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Centenarian Receives Human Rights Medal

A
t age 100, George Harrison Evans, M.D., has been a witness to and a catalyst for many changes that occurred in the 20th century. On Feb. 1, Evans was presented the 2008 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Human Rights Medal for his role in upholding human rights.

Born May 18, 1907, in Milan, Tenn., Evans experienced Jim Crow firsthand and realized at an early age that education would provide access to the kind of freedom he and other Americans envisioned. Evans earned his undergraduate degree from Roger Williams University in Nashville, Tenn., and completed postgraduate study at Polyclinic Hospital in New York City before entering Meharry Medical College. He received hospital training at City Hospital #2 in St. Louis, Mo., and did further training in OB-GYN at Polyclinic Hospital in New York.

Dr. Evans and his wife Marguerite moved to Greensboro, N.C., in December 1934 to begin a medical practice that flourished until his retirement in 1981. Before long, he had become an agent for change and diversity in the city.

Evans served on the L. Richardson Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees (1935-1957) and as a chief of staff (1950-51). Notably, he served on the medical staff at L. Richardson the entire 47 years of his medical practice.

One of Evans’ first civic duties was in the late 1940s when Mayor Benjamin Cone appointed him to serve on the Greensboro Housing Authority. Evans was instrumental in naming the Montague Homes development. In the early 1960s, during the struggle for desegregation, he was selected by Mayor David Schenck to serve on the Mayor’s Special Committee on Human Relations. His contributions as chairman earned credit for furthering community harmony and understanding. He later served on the Governor’s Commission on Human Relations.

Evans also served on the Greensboro City Board of Education (1950-1960), Bennett College Board of Trustees, Hayes-Taylor YMCA Board of Directors, Greensboro Community Health Service, Greensboro American Cancer Society, and Greensboro American Red Cross.

Among numerous tributes Evans has received are the Meharry Medical College President’s Award, NAACP Man of the Year, Old North State Doctor of the Year, and The Battle of Guilford Courthouse Award.

Currently, Evans is a member of St. James Presbyterian Church, Greensboro Men’s Club, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Beta Epsilon Boule.

Peace Corps Recognizes N.C. A&T during Peace Corps Week

In February, the Peace Corps celebrated its 47th anniversary during Peace Corps Week, which commemorates the establishment of the agency by President Kennedy in 1961. As part of the annual Peace Corps Week celebrations, Peace Corps Africa Regional Director and North Carolina A&T State University graduate, Henry McKoy, recognized the many contributions the university has made to Peace Corps.

During the ceremony, N.C. A&T student Courtney Owens, who is currently an agriculture volunteer in Burkina Faso, shared her experiences. Owens is participating in the Peace Corps’ Masters International program, which offers the unique opportunity to combine Peace Corps service with a master’s degree program.

With three alumni currently serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, A&T is among the top five HBCU producers of volunteers. In total, 21 alumni have served as Peace Corps Volunteers.

Peace Corps Director Ron Tschetter said, “Historically Black Colleges and Universities continue to provide the Peace Corps with a capable and diverse group of volunteer candidates. They represent the best of America as they apply their education and skills as volunteers around the globe.”

Henry McKoy is a former presidentially-appointed member of the African Development Foundation, which is the principal agency of the U.S. government to support Africa. In 1995, Henry was elected to the state senate in North Carolina and served on the appropriations and budget committees. He is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University with a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in history education. He is also a U.S. Army veteran (1969-1971).

The Peace Corps is celebrating a 47-year legacy of service at home and abroad. Currently there are over 8,000 volunteers abroad, a 37-year high for volunteers in the field. Since 1961, more than 190,000 volunteers have helped promote a better understanding between Americans and the people of the 139 countries where volunteers have served. Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment.

TRUSTEES NAME RESIDENCE HALLS IN HONOR OF GREENSBORO/A&T FOUR

Alexis Richmond, Lyndon Massenburg and Nell Massenburg, grandchildren of the late David Richmond Jr., are pictured in front of the residence facility in the Aggie Quad that is named in honor of their grandfather.

On Feb. 1 – the 48th anniversary of the day N.C. A&T students Ezell Blair Jr., Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and Richmond sat down at the segregated lunch counter of Woolworth’s in downtown Greensboro, requested service and refused to move – the A&T Board of Trustees announced the naming of each of the four residence facilities in Aggie Quad in honor of the four alumni.
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Gulford Education Leaders Team Up for “Cosby Kids” Program

A major educational initiative named for educator/entertainer Bill Cosby is the latest collaboration between North Carolina A&T State University, Guilford Technical Community College and Guilford County Schools.

