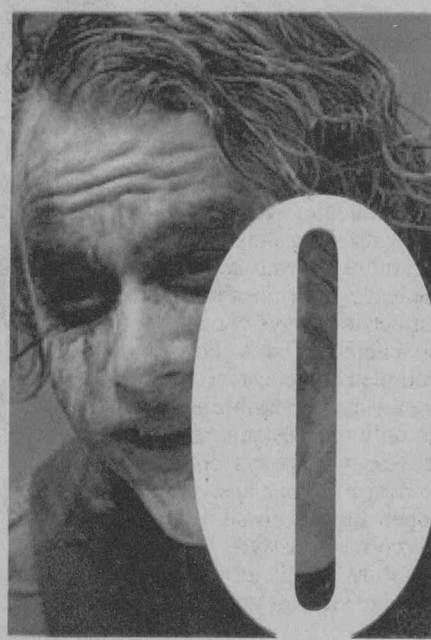
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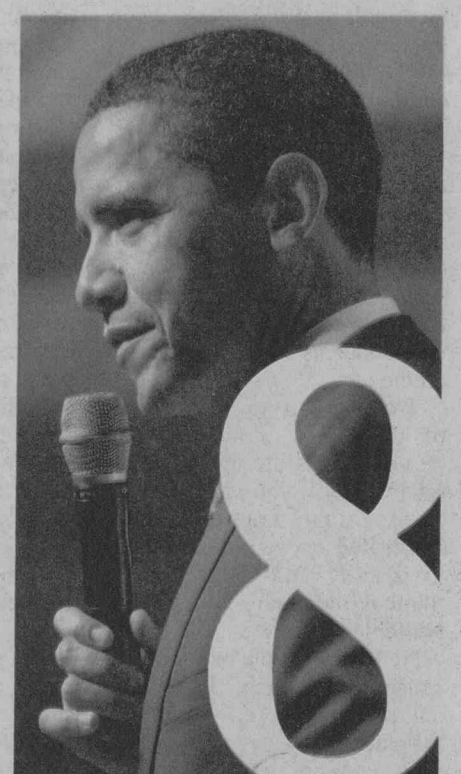
Saving Gas



Michael Phelps



Heath Ledger in the "Dark Knight"



Barack Obama

MALCOLM S. EUSTACHE  
Managing Editor

In a decade that has seemingly been marred by an overwhelming amount of catastrophic events, 2008 welcomed one of the brightest news stories in modern history with the election of Barack Obama as the first African-American president of the United States of America.

Throughout the course of the campaign, America simultaneously displayed its demons from the past while proving the power behind the genius of its founding principles. But the election of President-Elect Obama showed to be more than just a victory of America — it showed, maybe more than anything else how connected we are across the globe.

Looming over the presidential campaign was an economic recession that has markets all over the world threatened. Confirmed by the failures of some of America's largest financial institutions, from Lehman Brothers to AIG to Wachovia to Ford and GM, no corporation, big or small, was safe from

failure in 2008. Billion dollar bailouts became the norm for the federal government as corporations lined up for their cut.

The U.S. Capitol wasn't the only place with long lines as gas stations across the nation saw record high prices with some places even running out all together.

The economy was in such bad shape that the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq took a backseat on the U.S. agenda.

The global threat of terrorism was thrust back to the forefront of the news after the attacks in Mumbai, India killed nearly 500 people.

Death was something that happened in shocking form this year when Bernie Mac and Isaac Hayes both died suddenly. Arguably the biggest death of the year was actor Heath Ledger. He left a lasting impression in t

he last performance of his life in the Batman movie series The Dark Knight where he played The Joker. The movie had the biggest box-office opening in movie history and moved into second on the all-time grossing list behind

Titanic.

The feeling of being second may be satisfying for some, but for Michael Phelps it was foreign.

The swimmer did nothing but gold during the 2008 Beijing Olympics where he won eight gold medals with seven world records and became the all-time leading gold-medalist with fourteen.

When asked what music he listens to before a meet, it was none other than Lil' Wayne who's sixth solo album, The Carter III, sold over one million copies in one week.

Every week on Saturday night, however, Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin was becoming a national star as she was perfectly imitated by actress Tina Fey on the revived Saturday Night Live.

2008 was seemingly a transition year in global politics and cultural influence. Many of the same stories that dominated the news this year may continue to make headlines in years to come. But no matter what, 2008 will undoubtedly go down as one of the most memorable years in recent history.

## Bush stops in Greensboro

DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press Writer

President George W. Bush, trying to emphasize the softer side of his policy record before leaving office, on Tuesday thanked volunteers who have served as mentors to children of prisoners.

"These youngsters have ambitions and goals," Bush said after a private discussion with a few children and their mentors in North Carolina. "They want to go to college. They want to make a difference. And I suspect that the mentors will be anxiously following the career of someone they've been able to help."

Bush popped into the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Greensboro — which has worked with Youth Focus Inc.,



Bush

a nonprofit agency — to match 220 children of prisoners with adult mentors. The program is part of a national initiative, championed by Bush, that has provided mentors to more than 110,000 children.

In support, the Department of Health and Human Services has awarded more than \$175 million in grants to 320 organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Bush encouraged anyone hearing about the mentoring program to consider taking part in it.

Making a difference, Bush

said, "doesn't take much. All it takes is time. It takes a little bit of extra love."

The White House used the stop to emphasize Bush's efforts to support community groups as partners in solving problems.

The president said people who help children also help their country, "one heart, one soul at a time."

When Bush landed at Piedmont Triad International Airport, he greeted Donna Hudson Turner of High Point. Bush gave Turner, 76, the President's Volunteer Service Award, honoring 25,000 hours of volunteer service with Hospice of the Piedmont. Turner started her hospice work in 1983.

Turner, who came out to

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## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

### Getting over your exam anxiety

ASHLEY REID  
Staff Writer

Do you always hear the jaws theme music in your head when the word final is mentioned?

Do you cringe at the thought of sitting down, missing the best episode of the Hills to read Chemistry? Do you have the attention span of a goldfish when it comes to test taking? Well today all of these problems will be taken care of with tips on handling Finals Week.

Finals week consists of tons of studying, stressful nights, and lots of praying, but are you preparing and handling stress properly? Everyone knows the most popular saying of treating college like a full time job, but the truth is after becoming involved on campus and managing your

time it's pretty hard to keep up with studying for every class, every day.

Chandra Caple, guidance counselor in Counseling Services, explained that many students struggle with the fact that they study but don't perform well on their tests.

"Time management is very important when it comes to effective studying," said Caple. Caple suggested that students set up a schedule that will allow them to stick to their normal schedule but also add in studying at a good time with no distractions.

Studying will be pointless if you aren't absorbing everything that you read. Study guides should be taken seriously, go through the whole guide thoroughly.

"Make sure you read the material and take notes for everything that will be on your final," said Caple.

Senior Marcus Gladden shared some of his techniques that he uses during the finals week to ensure good grades.

"I go to a study room in my residence hall, Aggie Village, and study late at night when most people are sleep so I am free from distractions," said Gladden. These tactics have always worked well for Gladden, who has always passed his finals with great grades.

Freshmen Jasmine Wesby is already putting together a plan for how she prepares to study since it will be her first time experiencing finals week.

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### theYARD A&T CUTTING ENERGY USE

A&T and Bennett students gathered to march to Downtown Greensboro to cast their ballots in an historic election.

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### theWORD BLACK FRIDAY TURNS FATAL

Wal-Mart's employee gets trampled to death on Black Friday making it a sad day for retail and a tragedy for humanity.

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### theSCORE WHERE ARE THE BLACK COACHES?

The number of black coaches in college football is disproportionate to the number of participating programs.

