New Dean Appointed

Waltene M. Canada has been selected to serve as the new dean of library sciences, effective immediately.

“The dean of library services position is a first in the history of North Carolina A&T,” said Carolyn W. Meyers, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. “It recognizes our library as the intellectual heart of the university.”

According to Meyers, F.D. Bluford Library is central to the development of intellectual capital as the university moves toward meeting goals identified in Futures. The library already has taken the challenge of integrating and expanding support of interdisciplinary approaches for students, academic affairs and research.

“The library embraced Futures early, becoming the first unit on campus to offer 24-7 access and services that support our learner-centered environment,” Meyers said.

Canada joined the staff at F.D. Bluford Library in 1980, and she has served as director of library services at A&T since 1994. Prior to coming to A&T, she worked in library services at Winston-Salem State University and Bennett College, and as a teacher in the Newark (N.J.) public school system.

Canada holds degrees from North Carolina Central University (M.L.S.) and North Carolina A&T State University (B.S.), and state media certification from Bennett College.

2003-2004 Text-in-Community Series to Celebrate Du Bois

In recent years, the achievements of North Carolina A&T State University have been nothing less than spectacular. The development of academic programs such as Distance Learning, new centers such as the Academy of Teaching and Learning and The Center for Student Success; the expansion and dedications of the Memorial Student Union, Williams Cafeteria, Obermeyer Parking Lot, February One Monument; the building of a new state-of-the-art classroom building and the construction of a new living learning center all have been a part of the transformation.

The most fundamental significance of the transformation is the unprecedented expansion of interdisciplinary intellectual exchange in response to the university’s Future Vision. The North Carolina A&T State University community believes, as did William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, that destiny is not a matter of chance, but a matter of choice and the will to achieve.

A commitment to uncompromising excellence led to the development of five Futuro goals to be achieved in this learner-centered community that develops and preserves intellectual capital through interdisciplinary learning, discovery, engagement and operational excellence.

One activity in Future Goal One is to implement a “text-in-community.” The selection for the 2003-2004 academic year is Du Bois’ The Souls of Black Folk. The book is a most thought-provoking and timely selection as 2003 is the 100th year anniversary of its publication. Du Bois, a profoundly prolific African American author, activist, historian and sociologist, assessed the progress of Africa-Americans, the obstacles to that progress, and the opportunities for future progress.

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Nominations Sought for Fourth Annual Human Rights Medal

The Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/ Honors Day is seeking nominations for the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Human Rights Medal, which recognizes individuals who have endeavored to correct social injustice and have significantly contributed to the betterment of the world.

The award was established in 2000 by Chancellor James C. Renick to honor individuals whose courageous actions are a reflection of the extraordinary action against social injustice that was demonstrated by the A&T Four, Drs. Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.), Franklin Eugene McCain Sr., Joseph Alfred McNeil and the late David Richmond Jr., whose bold move in 1960 led a group of students to take a stand for justice by sitting down at the lunch counter of the local Woolworth store initiated a wave of similar sit-ins by college students across the South.

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Eligibility

Nominees for the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Human Rights Medal will be evaluated according to actions demonstrated by the individual and the scope of his or her contribution within a community, state, country, or the world.

Nominees are not required to be citizens of the United States. However, the winner must be able to accept the award in person at the Sit-In Breakfast on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University. Another condition of the award is the honoree give a lecture at a mutually agreed upon campus event.

Any outstanding individual who has had a positive impact on humanity is eligible to receive this award for one or more of the following reasons: correcting social injustices, heroism, promotion of fellowship, technological discovery, academic contributions, diplomatic achievements, human welfare, social reform, and/or significant community contributions.

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

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Forward all entries to Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/ Honors Day, c/o Office of the Chancellor, 1601 East Market St., Greensboro, N.C. 27411. For application forms, visit www.ncaat.edu or call (336) 334-7940.

The winner will be notified in December and will be invited to accept the award at the Sit-In Breakfast marking the 46th anniversary of the Greensboro Sit-In Movement. The event is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 30, 2004.
The 2 + 2 program are Brunswick, Caldwell, and many other community colleges or four-year universities. Credits will transfer. For more information, contact 2 + 2 advisors.