On Feb. 5, N.C. A&T Chancellor Stanley Battle, GTCC President Don Cameron and GCS Superintendent Terry Grier announced at a joint news conference plans for the new “Cosby Kids” at North Carolina A&T State University Program. The partnership is designed to enhance the academic performance and related areas of African-American and Hispanic students in the fourth, sixth and eighth grades.

The overall goal of the “Cosby Kids” program is to ensure that targeted children perform at grade level or above in the areas of reading, math and science. Funding will come from the partners in the form of actual dollars and/or services offered for the children and their parents as well as from foundations, federal agencies and fundraising efforts with Cosby.

A small project that will serve as the pilot for “Cosby Kids” – The Stepping It Up Program – was funded recently through a dropout prevention grant from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Stepping It Up is a collaborative effort involving A&T, the Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro and Kiser Middle School designed to improve the academic performance and leadership skills of 30 eighth-grade students at risk of dropping out of school. It will include the following activities on A&T’s campus: a Summer Academy; a fall Saturday Academy; tutoring and mentoring services, monitoring of academic performance and attendance; and the creation of a step dance team to perform in local and state venues.

N.C. A&T, as one of America’s largest HBCUs, plays an important role in reducing educational and health disparities as well as the problems associated with these disparities such as low educational achievement and poor economic status.

According to Dorothy C. Browne, special assistant to the chancellor for research and public health, director of the Institute for Public Health at N.C. A&T and author of the proposal that will help fund the program, “Cosby Kids” at N.C. A&T is based on previous educational research and a conceptual model that recognizes that children do not develop in isolation, but they flourish in the context of their peers, families, teachers, schools and the larger community.

“The program will use a multifaceted, holistic approach that reaches out to students and their families and teachers,” she explained. “Participating children will be paired with mentors from the community as well as from faculty, staff, students from A&T and GTCC.”

An afterschool instructional curriculum will be conducted at A&T with the curriculum designed to enhance basic skills – particularly in math, reading and writing – as specified in the state’s standard course of study. In addition, participating students will receive tutoring and workshops will be offered for parents to obtain information about their children’s performance and how parents can assist their children. Teachers also will benefit from workshops specifically designed for them.

For other details about the “Cosby Kids” at N.C. A&T Program, contact Wendell Phillips at (336) 334-7940.

A&T TO OFFER METEOROLOGY DEGREE

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is making another first with its new undergraduate degree program in atmospheric sciences and meteorology.

The program is the second of its kind among historically black colleges and universities in the United States and the first at an HBCU in the state. There are three other universities in the state of North Carolina that offer a similar degree in meteorology: UNC-Asheville, UNC-Charlotte and N.C. State.

Beginning in the fall, the program will be available for enrollment through the department of physics. A sampling of courses in the curriculum includes atmospheric thermodynamics, weather systems, atmospheric physics and synoptic meteorology.

Using the latest tools of modern technology, atmospheric scientists look for answers to important questions that protect the environment and save lives. Atmospheric scientists and meteorologists have careers in atmospheric research, teaching, weather forecasting and other kinds of applied meteorology.

N.C. A&T’s NOAA-Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology Cooperative Science Center (ISET-CSC) also will provide scholarships, tuition support and stipends to qualified students in the range of $8,000-10,000 per year. For more information about the program call the ISET Office at (336) 285-2336.

Chancellor Stanley Battle (center) introduces the new “Cosby Kids” at N.C. A&T State University Program during a joint news conference with (now former) GCS Superintendent Terry Grier (left) and GTCC President Don Cameron.
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Last fall, Elizabeth Barber, assistant professor in the leadership studies program, Thomas Smith, assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction, and doctoral students Jacqueline Greenlee, Tonya Hargett, and Vanessa Duren-Winfleet presented their collaboratively-authored works at the Seventh Annual International Conference on Service-Learning in Tampa, Fla. The group presented posters and two papers—“Building Capacity for Change Agent Leadership,” and “Children, AIDS and Photovoice”—based on their summer 2007 research in Malawi, Central Africa.

Dorothy C. Browne has been named director of the Institute for Public Health. Browne is an experienced professor, scientist and researcher, having been awarded numerous grants amounting to millions of dollars for research and interventions in the areas of violence, early sexual behavior, drugs, and health disparities related to drugs (e.g. HIV/AIDS). She also served as the director of the NIH-funded Prevention Sciences Research Center at Morgan State University, interim associate dean of research at Morgan State School of Public Health and Policy (now known as the School of Community Health and Policy), and co-director of the Morgan-Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions.

Before assuming the positions at Morgan, Browne was a tenured faculty member at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the department of maternal and child health where she is currently an adjunct professor. Other positions include visiting faculty member at Duke University, interim executive director of the Roxbury Medical and Dental Health Center in Boston, assistant to the dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, and advocacy consultant for the family development study at Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Boston. Browne has many state and national community/professional affiliations, consultancies, commendations and honors, as well as numerous publications in the areas of maternal and child health, drug use, violence and health disparities. She received her undergraduate degree from Bennett College, M.S.W. degree from the School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh, and M.P.H. and D.P.H. degrees from Harvard University School of Public Health.