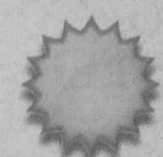
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### theSCENE MR. WEST'S HEARTBREAK

Kanye West returns with his fourth album with new topics and a new sound.

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### WEATHER



WEDNESDAY  
High: 54°  
Low: 35°

THURSDAY: Showers | High 52°

FRIDAY: Mostly Sunny | High 44°

## Tips for students to get through exam anxiety

**EXAMS** From page 1

"We have a couple of study groups set up in my classes, so I will definitely be going, also I will take one class day by day and spend time studying for it," said Wesby. Wesby is hoping for a good turnout on her exams with at least attaining a decent GPA.

According to Caple, if you devise your study wisely then there will be no problems when the test comes.

"Divide up your material according to the amount of time up until the test," said Caple.

Caple also gave basic reminders such as eating properly and getting rest, and making sure you are alert when you study. Students should always study for application, not just memorization. Be able to recognize concepts under any format on the test.

Now trying to manage all of these new strategies may be very stressful, and there are many ways you can relieve stress. Author Laurie Slothower created a pamphlet on how to identify and reduce stress. Some of the main advices of the pamphlet include:

- When people or situations cause stress, close your eyes and picture yourself in a peaceful place.
- Cutting back on caffeine also helps, because it can actually worsen stress.
- Exercise is always a great stress buster.
- Spend some quiet time alone, it helps.
- Mediate, it always reduces stress.
- Deep breathing and stretch-

ing are also good ways to help reduce stress.

A&T's own office of Counseling Services offers help to students during the finals time for stress management.

The counselors will help you develop a time management plan if you don't know where to start. They will even help you evaluate your studying habits and identify any problems. Lastly, they offer survival kits.

"Our survival kits include tips on how to survive finals and we also include some snacks along with the kit," said Caple.

Finally, you need tips on how to study. Some of the simple test taking strategies will make the process of taking the actual exam a lot more alleviating.

• If the test is multiple choice, remember to always choose the best choice. That's how many multiple choice tests trick you, there are many possible answers but only one best answer.

• With essays, always consider the detail in your answer. Essays open up the possibility of many correct answers, but you must show detail in order to back up and support your answer.

• Always take your time. Most finals allow up to two hours for you to complete the test. Do not rush through it; you are not racing your fellow classmates, you are trying to the best grade you can!

Hopefully these tips will help out another fellow student, and if you follow at least five of the tips listed you are guaranteed to pass your finals and conquer the monster!

**BUSH** From page 1

the tarmac in her wheelchair that she's used since a stroke in 2003, stood to greet Bush.

She said afterward that it was an honor to meet him and

receive the award.

"I just stopped shaking," she said a few hours after meeting the president. "I'm just a private person, and I don't like attention. I just want to do my stuff."

## theBLOTTER

**Assault**  
Dec. 1, 5:00 p.m.  
Off Campus

A male student reported that he was assaulted by another male student off campus. The Greensboro Police Department was previously contacted. They investigated the incident and later arrested the suspect male student. He was transported to jail, processed and given a secured bond. There were minor injuries reported.

**Burglary**  
Dec. 1, 2:50 p.m.  
Cooper Hall

A male student reported that someone entered his room and removed a flat screen television. Estimated total loss is \$500. There were no signs of forced entry. There are no witnesses and suspects at this time.

**Burglary**  
Dec. 1, 10:10 p.m.  
Aggie Suites F

A male student reported that

someone entered his room and removed several textbooks. The estimated total loss is \$350. There were no signs of forced entry, and there are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

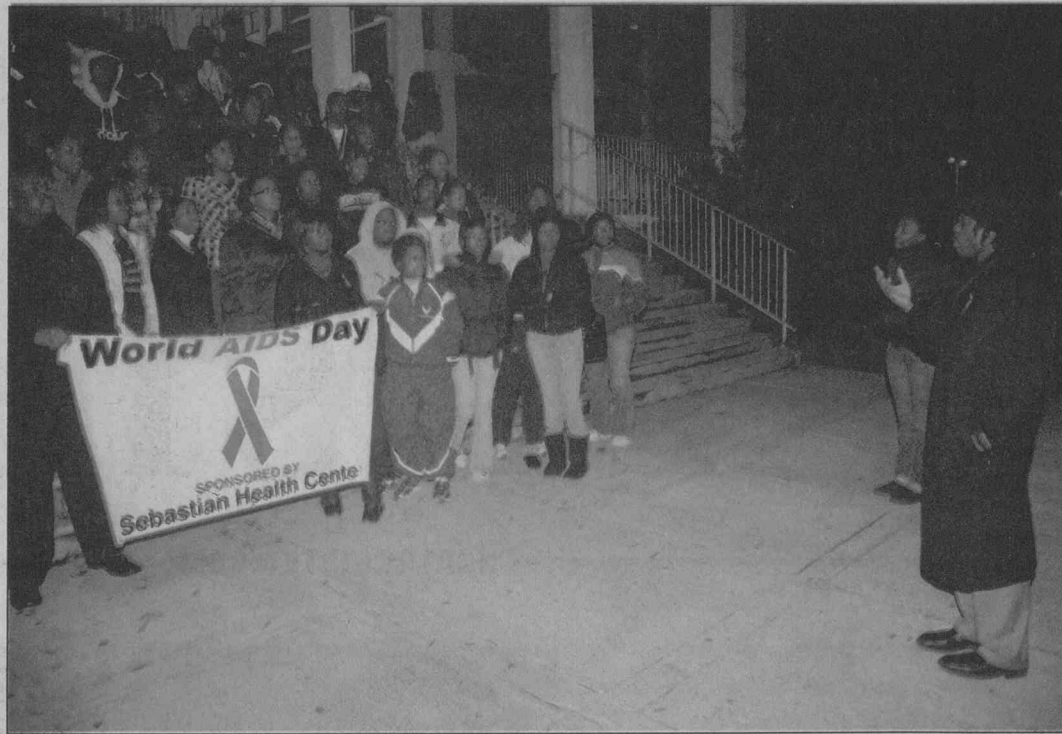
**Burglary**  
Nov. 30, 8:40 p.m.  
Cooper Hall

A male student reported person(s) unknown removed his laptop computer and a Nintendo game from his room. The total estimated value of the stolen property is \$820. There were no signs of forced entry. The case remains open.

**Vandalism**  
Nov. 29, 10:25 p.m.  
Haley Hall

A RHO discovered that person(s) unknown had kicked the lower glass front door window, cracking it. Total estimated value of damage to the window is \$150.

- Compiled by Tiffany Adams



Alumnus Wesley Morris talks with A&T students about the importance of AIDS awareness after AIDS march from Sebastian on Monday, December 1, 2008.

PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS

## Aggies march through campus to promote HIV/AIDS awareness

**AIDS** From page 1

knew some stuff about AIDS, but it was educational to people who did not know".

The event also featured spoken word and an educational participation portion, which gave students the opportunity to win bowling tickets, movie tickets, or two Black Party tickets. Also given out during the expose were RED buttons and red ribbons. The red ribbon is the international symbol of support for people living with HIV.

"I am very pleased with the turnout," said Shameka Parns, a senior chemical engineering major from Winston-Salem, who serves as the president of Aggies Against AIDS. "There was a lot of entertainment, but people who came learned something."

Aggies Against AIDS hosts programs and community service to raise awareness of the epidemic. Their next program will be Feb. 5, which is National Black HIV/AIDS awareness Day. Student Government Association will also be leading students to a march held Dec. 7, in coalition with the city of Greensboro and the Triad Health project. Students will meet at 1 p.m. by the A&T Four statue.