New Online Program Offered
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has a new online degree program that makes it convenient for community college graduates to study toward 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 science or horticultural field from 10 North Carolina community colleges.

The curriculum also includes a 15-week student internship from 10 North Carolina community colleges. The student should check with 2 + 2 advisors at (336) 334-7721 to plan a course of study that is based on how their associate’s degree credits will transfer. For more information, call Dr. Antoine Alston, coordinator of the agriculture education program at A&T, or go online at www.ag.ncat.edu/2plus2.

The School of Technology hosted the 78th Annual International Graphic Arts Education Association (IGAEA) Conference, “Creating Connections,” July 27-30. The conference was held on campus.

The conference covered all areas of graphic communications including animation, color management, computer aided drafting, desktop publishing, electronic imaging, flexography, lithography, photography, printing and publishing, software, visual arts, and web development. Participants also received technology updates, interactive presentations and hands-on experiences.

A diverse group of graphic communications secondary, vocational and college-level educators from across the United States and beyond attended the conference, which also produced opportunities for educators, presenters and vendors to create connections and increase their professional expertise in graphics.

Technology Hosts IGAEE Conference
Speakers at the 78th annual conference include Henry E. Frye, former N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice, keynote speaker; Claudette Burroughs-White, Greensboro City Council; greetings; Elizer Burroughs, dean of technology at N.C. A&T; Yvonne Jeffries Johnson, Greensboro Mayor Pro Tem; greetings; Jerry White, president of IGAEE; James C. Bethel, chancellor; Nancy Glenn, chair of the department of graphic communication systems/technology studies and conference co-host; and Cynthia Gillipie-Johnson, associate professor of graphic communication systems/technology studies and conference host.

The host committee for IGAEE consisted of individuals from Clemson University, Appalachian State, and the departments of business education, visual arts, construction management and occupational safety, electronics and computer technology, graphic communication systems and technological studies, and manufacturing systems at N.C. A&T. The department of graphic communication systems and technological studies was the host department, with Dr. Cynthia Gillipie-Johnson, associate professor, serving as conference host and Dr. Nancy Glenn, department chair, serving as co-host.

This year marks the first time the conference has been held on a historically black university campus. Gillipie-Johnson was elected president-elect of IGAEE for 2003-04 and will serve as president in 2004-05.

Pursuing a degree online is an affordable option for many students 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 N.C. A&T’s Bluford Library.

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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is open to people of all races, colors, national origin, religions, gender, age or disability. Moreover, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is open to people of all races and actively seeks to promote racial integration. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is an ADA compliant institution, and University facilities are designed to provide accessibility to individuals with physical disabilities.

Speaker fees are $787.55, or $0.157 per copy.

The yearbook staff has yearbooks that students have not picked up. Available editions of Ayantee include 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. For details, contact Linda M. Carter, advisor, at (336) 334-7727 or lmcarter@ncat.edu.

Perimeter gates to the campus are closed daily between 9:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. The gates are located at Mitchell Dr. and Benbow Rd., Drew Dr. and Sullivan St., Laurel St. and Lindsay Ave., Nocho St. and Market St., and Gibbs Hall parking lot and Market St. Access to campus may be gained from Benbow Rd. and Bluford St., Dudley St. and Bluford St., and Laurel St. and Market St.

Register now for the Fall 2003 Experience Greensboro Program, the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce’s very popular community orientation initiative. Hear from city and county leaders, visit key locations and hear about current community issues.

The program schedule and featured topics include: Oct. 15, The History of Greensboro and Guilford County; Oct. 16, A Guided Bus Tour of Our Community; Oct. 22, City and County Government; Oct. 29, Economic Development; Nov. 5, Sports; Nov. 6, Health and Human Services; and Nov. 9, Arts, Parks and Recreation. Methane Ham of HamBone, Inc. and 1996 alumnus of Leadership Greensboro will chair the seven sessions. Each program day runs 7:30-10 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast. The cost to attend is $208/person and $250 with a spouse for Chamber members. For all other attendees, the cost is $300/person and $400 with a spouse. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 10.