Goldie S. Byrd, chair of the biology department, was selected to participate in the 2007 Leadership North Carolina Program. The program is aimed toward persons who have demonstrated community and professional leadership experiences and is held during a series of sessions, Oct. 2007-May 2008. Its mission is to inform, develop and engage committed leaders by broadening their understanding of issues facing the state of North Carolina.

Eric A. Cheek, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and director of summer sessions and outreach, was elected Southern Region vice president of the National Association of Summer Sessions (NAASS) at the 44th Annual Conference in Maui, Hawaii. The association’s purpose is to promote summer sessions in higher education, develop quality summer programs and academic standards, and to exchange ideas and information among the membership.

Tracey D. Ford is director of the Center for Academic Excellence. Formerly The Center for Student Success, the Center for Academic Excellence provides advising and academic support services for freshmen. Ford comes to A&T from the University of Georgia (Athens), where she most recently served as assistant director of the African American Cultural Center. Ford earned her undergraduate degree in biology from Norfolk State University, her master’s degree in genetics from Howard University, and her doctorate in higher education from the University of Georgia.

Anthony Graham, assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction, has co-authored a peer-reviewed article titled “Reading Achievement, Suspensions, and African American Males in Middle School,” which appears in the Middle Grades Research Journal (Vol. 2, No. 2, Fall 2007).

Cathy Kao, professor of special education in the department of curriculum and instruction, has been appointed to the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children, which serves as an advisory council to the North Carolina State Board of Education. The Council’s primary purpose is to ensure that statewide children with disabilities have their special needs met.

Thaddeus McEwen, professor in the department of business administration (School of Business and Economics) and director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business (ICEEB), has been elected chair of the Minority and Women Entrepreneurship Division/Interest Group of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE). McEwen previously served as vice president-elect and program chair for the division. An affiliate of the International Council on Small Business, USASBE is the premier network for entrepreneurship educators at all levels including professional practitioners, entrepreneurship researchers and government policy makers.

Judy Rashid, dean of students, has been invited to serve as a founding member of the board of directors for the Association of Student Judicial Affairs Foundation, the premier international organization in higher education for student judicial affairs. Rashid has served in several national leadership capacities within the organization including the first Members Council Representative for Senior Student Affairs Officers and subsequent conference chair for the SSAO national conference program track.

Miriam L. Wagner, director of GEAR UP, Simon Whittaker, assistant professor in the curriculum and instruction department (School of Education), and Tyra N. Whittaker, associate professor in the human development and services department (School of Education), presented “Using Technology to Interest At-Risk Students in Science” at the Sixth International Conference on Education that was held in Hawai’i. Wagner also served as a reviewer for the conference.
SPENCER HUMPHREY made his debut on BET’s “College Hill: Intern.” The show took 10 young men and women and allowed them the opportunity to show forth their business savvy and interpersonal skills, seeing if they had what it took to make it in their respective industry. Humphrey, known on the show only as “Spencer,” is a 20-year-old from Jacksonville, N.C. He began the show as a junior at N.C. A&T. Humphrey stated the show as a good guy who needed to learn how to interact with his peers, and he gained the reputation of being one who stands up for what he believes and continued learning more about himself and his cast mates as the season progressed.

As the show wrapped its series, Humphrey’s team won the last challenge. He won the Most Improved Intern award and was praised for his overall growth and maturity.

Five N.C. A&T honor students competed in the Second Annual Black College Quiz Bowl in Chicago. Waldel Adams, senior history major from Greensboro, N.C.; Rashawnda Daniels, senior elementary education major from Portsmouth, Va.; Lyndel Dominick Pittman, senior history major from Fayetteville, N.C.; Jasmine C. Ryan, sophomore chemical engineering major from Orangeburg, S.C., and Christopher Ware, sophomore physics major from Barker, La.; Sandra T. Williamson, assistant director of the University Honors Program, served as team coach.

Black College Quiz Bowl is produced by Central City Productions (CCP) and was sponsored in part by State Farm and McDonalds. The half-hour game show aired in syndication in February. Participants answered questions on black history from The History Makers, a website that archives biographies of African Americans who have contributed to history in a significant way.

Three teams of North Carolina A&T students defended their ideas on how to keep the campus green at the Third Lloyd Trotter Ecomagination Competition sponsored by General Electric (GE). The competition was held on campus.

Team EXCEL was the first place winner. Team members included Edward Johnson (leader), Lawrence Locke, Joey Marsh, Osco Gardin and William Gee. Each team member received a $500 Book Award, a $100 American Express Gift Card, a plaque and a GE giveaway bag.