In 2007, worldwide, there were an estimated 33.2 million people living with HIV and an estimated 2.7 newly infected persons. As of Dec. 31, 2007, there were a reported total 1,615 cases of HIV/AIDS in Guilford County. Of that number 1,096 cases were attributed to HIV, while the other 519 were reported cases of full-blown AIDS.

James, a 49-year-old mother of three, was diagnosed in January 1999. The native of Houston now lives in Charlotte. She contracted the virus through vaginal intercourse. James has non-detectable HIV.

In non-detectable cases, and in her case, the amount of HIV present in the blood is below the limits of the viral load test to detect HIV. Most clinics use tests which need 500 or more copies of HIV per milliliters of blood. James only has 48 copies of HIV per ml in her bloodstream.

In the lives of those who are HIV positive or have AIDS, World AIDS Day brings them together and unites the people infected.

"It's a time to remember people that have died, children infected, and the families affected," said James. "My life was affected in a big way -- my relationships, children, and family."

James takes two types of medication daily. Some common myths about HIV include the belief that you can contract the virus through drinking after someone, the virus is only transmitted in homosexuals and that HIV and AIDS are the same.

The most common mistake people make in her eyes is not being tested. "Students can help empower people to be aware about the disease," she said.

"Many people are ignorant of the facts of the disease," said James.

"Many times, those who are negative fear a person who is HIV positive or has full-blown AIDS. When, in fact, it is those who are already infected that are more susceptible than a negative person. Normal people can cause harm to infected people by the spread of colds and other common infections."

The best thing for students to do, according to James is to practice abstinence. "But if not abstinence, promote and practice safe sex, no matter what."

A&T students can get tested at Sebastian Health center for free. The Guilford County Health Department also conducts regular HIV testing. To help spread the awareness students can join Aggies Against AIDS.

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WEDNESDAY

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**Winter Wishes**  
Stallings Ballroom  
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

**Exiting Counseling Session**  
Webb Hall  
Auditorium  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Cluster Christmas Party**  
Memorial Student Union  
Memorial Room 214  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**End of the Year Banquet**  
Williams Cafeteria  
Faculty Dining  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Black Nativity - Preview Night**  
Harrison Auditorium  
8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

THURSDAY

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**Founder's Day**  
GCB: Room A 105  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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**Chancellor Holiday Celebration**  
Memorial Student Union  
8 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.

SATURDAY

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**NCO Induction Ceremony**  
Exhibit Hall  
11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Senior Graduation Ceremony**  
Memorial Student Union: Stallings  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

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**NCA&T Band Banquet**  
Stallings Ballroom  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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**Final Exams**  
8 a.m. -

**Real Entrepreneurship Class**  
Webb Hall: Room 208  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

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**Final Exams**  
8 a.m.

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## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

### A&T plans to conserve energy by cutting back on the usage

WHITNEY DICKENS  
Register Reporter

Since last year, the university has experienced a growth rate of 3%, which is equivalent to 86,677 square feet; however, the energy use is growing even faster, at a rate of 6%. Electrical use and natural gas use have jumped to a substantial rate from the previous year.

The main reason for the large increases of electrical and natural gas uses are the two new buildings on campus, the School of Education building and the new Fitness Center. The electrical use also increased because of the renovation of Barbee Hall.

The university is making improvements by repairing the steam and condensate lines at Gibbs Hall, Bluford Library and Sebastian Health Center. A major way the university plans to save energy will be to setback thermostats and place all buildings in an unoccupied mode during the holiday period.

Water conservation efforts are also being implemented, and are going very well with the help of students. Water flow has been reduced from 3-5 gallons per minute to .5 gallons per minute. Shower heads that once used 3-5 gallons per minute were replaced with those that use 1.5 gallons per minute, and the plumbing staff also replaced flush valves with new low flush valves which helped to reduce water consumption.

Efforts to conserve energy on campus is continuously growing. Occupancy sensors were installed in seven residence halls at the beginning of the year, with an estimated savings of \$20,579 annually. An Energy

Management System is also in place in most buildings that controls both heating and cooling in the respective buildings.

These systems serve two purposes; first to regulate temperatures for the comfort level of staff and students, and second to save on energy consumption. Each system contains ways to set schedules to maximize heating and cooling, while conserving utilities at the same time. Buildings have the capacity to be programmed for daily activities like work or studying in a class room.

At other times, temperatures can be set back to save on heating or cooling when a specific location is not in use.

Tracking utilities is key in conserving and reducing energy consumption on campus.

The university began tracking utilities with the installation of sub-meters at McNair Hall. Other utilities can be plugged into an electrical meter that can be read via the Internet, and can be tracked this way as well.

A water meter and a steam condensate meter is also being installed to track the consumption of steam used on campus. Data can be gathered from each of these meters to track all of the utilities usage on campus.

There are many things that students and faculty can do to help conserve energy on campus. Turning off lights, computers, printers, microwaves, coffee pots, and other electrical devices can save energy and money.

This not only needs to be done during the Christmas holiday, but year round. As more students and faculty help to save with conserving energy, more funds will be available for other projects that would improve the

campus life for students and faculty alike.

During the Christmas holiday, which is from December 24, 2008 to January 2, 2009, the physical plant and office of facilities ask that students and faculty make sure all windows and doors are closed and locked for the holiday period. Also, it is requested that all electrical devices are turned off and safely shutdown.

The university hopes to experience a potential cost in saving utilities, and also will cut costs by setting back all building temperatures to 60 degrees during the holiday period.

"I think it is a very good idea for the university to implement these procedures in conserving energy," said junior biology major Markel Barnes. "It will not only aid in lowering the cost of tuition, but it will also aid in protecting and preserving the environment."

"After learning about how much energy is consumed, I will now try to aid in conserving it because it is a costly matter, and is something that should be taken seriously because whether people want to believe it or not, it affects us more than we think," said Sherrell Bailey, sophomore sports science and fitness management major.

"I will do all that I can to help conserve energy, especially over the break period because I realize how costly it will be, and that will have a direct effect on tuition prices, and other things," said Damarion Ervin, freshman criminal justice major.

## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

### Seniors graduate with hopes of finding a job during financial crisis

BRITTNEY SCOTT  
Contributor

Thousands of college seniors are looking forward to crossing the stage in May at Graduation into the real world, but because of the present state of the economy only few of those graduates will have jobs.

The National Center of Educational Statistics reports that colleges and universities around the world will award about 1,585,000 bachelor's degrees this school year, which is up from last year 1,544,000 for the 2007-2008 school years. Where will all these graduates find jobs in this steadily slowing economy?

For college seniors who enter college in August of 2005 the unemployment rate is up 1.6 percent from that time. In Guilford County, the unemployment rate has increased from January to September from 5.2 percent to 6.7 percent, but from August to September, it has decreased 7.1 percent to 6.7 percent. Statewide the unemployment rate in North Carolina is up from 4.9 percent in January to percent in September reported by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. The Bureau

of Labor Statistics reports North Carolina in the top 10 of states with high unemployment rates; North Carolina with 7.0 % and Rhode Island with the highest at 8.8%. Overall, the Unemployment rate for the United States is up 2.6 percent from this time eight years ago.

The statistics paint a gloomy picture of what is ahead for graduates of the "Class of 2009". However the question remains, will the graduates find jobs to sustain life after graduation. College senior Sammie Dow says he plans to attend graduate school after graduation instead of entering the job market. He sees the present state of the economy as a chance to become better equipped, that way when he is ready to enter the job market he will be fully educated and backed by a masters degree. Because of the economy, more and more college students are considering graduate school, which gives the economy more time to strengthen.

Not only is the job market affected by the present state of the economy, those students who choose to go to graduate school instead of entering the job market will still need money to pay for it. Funding for students is

also becoming an issue due to the economy also.