Team QS’ was the second place winner consisting of Demetrious Samuel, Nikki Vinson (leader), Nguyet Opara, Brandee Reed and Jonathan Ell Alfred. Each received a $250 Book Award, a $50 American Express Gift Card, a plaque and a GE giveaway bag.

Team Twenty-Eleven came in third place. Members included Jordan Ortiz, Kenneth Ochoa, Maurice McKay (leader), Shuvon Moore and Tierra Jones. Each received a $25 American Express Gift Card, a plaque and a GE giveaway bag.

Competition founder: Lloyd Trotter received an honorary doctorate in 2006 from A&T. He is chairman of GE and vice president and CEO of GE Industrial. Brandon D. Ball ’06, an industrial and systems engineer for Hitachi Nuclear Energy in Wilmington, N.C., served as master of ceremony.

Nine graphic communication systems and technological studies printing and publishing students were honored by the Printing Industry of the Carolinas at Grandover Resort in Greensboro, Jan. 19.

Four students won Best of Category honors: Jonathan Alfred, “Duotone – Classmates,” offset printing (duotones, flat); Grafton Boones, “A&T – We Drive Success,” flexographic printing (four-color process); Luke Fonge, “Like Mike,” screen printing (two or more spot colors, non-textile); and Terry Gordon, “Batter Up,” screen printing (one color, non-textile).

Four students won a Special Judges Award: Josette Casterlow, “Street Life,” screen printing (two or more spot colors, non-textile); Leke Fonge, “TaToo,” screen printing (two or more spot colors, non-textile); Jason Towdar, “Bling Bling,” offset printing (duotones, flat); and Natasha Wilson, “The King,” flexographic printing (four-color process).

Two students won an Award of Excellence: Darius Cobb, “A&T Dog,” flexographic printing (four-color process), and Alanna Wise, “African American Festival,” flexographic printing (four-color process).
AG RESEARCH LANDS THREE NEW USDA GRANTS

Three researchers in the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University are recipients of grants from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Two of the projects are related to fruits and vegetables research, and they will be conducted in collaboration with N.C. A&T's new Center of Excellence for Post Harvest Technologies at the new North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis.

Mohamed Almedna, associate professor in the food and nutritional sciences program, has received $198,000 to develop new college courses and a childhood nutritional education program aimed at curbing overweight and obesity in preschoolers by encouraging them to eat diets rich in fruits and vegetables. Nationally, approximately 14 percent of children ages 2-5 are overweight or obese. Ipik Goktepe, assistant professor in the food and nutritional sciences program, has received $256,000 to research a new packaging technology that could make fresh spinach and other leafy greens safe from E.coli and other pathogens.

Anthony Yebouah, chair of the department of agribusiness, applied economics and agri-science education, received $136,000 to improve global education and study abroad opportunities for students, which A&T has identified as crucial to preparing students for a global economy.

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A&T RECEIVES SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARD

North Carolina A&T State University is one of 14 colleges and universities selected to receive an award from the Merck/AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Undergraduate Science Research Program.

Totaling $60,000, the award will be paid over three years.

N.C. A&T’s biology and chemistry departments will establish an interdepartmental summer research program for undergraduate biology and chemistry majors.

Principal investigator, Dorothy B. Foushee, associate professor and graduate coordinator in the department of biology, and co-principal investigator, Margaret I. Kanipes, associate professor in the department of chemistry, solicited the participation of three assistant professors – Catherine White and Patrick Martin from the department of biology, and Marion Franks, department of chemistry – to develop the winning proposal.

The program will include three research teams, each composed of a biology and chemistry faculty member and a biology and chemistry student, that will work on research projects designed to enhance the biology student’s knowledge of the language of the chemist and the chemistry student’s knowledge of the language of the biologist.

Three projects supported by this award are “Examination of the Relationship between Karesia bresvand Gram-negative Bacteria in Culture” (Dr. Foushee and Kanipes); “The Synthesis, Characterization, and Apoptotic Activity of Chalcones on DU145 and LNCaP Carcinoma Cell Lines” (Dr. Franks and Martin); and “Analysis of Lipopolysaccharide in the Foodborne Pathogen, Campylobacter coli” (Drs. Kanipes and White).

The Merck/AAAS Undergraduate Science Research Program is a competitive program available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Up to 15 awards are made annually.

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Although graduates of the N.C. A&T State University’s School of Business and Economics are among some of the most successful individuals in the nation, they aren’t the only Aggies able and willing to contribute large sums for student scholarships. However, B-school grads such as Willie Deese ’77, Donna Scott James ’79, Dmitri Stockton ’66 and Mitchell Martin ’75 have taken the lead recently among Aggies making “major gifts,” totaling $25,000 or more.

And then there are Tim King ’76, Patricia Miller Zollar ’84 and honorary Aggie Bernie King, who is global vice president for Dow Chemical Co., says Craig. King, who is global vice president for Dow Chemical Co., says Craig became the dean while he was a student.

“I thought he had strong leadership skills and concern for the students, but at the same time he was about making things better,” King says, noting that Craig has succeeded in doing so. “We need more people like him who have that attitude.”

Craig has been successful in impressing upon his graduates the importance of student scholarships — reminding them of the role of scholarships in their own educational careers. He also has clearly articulated the university’s needs.

Mack and Adams-Enders, from Arts and Sciences and Nursing, respectively, whose gifts honor their parents as well as Enders’ late husband, Dr. F. Heinz Enders, also have a keen understanding of the need, which extends beyond just A&T.

“I give back to A&T because I want the University to be able to attract the best possible teaching talent that can speak English and understand our young men and women, not be afraid of them, and to correct them when they are wrong and set the standards high both academically and character-wise,” Mack says. “It suggests to me that there are a lot of us who can and will. I think we just need to be nudged,” he says, telling a story about a fellow church member who is a generous giver and says he became one after the pastor approached him and said, “We need.”

“There have been a lot of successful people who went to (A&T) who have the means to do what needs to be done,” King adds. “We just need to get a lot better about asking.”

Kiel and his staff are asking, and they are grateful to all Aggies who give back.

“In general, A&T alumni are a generous bunch of people,” Kiel says. “They are willing to support A&T because they know the value the university brings to its students.”
At the same time that the field of land surveying is exploding with new technology and new opportunities, the number of people qualified to take advantage of those opportunities has been dwindling.

Just in time, North Carolina A&T State University’s College of Engineering has begun reversing that downward trend with its new bachelor of science degree in geomatics engineering, which puts students on a fast track to state licensure. Launched in the fall semester of 2006, the program covers land surveying and aerial photography. “This broad term of geomatics has been used for years in Europe and is just taking hold in the United States,” says Peggy Fersner, PE, coordinator of the program and a member of the faculty since 1993. Much more than the name has changed.

“Prior to 15 or 20 years ago, the practice of surveying had not changed much,” Fersner says. “With technology and your global positioning units and global information systems, the amount of knowledge that you need to stay current is just expanding. It’s out there.

“Surveyors are charged with anything that requires measurement; measurements are all tied to technology. New surveyors have to interact with new technology. Because of technology, we’ve gone to a surveyor now who can do just about anything they want. It’s becoming very broad.”

In a model of university-professional cooperation, College of Engineering Dean Joseph Monroe began the process of creating the new degree program at the request of the N.C. Society of Surveyors.

“The surveyors were responding to a definite shortage,” Fersner says. “The traditional land surveyors are retiring at a much faster rate than new surveyors are coming into the profession.”

In addition, students entering the field without going to college were having difficulty passing the state licensure exam. To become licensed, surveyors must pass two eight-hour exams, much like the “professional engineer” certification process.

“The pass rate was abysmal,” Fersner says, noting that changes have made the first exam more knowledge-based than practice-based.

This meant the test required knowledge of such subjects as calculus, physics, dynamics, statics and materials – things you learn in college.

“The people who are not going to a two-year or four-year program, are not passing,” she says. “Technology has sort of driven what has occurred.”

The A&T program, which has about 30 students enrolled, makes it easy for people to two-year community college programs to upgrade.

“With a few tweaks (to your community college coursework),” Fersner says, “you can come to A&T and in 2½ years, get your A&T bachelor’s degree.”

The program also has a distance learning component, with all of the junior and senior geomatics courses being offered online so students don’t have to physically come to A&T.

“A lot of the people who take the two-year community college program are usually local. They normally work while they take those courses and they want to continue to work,” Fersner says. “They have families and they’re not looking to move.”

Surveyors with four-year degrees can get fully licensed in a much shorter time period than those with two-year degrees or only high school diplomas.

Swelling the ranks of licensed professionals is the name of the game for A&T and for the NCSS, which has stayed closely involved with developing and supporting the program.

“This program is blessed because they are 100 percent behind us and they have offered support and scholarships to my students,” Fersner says, adding that the program has enjoyed similar support from another professional association, the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, the imaging and geospatial information society.

“The outreach from the wider community of surveyors has been wonderful. That makes us want to grow the program and make sure to give them what they want.”

The degree of support the program enjoys was evident in Fersner’s experience forming an advisory board. The number of people interested in serving grew quickly to an unwieldy 20 or 21 people.

As she scrambled to find a room big enough for the first meeting, some colleagues said, “Don’t worry, they won’t all show up.” But she knew this advisory board would be different.