The graduates of the "Class of 2009" must decide if they can trust what their future holds and believe that change will come. Big companies are trimming down the number of graduates there are hiring but there are still options.

One of the best things for college seniors to do is begin their job search early, do not wait to the last minute to send off resumes. And always keep in mind that you are in competition with other seniors just like you from around the world, who are looking for the same jobs.

Remember what sets you apart and what makes you the best candidate for the job. Everything that you've worked so hard for in the last four years will pay off as you land a good job and enter the job market, or decide to continue your education.

Branlyn Mosby, a senior Biology major, is not going into the work force immediately. "As of right now I feel okay, more so because I am going to be continuing my education. The time to fear is ultimately drawing near. It is not tomorrow, so there is hope."

### Meal plans vs. groceries

LAPORSHA LOWRY  
Register Reporter

With financial times being as they are, just about everything under the sun is going up in price.

From gas to groceries, many people are experiencing the low-supply, high-demand economy first hand. However, the choices that A&T students have to make regarding food are becoming more and more difficult. How does this financial situation affect students here at A&T? How does having a meal plan compare to buying groceries?

It may be slightly cheaper to buy groceries over a semester, but to have different options to eat from seems to be the better deal after all. With a meal plan, you are guaranteed a certain number of meals per week.

There are 3,091 students with traditional meal plans (A, B, C, and Declining Balance) and 339 students with the Commuter plan. All freshmen and students living on-campus are required to have a meal plan and if they do not sign up for one, then Meal plan A is applied to their account based on their housing.

Angela Peterson, the Director of Auxiliary Services, said that students do not usually struggle with whether to get a meal plan or not, but mainly which one to choose. "It is a little bit of the student's preference in choosing a meal plan based on having secure meals. It depends on their class schedule and time spent on campus to determine which meal plan they choose.

The Flex dollars are another factor in it; how many they get and the flexibility to use them in different places. Meal plan A is the most popular, followed by plan B."

Demetria Burton is the Meal Plan Coordinator in Auxiliary Services, and believes that there

are certain qualities about the café that cannot be replaced.

"There is nothing to worry about when you come to the café. You can eat as much as you want and there are many choices. You can eat a full-course meal and it is more convenient."

Peterson added, "You can socialize with your friends and meet new people there. We have special events such as Fried Chicken Friday and Wing Night and theme nights like Carnival night and 70's night."

Most students who live off-campus do not have meal plans. They buy their groceries from stores such as Food Lion and Wal-Mart.

On-campus students are more likely to have meal plans and all freshmen living on campus are required to have meal plan A to make sure that they have a dependable source of food.

Cortney Key is a freshman liberal studies major who lives on campus in Morrow Hall. She has meal plan A, but it is only because she is required to. She said that she usually shops at Walmart for fruits and vegetables or goes to a friend's house to eat outside of the café. "I probably would not have a meal plan if I were not required to. I only eat in the café for breakfast and lunch."

Most meal plans come with flex dollars, which allow students to dine in the places on campus, such as Pizza Hut and Chick-Fil-A. Although there are perks that come with having a meal plan, most off-campus students still do not prefer having one.

Dana Underdue, a senior business management major, lives off-campus in Statesman Court and does not currently have a meal plan. She usually shops once a week at either Wal-Mart or Food Lion, and spends

about \$60 a week on groceries. "Mostly, I buy breakfast foods like eggs and bacon, milk, pizzas and salads. I sometimes get meats, canned vegetables and other stuff like fish, shrimp, and chicken."

Underdue spends about \$60 a week, which comes up to \$960 for 16 weeks of the semester. Meal plan A (19-meals/week) comes up to 3 meals a day and costs \$1,150.50 per semester. Although there is almost a \$200 difference, \$50 in flex dollars and a guaranteed 3 balanced meals a day should be taken into consideration. Underdue does not usually eat 3 meals a day, which maybe the reason why her grocery bill is cheaper.

Even if you save that money, you still will have to go back to the store in a week or two to get more groceries. In fact, you will be going to the store more often if you mostly get snacks and do not prepare full-course meals, like what is available in the café."

Another off-campus student without a meal plan is Alexis Alexander, a junior elementary education major. She said that she only shops for groceries at Wal-Mart and has not had a meal plan since freshman year. "I shop at Wal-Mart once a week for frozen foods and milk. I spend about \$30 a week."

After your freshman year, it is optional to have a meal plan, and some students look forward to not depending on the café as their primary source of food. There is a good amount of students who eat there on a regular basis.

They even have an off-campus meal plans to cater to those students. The reason for this is that most dormitories do not have full kitchens that are accessible to all of the students, and the only thing that they are allowed to have to prepare food with is a microwave.

### College apologizes for past policies

JOHN O'CONNOR  
McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The president of Bob Jones University has apologized for past school policies that excluded black students and banned interracial

dating.

A statement posted Thursday on the school's Web site said those policies were based on societal beliefs and not Scripture.

The school admitted black students starting in 1971 and ended its ban on interracial dat-

ing in 2000.

"We conformed to the culture rather than provide a clear Christian counterpoint to it," the statement said. "In so doing, we failed to accurately represent the Lord and to fulfill the commandment to love others as ourselves. For these failures we are profoundly sorry."

School officials declined to comment further on the statement, but said BJU president Stephen Jones had been considering the idea and thought the time was right for the apology.

The university has an enrollment of about 5,000, and along with preparatory schools and affiliated churches, serves as a cornerstone of the fundamentalist Christian community in Greenville, S.C.

The university has long held political clout during South Carolina's crucial early Republican presidential primary, with candidates having sought out the blessing of the school's president.

In 2000, then-candidate George W. Bush stirred an uproar when he spoke at the school and did not criticize school policies. Later that year, then-university president Bob Jones III rescinded the ban during an interview with CNN's Larry King.

Those controversies, said state Rep.-elect Dan Hamilton, R-Greenville and a 1998 graduate of the school, have lingered too long.

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## Terrorism attack by 2013

PAMELA HESS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States can expect a terrorist attack using nuclear or more likely biological weapons before 2013, reports a bipartisan commission in a study being briefed Tuesday to Vice President-elect Joe Biden.

It suggests the Obama administration bolster efforts to counter and prepare for germ warfare by terrorists.

"Our margin of safety is shrinking, not growing," states the report, obtained by The Associated Press.

It is scheduled to be publicly released Wednesday.

The commission is also encouraging the new White House to appoint one official on the National Security Council to exclusively coordinate U.S. intelligence and foreign policy on combating the spread of nuclear and biological weapons.

The report of the Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism, led by former Sens. Bob Graham of Florida and Jim Talent

of Missouri, acknowledges that terrorist groups still lack the needed scientific and technical ability to make weapons out of pathogens or nuclear bombs. But it warns that gap can be easily overcome, if terrorists find scientists willing to share or sell their know-how.

"The United States should be less concerned that terrorists will become biologists and far more concerned that biologists will become terrorists," the report states.

The commission believes biological weapons are more likely to be obtained and used before nuclear or radioactive weapons because nuclear facilities are more carefully guarded.

Civilian laboratories with potentially dangerous pathogens abound, however, and could easily be compromised.

"The biological threat is greater than the nuclear; the acquisition of deadly pathogens, and their weaponization and dissemination in aerosol form, would entail fewer technical hurdles than the theft or production of weapons-grade uranium or plutonium and its assembly into an improvised nuclear device," states the report.

It notes that the U.S. government's counterproliferation activities have been geared toward preventing nuclear terrorism.

The commission recommends the prevention of biological terrorism be made a higher priority.

Study chairman Graham said anthrax remains the most likely biological weapon.

However, he told the AP that contagious diseases — like the flu strain that killed 40 million at the beginning of the 20th century — are looming threats.