“We had every person but one show up, and that one … emailed me in advance of the meeting,” Fersner says.

“The support of the profession that this program has received is phenomenal. Absolutely phenomenal.”
ALUMNA “BARBARA” BELL JONES ‘47 IS A ROLE MODEL FOR ASPIRING AGGIES.

Molding the minds of young people has been Betty “Barbara” Bell Jones’ quest throughout her life, and it is evident in the success of her students that she has accomplished her mission.

By Nettie Collins Reinbold ’72

powerhouse of enthusiasm, motivation and tenacity is how Rodney L. Boone portrays his high school teacher.

“She is no ordinary teacher but an exceptional educator,” the former A&T SGA president (1993-94) said. “Just as Harrriett Tubman helped to free many, Mrs. Betty “Barbara” Bell Jones has freed many children in poverty by showing them the pathway to maximize their potential.”

Boone, a middle school principal, uses the life lessons he learned from Jones in his profession today.

“She taught me to be compassionate to others, love who you are, communicate what you can mean, make decisions now to positively impact your future, never let your past or present determine your future and be the best you can be,” he said.

A retired school teacher, Jones graduated from A&T in 1947 with a degree in social work. She made the decision to enroll at A&T based on strong recommendations from two of her siblings.

“I visited my brother Louis and sister Alice who were attending A&T, was impressed with what I saw, and decided to follow in their footsteps.”

Jones became grounded in Aggieland after graduation, teaching social studies at Bladen County Training School in Elizabethtown, N.C., for two years; however, due to a family crisis her career was interrupted.

“My father was dead and my mother’s health was declining, so I resigned from my position and returned home to help manage the family business.”

Jones’ desire to continue her profession never wavered and nearly 10 years later she returned to teaching. She remained in the classroom for 32 years before retiring in 1992 from Northampton County High School-West.

The distinguished educator served in many leadership roles including treasurer and secretary of the North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers, vice president and president of the North Carolina Council for Social Studies as well as member of the board of directors.

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The report was released after seven months of investigation by the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders and took its name from the commission chairman, Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner. President Johnson appointed the commission on July 28, 1967, while rioting was still underway in major cities. Johnson charged the commission with analyzing the specific triggers for the riots, the deeper causes of the worsening racial climate of the time, and potential remedies.

The commission concluded that urban violence reflected the profound frustration of inner-city blacks and that racism was deeply embedded in American society. The report’s most famous passage warned that the United States was “moving toward two societies, one black, one white – separate and unequal.” It further recommended sweeping federal initiatives directed at improving educational and employment opportunities, public services, and housing in black urban neighborhoods, which were largely ignored by the Richard Nixon administration.

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Bibbs Wins Ninth Coach of the Year Honor

When the story of North Carolina A&T women’s basketball coach Patricia Cage Bibbs’ coaching career is completed, the one undeniable truth history can not ignore is her consistency of excellence regardless of the women’s college basketball program she led.

Bibbs has rebuilt all three programs she has coached. She has won regular-season conference championships at all three programs she has coached. And on March 10, she remained consistent with yet another honor.

Bibbs was named MEAC Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year at the annual MEAC Tip-Off Banquet held at the North Raleigh Hilton. It was Bibbs’ ninth coach of the year honor in 23 years as a head coach. She won seven SWAC Coach of the Year awards at Grambling, and she won one MEAC Coach of the Year award at Hampton. This year marked Bibbs’ first coach of the year honor in 10 years.

“I would like to thank my daughter and my husband for bringing me back to the profession I love so much,” said Bibbs, who retired from coaching after the 2003-04 season at Hampton, but returned in 2005-06 at the urging of her daughter Satin and her husband Ezil. “If it had not been for them I wouldn’t have gotten an opportunity to coach this incredible group of ladies, and so I thank God I didn’t miss out on that.”

Bland earns First-Team Honor

Although the North Carolina A&T women’s basketball team went from second place to MEAC Regular-Season Champion, the postseason accolades for the players did not change.

Amber Bland earned her second consecutive All-MEAC first-team honor when it was announced at the annual MEAC Tournament Tip-Off Banquet. Also for the second consecutive season, sophomore point guard Ti’Wians Cook and junior forward Brittanic Taylor-James were named to the second team.

In addition, the Aggies placed a player on the MEAC All-Rookie team for the second straight season as Jaleesa Sams followed Cook’s 2006-07 spot for the 2007-08 season.

Bland will likely lead the Aggies in scoring for the second straight season. She averages 15.1 points, 5.3 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.8 steals per game. She ranks in the top 15 in an astounding eight different statistical categories and leads the MEAC in 3-point field percentage (.402). Nationally, her defense has helped the Aggies to a No. 2 ranking in steals per game, and she ranks 31st nationally in steals.

Against Howard on March 1, she exceeded the 1,000-point plateau with a 24-point performance, becoming the fastest Aggie to reach 1,000 career points (57 games). She was named MEAC Player of the Week once.

“I learned this year what it means to sacrifice for the team in order to accomplish team goals,” said Bland, who ranked 20th in the nation last season in scoring at 19.6 points per game. “It would have been nice to have been recognized as player of the year, but winning the tournament in my mind is more important.”

Aggies Win “Pack the House” Challenge

Jan. 26 game breaks attendance record for women’s basketball

The 2007-08 North Carolina A&T women’s basketball team is making record-breaking a habit this season.

The Aggies won the NCAA’s “Pack the House Challenge” for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference by drawing 3,813 fans to the Jan. 26 home game against Winston-Salem State, a record for an A&T women’s basketball game. The Aggies beat WSSU 71-51.

In its inaugural year, “Pack the House Challenge” is an NCAA marketing program designed to help grow the visibility of women’s college basketball. A&T was one of 198 women’s basketball programs to participate. The Aggies athletics program will receive four NCAA Basketball camp chairs and four NCAA Basketball coolers. NCAA also will make a $500 donation to a non-profit organization of the coach’s choice on the school’s behalf. The Aggies finished 11-1 at home this season and are 27-8 at Corbett Sports Center under Coach Patricia Cage-Bibbs.
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By Samantha V. Hargrove

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Prior to serving as interim dean beginning in 2005, Adderley-Kelly was department chair, assistant dean for undergraduate and graduate programs, assistant dean for academic affairs, and chair of numerous committees and task forces. As an educator, she has expertise in teaching, curriculum design, test construction and outcomes assessment.

In addition to her B.S. degree in nursing from North Carolina A&T State University, Adderley-Kelly has a master’s degree in nursing from the University of Maryland, a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in education and a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Howard University.

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Anthony Fox ’77 has been elected to Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP’s Board of Directors where he will serve a three-year term. Fox has extensive experience advising municipalities, public sector clients, regulated industries and corporate clients on all aspects of municipal and governmental transactions including annexation, telecommunications, public finance, land use, transportation and administrative law. The firm has 225 lawyers in six offices across the Carolinas, counseling clients in banking and capital markets, business law, litigation, real estate and commercial development and regulatory law.

Fox received his Juris Doctorate from North Carolina Central University in 1978 with just herself and a phone as the firm’s only asset and then by 2003 taking in revenues of $450 million was no small feat.

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Howroyd, a native of Tarboro, N.C., is an avid supporter of education and gives generously to college endowment funds, including her alma mater, A&T. Her professional memberships include the National Association of Women Business Owners, Urban League of Los Angeles Board of Directors, and Greater L.A. African American Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She recently served as co-chair of N.C. A&T’s $100 million capital campaign.

Howroyd has been featured in national magazines and on television shows as a dynamic CEO and savvy business woman. She has received countless awards including A&T Entrepreneur of the Year (1994) and was featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

1980s
Lonnie Sharpe Jr. ’75 is interim dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science at Tennessee State University. Prior to this appointment, Sharpe served on the faculty as chair for the university’s Dr. Samuel P. Massie Chair of Excellence program, a professorship of engineering in the environmental disciplines in which TSU focuses on fire and transport of hazardous chemicals and innovative technologies for hazardous waste remediation of pollution.

Prior to joining TSU, Sharpe was professor and dean of engineering at North Carolina A&T State University.

1990s
Anthony C. Nelson ’80 is the new dean of the School of Business at Bowie State University. Prior to joining Bowie State University, he was the dean of the College of Business at Grambling State University. He also has taught at Grambling State, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the University of South Florida.

Nelson’s corporate experience includes systems development and project management positions at National Steel Inc., Champion International Paper Inc., and Mellon Bank. Additionally, he has consulted with various corporations, city governments and local businesses to improve their business processes using computer solutions.

His academic credentials include a B.S. degree in business management from North Carolina A&T State University, an M.B.A. and Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Pittsburgh, and a master’s degree in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary.

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Janice Bryant Howroyd is no stranger to hard work and perseverance. Her story of founding ACT-1 Personnel Services, a temporary employment agency, in 1978 with just herself and a phone as the firm’s only assets and then by 2003 taking in revenues of $450 million was no small feat.

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He has studied several years of French, Spanish and German, which he says better prepared him for working with diverse cultures in North America and around the world.

Sharron K. Jenkins ’91 presented “AIDS Online International: An internationally synchronized online, college-credit course on HIV/AIDS” during the Campus Health and Safety Conference sponsored by N.C. A&T State University Student Government Association on Feb. 15. Dr. Jenkins is a professor at Purdue University’s North Central campus in Westville, Ind.