That virus has been recreated in scientific labs, and there remains no inoculation to protect against it if it is stolen and released.

Graham said the threat of a terrorist attack using nuclear or biological weapons is growing "not because we have not done positive things but because adversaries are moving at an even faster pace to increase their access" to those materials.

He noted last week's rampage by a small group of gunmen in Mumbai.

"If those people had had access to a biological or nuclear weapon they would have mul-

tiplied by orders of magnitude the deaths they could have inflicted," he said.

Al-Qaida remains the only terrorist group judged to be actively intent on conducting a nuclear attack against the United States, the report notes.

It is not yet capable of building such a weapon and has yet to obtain one.

But that could change if a nuclear weapons engineer or scientist were recruited to Al-Qaida's cause, the report warns.

The report says the potential nexus of terrorism, nuclear and biological weapons is especially acute in Pakistan.

"Were one to map terrorism and weapons of mass destruction today, all roads would intersect in Pakistan," the report states.

In fact, commission members were forced to cancel their trip to Pakistan this fall.

The Islamabad Marriott Hotel that commission members were to stay in was blown up by terrorist bombs just hours before they were to check in.

"We think time is not our ally. The (United States) needs to move with a sense of urgency," Graham said.

## Ford CEO will work for \$1 for gov't loans

TOM KRISHER  
KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON  
AP Auto Writers

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. will tell Congress that it plans to return to a pretax profit or break even in 2011 when its CEO appears before two legislative committees this week.

Also, CEO Alan Mulally said he'll work for \$1 per year if the automaker has to take any government loan money.

The plans Ford submitted to Congress on Tuesday also say the company will cancel all management employees' 2009 bonuses and will not pay any merit increases for its North American salaried employees next year.

The CEOs of all three Detroit automakers were harshly criticized during congressional hearings last month for flying to Washington in separate corporate jets while seeking loan money.

Mulally said in an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday that Ford will emphasize its cost cutting efforts with the United Auto Workers union and will give much more detail to Congress than it did when lawmakers grilled the automakers' CEOs last month.

He said Ford will seek \$9 billion in government loans but may not need them.

The Dearborn-based company has said it has enough cash to make it through next year without assistance.

As part of the plan submitted to Congress, Ford said it does not anticipate a liquidity crisis

in 2009, "barring a bankruptcy by one of its domestic competitors or a more severe economic downturn that would further cripple automotive sales."

The loan would provide a safeguard against worsening conditions, the company said.

Ford said it will accelerate plans to roll out plug-in electric vehicles as part of its plan.

The vehicles will come out starting in 2010 and include the Transit Connect small van and a car the size of the Ford Focus compact.

Ford also said it will accelerate plans for hybrid gas-electric vehicles.

The CEOs of the Detroit Three are scheduled to appear before congressional committees Thursday and Friday to seek a total of \$25 billion in government loans.

Chrysler LLC and General Motors Corp. have said they are perilously low on cash and need the government loans to survive the recession and the worst auto sales environment in 25 years.

Ford's plans to achieve profitability or break even by 2011 are based on industrywide sales estimates of 12.5 million units in 2009, 14.5 million in 2010 and 15.5 million in 2011. The seasonally adjusted annual sales rate dropped to 10.6 million vehicles in October.

Ford's plan calls for an investment of up to \$14 billion to improve fuel efficiency over the next seven years.

Ford reiterated its intention to offload Volvo.

Since 2007, Ford has sold its Jaguar, Aston Martin and Land Rover lines. It also sold most of its stake in Mazda.

## India intel indicated attacks

PAMELA HESS  
Associated Press Writer

MUMBAI, INDIA (AP) — India picked up intelligence in recent months that Pakistan-based terrorists were plotting attacks against Mumbai targets, an official said Tuesday, as the government demanded that Islamabad hand over suspected terrorists believed living in Pakistan.

A list of about 20 people — including India's most-wanted man — was submitted to Pakistan's high commissioner to India on Monday night, said India's foreign minister, Pranab Mukherjee.

India has already demanded Pakistan take "strong action" against those responsible for the attacks, and the U.S. has pressured Islamabad to cooperate in the investigation. America's chief diplomat, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, will visit India on Wednesday.

The Indian government faces widespread accusations of security and intelligence failures after suspected Muslim militants carried out a three-day attack across India's financial capital, killing 172 people and wounding 239.

Also Tuesday, Israelis began burying the six Jews killed in one of those attacks, the assault on a Jewish center run by the ultra-Orthodox Chabad Lubavitch movement.

Several thousand ultra-Orthodox mourners gathered in Jerusalem for the first funeral, that of Leibish Teitelbaum, an American who lived in Jerusalem.

Four Israelis and a Mexican Jewish woman were also killed. A memorial ceremony was

scheduled for later Wednesday for the 29-year-old rabbi who ran the Jewish center, Gavriel Holtzberg, and his 28-year-old wife, Rivkah.

Indian officials continued to interrogate the only surviving attacker, who reportedly told police that he and the other nine gunmen had trained for months in camps in Pakistan operated by the banned Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba.

India's foreign intelligence agency received information as recently as September that Pakistan-based terrorists were plotting attacks against Mumbai targets, according to a government intelligence official familiar with the matter.

The information was then relayed to domestic security authorities, said the official, who was not authorized to talk publicly about the details and spoke on condition of anonymity. But it's unclear whether the government acted on the intelligence.

The famous Taj Mahal hotel, scene of much of the bloodshed, had tightened security with metal detectors and other measures in the weeks before the attacks, after being warned of a possible threat.

But the precautions "could not have stopped what took place," Ratan Tata, chairman of the company that owns the hotel, told CNN.

"They (the gunmen) didn't come through that entrance. They came from somewhere in the back."

A day after soldiers finishing removed the last bodies from the hotel, where the standoff finally ended Saturday morning, wood boards covered its marble latticework and sea-

front entrance as plain-clothes police searched for evidence.

The building was the last to be cleared, following the five-star Oberoi hotel, the Jewish center, and other sites struck in this city of 18 million.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who has promised to strengthen maritime and air security and look into creating a new federal investigative agency, met Tuesday with top security aides to review any government lapses.

Among those sought by India is fugitive Dawood Ibrahim — a powerful gangster, the alleged mastermind of 1993 Mumbai bombings, and India's most-wanted man.

Also included is Masood Azhar, a terror suspect freed from an Indian prison in exchange for the release of hostages aboard an Indian Airlines aircraft hijacked on Christmas Day 1999.

In the past, Pakistan has denied harboring the men. However, Pakistan said it would consider India's request and respond after receiving the list.

"We must try to dampen down the discourse of conflict and work toward regional peace," said Pakistani Information Minister Sherry Rehman.

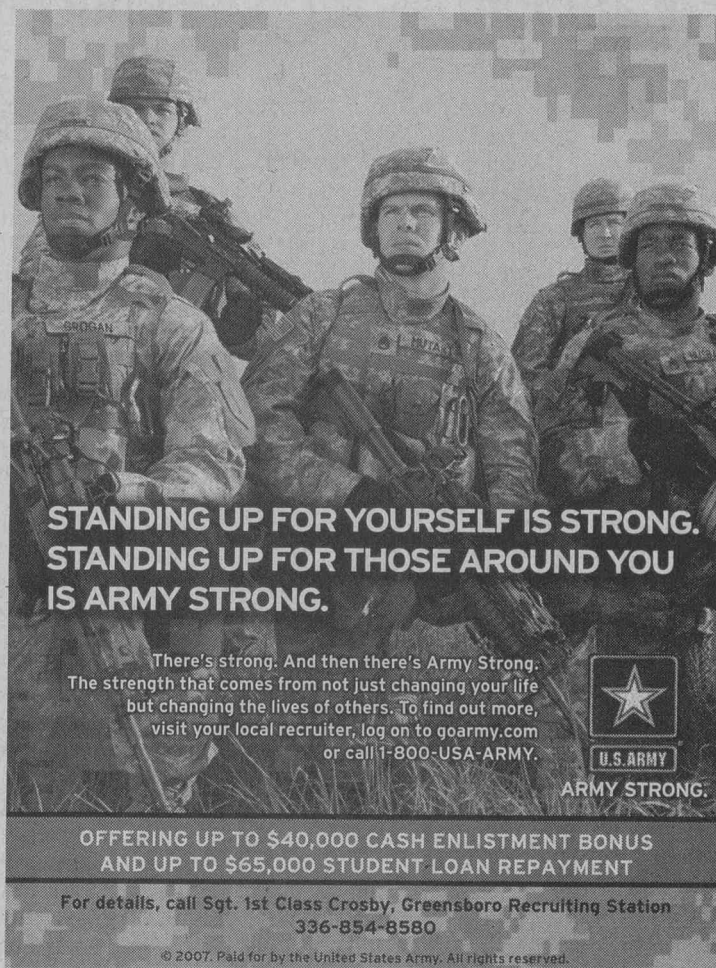
While the cross-border rhetoric between Pakistan and India has increased since the attacks, both countries — by their often-bellacose standards — carefully refrained from making statements that could quickly lead to a buildup of troops along their already militarized frontier.

Mukherjee appeared to tone things down further Tuesday, telling reporters that "nobody is talking about military action,"

according to the Press Trust of India news agency. Mukherjee, responding to questions on what actions India would take, said only "time will show."

India had summoned Pakistan's high commissioner late Monday, telling him India "expects that strong action would be taken against those elements," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash.

In Pakistan, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi pledged full cooperation.



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## Detainees leads to U.N. warning

KIM GAMEL  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — The United Nations expressed concern Tuesday about overcrowding and "grave human rights violations" of detainees in Iraqi custody — in one case, 123 men crammed into a single cell.

The warning comes as the U.S. prepares to turn over control to the Iraqis of thousands of security detainees in its custody under a new security pact that would end the U.S. mission here by 2012. The pact, approved last week by Iraq's parliament, calls for American forces to transfer all detainees believed to be a major threat and to release the rest "in a safe and orderly manner."

But as overall violence declines in the country, the U.N.'s

13th report on the human rights situation in Iraq casts doubt on whether the Iraqis will be ready to take custody of more detainees properly.

There is no secret that the (Iraqi) prisons are overcrowded and frankly not in very good condition," U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura said at a news conference where the report was released.

He cited one recent example of a detention facility in which 123 detainees were crammed into a 540-square-foot cell — about the size of a studio apartment. "That's obviously something that cannot be sustained," he said.

Reports of mistreatment and torture of detainees also continue and need more thorough investigation, he said, adding that none has been prosecuted.

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UMES	16-4	37-14
Morgan State	13-7	27-23
Hampton	8-12	10-14
Howard	6-14	8-30
Coppin State	0-20	0-20

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Florida A&M	5-3	7-3
Norfolk	5-3	7-3
South Carolina	5-3	7-3
North Carolina A&T	4-4	6-4
Bethune-Cookman	1-7	3-10

#### THIS WEEK'S GAME:

Saturday & Sunday  
Meac Divisional Tournament  
Norfolk, Va

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

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

#### THIS WEEK'S GAME:

vs. Norfolk State  
Corbett Sports Center  
Saturday 4 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Morgan State	0-0	5-1
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	3-2
Florida A&M	0-0	3-2
North Carolina A&T	0-0	3-2
South Carolina State	0-0	1-3
Delaware	0-0	1-4
Coppin State	0-0	0-4
UMES	0-0	0-4
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Hampton	0-0	0-5
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#### THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

@ Auburn  
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Wednesday @ 6 p.m.

vs. Norfolk State  
Corbett Sports Center  
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## AROUND SPORTS

### NBA SUSPENSION

**NEW YORK, N.Y.** — Donnie Walsh won't say how long Stephon Marbury will be gone before he's gone for good. The New York Knicks president has ordered Marbury not to attend practices or games while they are working toward a buyout, but said Tuesday it wasn't a punishment. Walsh just felt the point guard shouldn't be around the team while both sides are seeking a way to get him off of it. "It's more the fact that you're in the midst of a conversation about buying out, then I don't think that's part of the what the team is doing, so in that sense the situation could be a distraction," Walsh said.

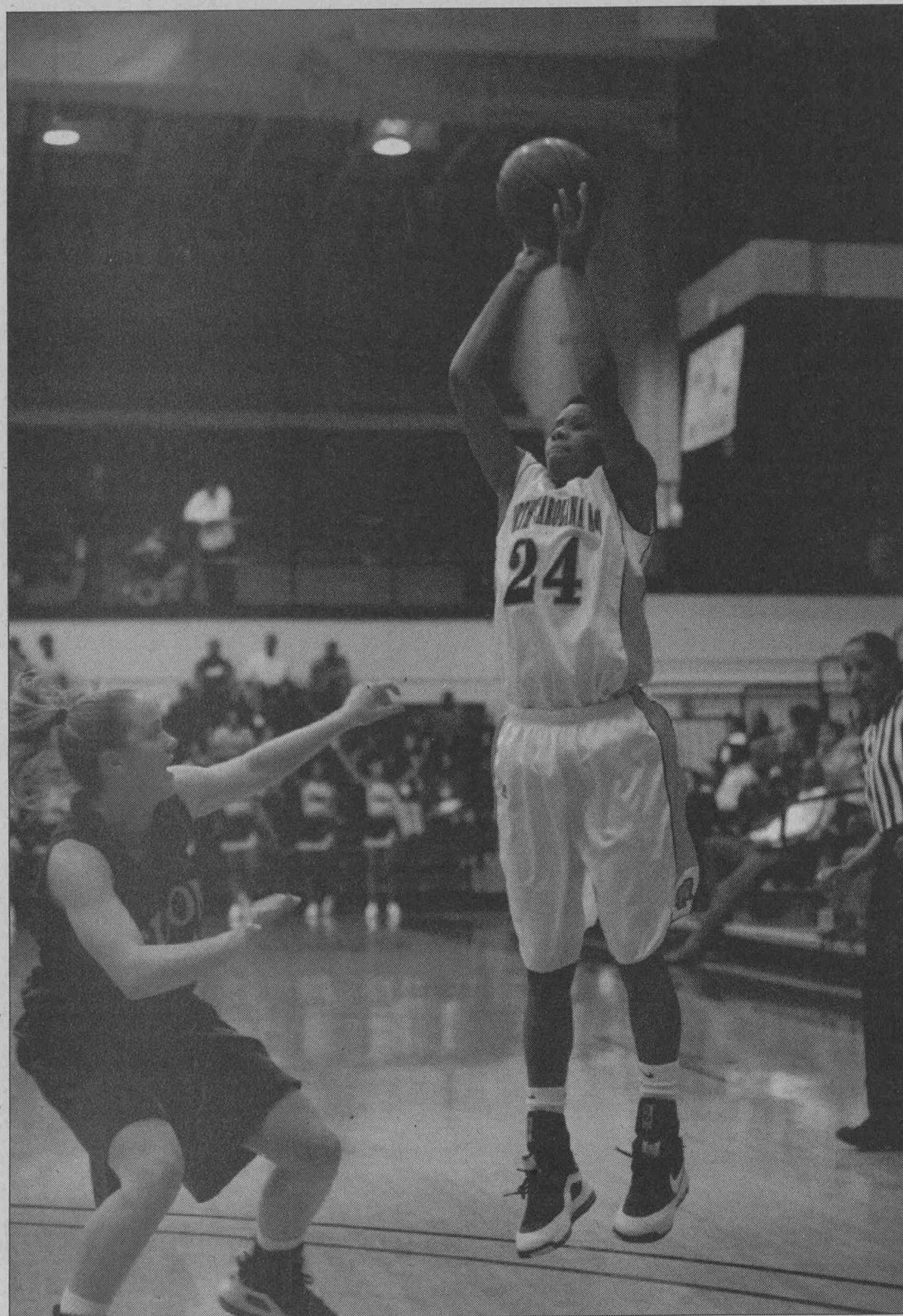
### NCAA FOOTBALL

**CLEMSON, S.C. (AP)** — Clemson defensive coordinator Vic Koenning resigned Tuesday, one day after the Tigers officially hired Dabo Swinney as head coach. Koenning said in a statement released by the school his role with the team next season was in question so he decided to leave before Clemson's bowl game to have more job options. Koenning had been defensive coordinator and secondary coach for the past four seasons.

### PLAXICO BURESS

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress is done for the year. The New York Giants fined and suspended Burress on Tuesday for four games — the rest of the regular season — after he accidentally shot himself in the right thigh over the weekend at a Manhattan nightclub.

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REISHA BULLOCK shoots a jumper over an Elon defender as the Lady Aggies went on to blow out the Phoenix 90-60.

PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS

## Aggies win over break

DANIEL HENDERSON  
Sports Editor

The Aggie women's basketball team took home their second consecutive Thanksgiving tournament championship this Saturday in the Lady Pirate Invitational at East Carolina University.

In a dominating fashion, the Lady Aggies (3-2) swept away Buffalo and host ECU with an average margin of victory of +14.

After an 85-76 win in the opening round over the Bulls, the Lady Pirates did not prove to be much of a threat to the blue and gold after A&T's breezy 72-53 win in the finale.

In a game full of turnovers, A&T forced 24 while maintaining ECU to a low 35 percent from the field.

The Lady Aggies used a combination of speed and quickness to oust the much bigger Lady Pirates, combining for 15 steals and a surprising 51 rebounds.

"We saw that they were big, but didn't possess a lot of speed," said head coach Bibbs after witnessing her team's tournament success.

Bibbs was shocked that her ball club out rebounded ECU by a +19 margin.

"Even though we were undersized, we know that rebounding isn't always all about height," said Bibbs.

Competing against Buffalo required much of the same athleticism since the Lady Aggies were undoubtedly the smallest team in the tournament.

They got off to an early lead at the half, 46-34, before Buffalo's Rachelle Mattyhs cut the lead to seven at 55-48 early in the second half, on one out of her eight 3-pointers.

But the momentum would not last for long after senior Brittanie Taylor-James drew a foul on a penetration drive that ended in a 3-point play that gave the Aggies the edge for good.

Taylor-James earned tournament MVP honors finishing with 41 points and 13 rebounds, while fellow senior teammate Amber Bland also made first team all-tournament scoring 42 points.

"Amber and Brittanie are well aware this is it for them," said Bibbs. "This is their last

chance at a championship, and they're playing like it.

Meanwhile across the country, the Aggie men's basketball team competed at the Global Sports Classic in Las Vegas.

Saturday, the Aggies (4-3) defeated Big South's Coastal Carolina 72-60, in a 21-point offensive effort by junior college transfer Dwane Joshua.

After leading 23-22 at the half, the blue and gold didn't pull away until 14:00 left in the second half. Joshua would put the lead away for good after a lay-up with three minutes remaining in the game.

The previous 67-60 victory over Texas Pan-American featured a valiant defensive team effort from the Aggies piloted by sophomore Thomas Coleman's nine blocks.

It took eight ties in the first half before the blue and gold could actually pull away.

Coleman's dunk with just under two minutes left in the game sealed the deal for the Broncos.

"This could potentially be the best team I've coached since I've been at A&T," said head coach Jerry Eaves who is in his sixth season.

## Black coaches dying in college football

There are 119 Football Bowl Sub-division programs in America, of those 119 men who are the head coaches of



DWIGHT MOORE

those programs only three of them are African-Americans following the resignation of Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State this past Saturday. The season started with six black coaches but that number has been cut in half after the firings of Ron Prince at Kansas State and Tyrone Willingham at Washington in the middle of the season. The three remaining men are Randy Shannon at Miami, Turner Gill at Buffalo, and Kevin Sumlin of Houston and make up less than 1% of all head coaches in the Bowl Subdivision. 70 % of these rosters are compiled of players of color.

The lack of black coaches in college football is really easy to understand but no one will come out it say it so I will. The reason there are not more African-American coaches is because college presidents, A.D.s, and those important boosters do not think that a black man is smart enough or has the leadership skills to be a head coach. The perception is that blacks are great athletes and have a ton of natural athletic ability but that we are not great thinkers and would be outsmarted by any white coach, which is really sad when you consider that a African-American has just been recently elected to the highest office in the country.

Keith Floyd the Black Coaches and Administrators Executive Director said on the situation "it is rewarding to live in this country and see the direction its citizens are headed; but we still must deal with some areas of social injustice that remain a blight on an otherwise promising future of change." Add in the fact 92.5 % of FBS university presidents, 87.5% of FBS athletic directors and 100 % of FBS conference commissioners are white according to Gene Wojciechowski of ESPN.com and black coach-

es are looking at a stacked deck to work through.

The SEC is probably the most tradition rich football conference in America and its schools are located in the old Confederate where race is still an issue sometimes. You don't have to be a history major to know what happen in those southern states to blacks during the 1950s and 60s and the majority of the most talented players in college football come out of the southern states like Alabama and Mississippi. That is what made the hiring of Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State so significant. If you turn on the TV every Saturday you will see a man by the name of Nick Saban the head coach of Alabama. He is a very intense coach and has no problem cussing his players out, white or black. Now replace Saban with Croom and see if that same kind of action would go unnoticed or be considered just a part of being a head coach. The presidents and the supporters of the school do not want to deal with that problem if it were to happen.

I talked about the great talent that comes out of these southern states and many of those players come from single parent homes usually single moms.

What better way to help the young men who have the talent to play then to have someone who they can feel comfortable with it and also provide them with a father figure. You look at a powerhouse program like USC, with Ken Norton Jr. and Florida with Charlie Strong, programs that feature African-Americans in prominent coaching positions that help recruit young minority players because those players feel comfortable with them.

Ken Norton Jr. helped star linebacker Rey Mauluga through the death of his father this past year by giving him someone to talk and still provide a father figure in his life. See, it's the small things like that show that blacks are capable of being head coaches, the little things are just as an important as X's and O's. However, until the colleges and universities give black coaches a chance at that level, we may never how good they could possibly be.

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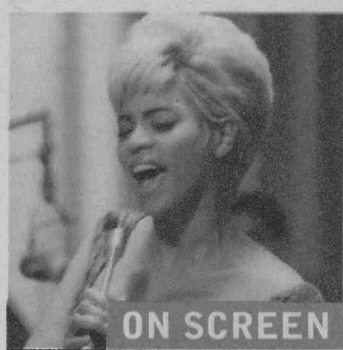
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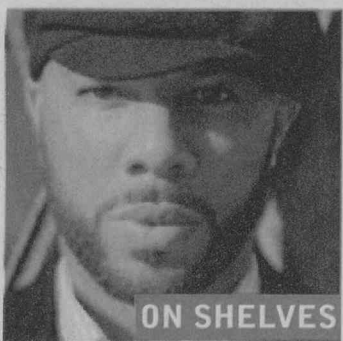
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ON SHELVES

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## Actress Taraji P. Henson talks about new movie and life in Hollywood

LAPORSHA LOWRY  
Contributor

Taraji P. Henson, an A&T alumna, is best known for playing Yvette in "Baby Boy." She is now co-starring with Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett in the "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," which opens Christmas Day. Button is born in his 80s and begins to age backward. She plays Queenie, who is the mother of the title character. She discussed the movie and her career thus far in a teleconference interview.

**Q:** What is your experience when it comes to preparing for the role of Queenie, who is essentially the mother figure to Benjamin Button in the movie?

**A:** I had to research the decades of the character's life and the different events and moods that happened in her life. I also had to research aging patterns and how people age. The motherly stuff came natural because I am a mother myself.

**Q:** How did you feel about this role when you read for it?

**A:** The movie had a great concept and I thought that it was tailor-made for me. I didn't think I would get at first because I thought that they wanted a big name. They actually wanted me for the role originally, but I still



had to audition.

**Q:** How was it working with such A-list actors as Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett?

**A:** It was a dream-come true. I saw myself here years ago as an A-list actors acting alongside other A-list actors. It was an honor to be in such great company.

**Q:** What was the biggest challenge in making the movie?

**A:** The prosthetics were tough to deal with. Having to sit in the chair while they put all of the makeup and stuff on was strenuous, but I just sat there without a break until they finished. I think if I had got up, I would not have come back.

**Q:** What do you think about Tyler Perry's usage of majority-black casts in his movies?

**A:** We need him in Hollywood because a lot of people would not be working if it were not for him.

**Q:** You have played a variety of roles so far in your career. How do you go about choosing roles or what roles do you want to audition for?

**A:** I don't judge the characters that I play. I like to find the "why" in them. I like to find out why they are the way that they are. I definitely see a side of me in every character. I continue to pull from life experiences, but there is definitely there is acting involved. I lost my father before filming the movie, so that taught me that death is inevitable. Live your life and don't worry about it.

**Q:** What are the new projects that you are working on?

**A:** Yes, I am starring in "Not Evenly Broken" with Morris Chestnut, which is an adaptation on the novel by T.D. Jakes. I'm also starring in "Hurricane Season."

### ALBUM REVIEW

## Rap artist Kanye West turns R&B with "808s" and heartbreaks

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Kanye West new rap album is anything but conventional. "808s and Heartbreak," is the fourth studio album released by the rapper which hit stores last Monday. West takes traditional hip-hop by surprise by singing ballads over non-traditional tribal beats. The album features eleven singles that explore relationships lost.

West is no stranger to hard times himself. This past year he lost his mother due to complications of cosmetic surgery and split from his long time fiancé. The struggle and frustration he's endured can be found on the track "Amazing." With the help of Young Jeezy he reveals, "I'm a monster, I'm a maven," to let listeners know he is not normal. West also has an inner battle with women in the album's featured track, "Love Lockdown."

Despite the positive feedback from critics, this album is no classic like "College Dropout." It does however free the hip-hop community from the monotony often-voiceless tracks and Fruity Loops beats. "Robocop" has edgy track lyrics, "I know she kinda crazy but it turns me on," revealing West preference to women who are a bit irrational.

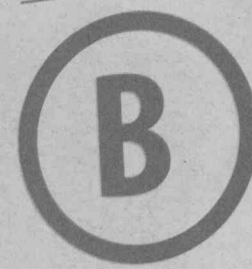
"Heartless," the second re-



leased single from the album is arguably the best. The lyrics are thought provoking while the piano thumps hard in the background.

As a whole the album is solid. Kanye West isn't one to be insecure of himself. "808s and Heartbreak" shows that he can push the envelope while simultaneously bringing along his fans to seal the deal.

Grade



## 20 QUESTIONS

1. What's Poppin?
2. Did you notice there were only 19 questions last week?
3. Would you be mad if we asked you 21 questions?
4. Don't you wonder how many people wake up on Black Friday just to window shop?
5. You didn't think everyone in the crowd really had money, did you?
6. Does anybody remember lay-away?
7. Can you name one store that will keep your stuff for 120 days while you come up with the money?
8. Anyones parents getting lazy at holiday times?
9. What is the meaning of a store bought sweet potato pie?
10. Is it too much to ask for people to dress appropriately for the black party?
11. How can you call yourself dressed grown and sexy and still look like a Lil Wayne?
12. Lil Kim?
13. What happened to the DJ?
14. Is he going to play that same 5 songs like last year?
15. Are you breaking up with your boy/girlfriend to avoid buying a Christmas Gift?
16. Are you getting back together on New Years?
17. Weren't you thankful for unlimited text messaging Thanksgiving morning?
18. Is your uncle still an alcoholic?
19. How long before someone says anything?
20. Do you ever wonder who writes these?

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best album

carter iii

"A Milli" was more than just the biggest street anthem in hip-hop history, it was sold in his first week. Besides making lollipops cool, the New Orleans native lived up to the impossible hype and put together a classical album and the "Best Rapper Alive." - **Eustace**

best new artist

jazmine sullivan

With her hit single "Need You Bad" Sullivan came out of the top of the charts in the summer. Her soulful voice and indie-influenced types spoke to the many who were looking for a voice that would stand out. She is a voice that will be around for years to come. - **Mullins**

best concert

glow in the dark tour

Not only did this concert feature four of the biggest artists of the year (Kanye West, Lupe Fiasco, Rihanna, N.E.R.D.), but it was one of the most affordable. 40-60 bucks got you close enough to take some pictures with Pharell, and it was one of the greatest kickoffs to the summer in history. - **Mullins**

best comeback

britney spears

After a messy divorce, severe hair loss, and a few bad performances, severe hair loss, and a few bad performances, Spears hit back in the spotlight with an album that put her back in the spotlight. Who else do you know that has come back in the spotlight? Host the MTV awards the next year? - **Mullins**

most hated song

marco polo

How annoying was this song? It was bad enough that how wow was on campus for voter empowerment, and even worse when he showed up at the Aggie-Eagle Classic. But Marco Polo? That crossed the line. - **Mullins**

best movie

the dark knight

Arguably, the best Batman film in history. "The Dark Knight" grossed \$996.1 million worldwide, and was the second all-time box office hit, leaving "Spiderman 3" and "Iron Man" in its dust. "Spiderman 3" and "Iron Man" in its dust. - **Mullins**

best performance

heath ledger

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen!" will ring in the ears of "Dark Knight" fans for years as the world remembers the performance of Oscar worthy Heath Ledger. Not only did he redefine the world's perception of "the Joker," but he set the standard of dedication to acting in the industry. It is tragic that we will never get to see him in another role. - **Mullins**

# THE A&T REGISTER

As 2008 draws to a close, The Register honors everything that made 2008 memorable and great.

And the winner is...

best song

paper planes

Native from St. Louis, LaToxa home-grown in London, rap artist M.I.A. came out with her hit single "Paper Planes" in the summer. Nominated artist T.I. also remixed her track with his first single from his latest album "Paper Trails" called "Swagger like us." - **Townsend**

best dorm

barbee hall

After being closed for over a year, Barbee Hall opened back up this year with several new additions for students who lived on campus. As a Co-ed residence hall, the six floor residence hall has the largest lobby and computer lab of any residence hall on campus, and arguably the nicest amenities of a traditional residence hall. - **Mullins**

best male athlete

steven rush

best female athlete

alexandria spruiel

best coach

patricia cage-bibbs

best team

women's basketball

best game

football vs. jcsu

best male team

baseball

best female team

basketball

best in-game distraction

cheerleaders

best reason to love a&t

homecoming

best reason to hate a&t

parking

best restaurant

miss a&t becomes miss nbc hall of fame

best eatery

thai pan

the union

best place to people

watch

holland bowl area

best event

Obama Party

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