Lenard D. Moore ’97 has been elected president of the Hauku Society of America for 2009. Moore is the first African American to hold this office in the organization’s 40-year history.

The Jacksonville N.C., native has been teaching at Mount Olive College since August 2005. Among many accolades, he has received the Sun Ray Pine Arts Award, Tarbell of the Week (Raleigh News and Observer), Dean’s Professional Development Award (Mount Olive College), 2000 Alumni Achievement Award (Shaw University) and the Indies Arts Award (Independent Works). Moore is the author of more than 100 literary works. His latest book, A Temple Looming, will be released in June by Word Tech Communications.

LaTonya Sibert Powell ’98 works at NASA as the lead information technology specialist on the Integrated Enterprise Management Project (IEMP) Competency Center’s Application Technical Support (ATS) team. She joined the ATS team in 2004 after working for Accenture as a business consultant.

Powell has a bachelor’s degree in transportation management and logistics from N.C. A&T and a master’s degree in management information systems from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

P. Kevin Williamson ’98 is director of development for leadership gifts at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. He began his career with Old North State Council, Boy Scouts of America in Greensboro, N.C., in 1999 as a district executive. In this role he was a liaison between the community, volunteers, parents and the council headquarters, including volunteer recruitment, marketing, communications and fundraising. Success in that role led to other opportunities with the Boy Scouts that eventually took him to Wilmington, making the switch to development an almost natural transition. His primary responsibility at UNCW is to raise funds for the university through discovery, stewardship and solicitation of alumni and friends.

Patrena Benton has been named executive director of the North Carolina Health Careers Access Program (NC-HCAP) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After serving as interim executive director for nearly a year, Benton assumed her new role on Oct. 1. She will provide leadership for strategic planning, policy development, fundraising, financial management and programmatic planning for NC-HCAP.

Benton began her tenure with NC-HCAP in 1996, serving as the recruiter and first AHEC liaison. After a stint coordinating pre-college and college summer programs for the UNC School of Medicine/Office of Special Programs, she returned to NC-HCAP in 2003 as associate director for development, evaluation and new initiatives and as the organization’s chief operating officer.

Ninth Annual Homecoming Class Reunion Raises Funds for Marching Band

By Jesse Barnes ’98

orth Carolina A&T alumni from class years 1967 through 1970, other classes and guests participated in their Ninth Annual Homecoming Class Reunion during Homecoming 2007.

The homecoming weekend was such a huge success that $1,000 was raised for the Blue and Gold Marching Machine (band).

Members of these classes and their guests had the opportunity to relax, reminisce, eat and party with classmates and friends. A hospitality suite was open Friday and Saturday night for a mixer and a tailgate party was held before and after the big game. A special memorial tribute was held Saturday night in the suite for the fallen Aggies.

Many of these classmates returned to A&T for the first time in more than 35 years to enjoy the festivities and to hear about the many changes that have taken place at our alma mater.

Don’t miss out on the fun and camaraderie next homecoming, the 10th year for this reunion. Plans are underway for another exciting weekend.

Contact Jesse Barnes via email, jgb400003@aol.com, to obtain more details and to make arrangements to be a part of the fall 2008 class reunion activities. Homecoming Day is Oct. 11.

ATTENDEES

1967
Ann Carolyn “Breeze” Breakfield
Brenda Brown
John Cleaves
Nathaniel Foster
Margaret Furguson
Dls L. Harston Jr.
Harvey Hayes
Charles Lowery
Ronald Maes
Mary Morehead
Ronald J. Mullen
Nathaniel Spaight
Annie Williams
Muhammed
James Worth
William E. Young III

1968
Jessica Barnes
Virginia Blackwell
Willie Bouluare
Janet Burton
Lawrence Clark
Reginald Clarnmons
Jimmy Cochran
Clintorn Dutch Dellgard
Marietta S. Douglas
Veronica Finch
Eames Fulton
Cornell Gordon
Lynn Grissett
Mary Little Hule
Ronald Hayes
Ragnhild Hill
Harry Jackson
Jean Jenkins Jackson
Sam Jenkins
John Jobley
Michael Johnson
James Kimble
Claudia McClain
Henry McCoy
Margaret McLawhorn
Clarence Moran
William Olds
Virginia Pabot
Hawthorne Proctor
Nathaniel Powell
Felton Ray
Sarah Reid
Gatther Rodgers Jr
Leonard L. Smith
Myriss Sprinkle
Julian Stafford
Faye Thorne
Chaucauy Walker
Connie Williams
Joseph A. Williams
Joseph C. Williams
Mary Williams

1969
Ernestine Burks
Darius Burton
June Cole
Larry Crowder
Sula Douglass
Winter Douglas
Mary Cook Douglas
Mary Geddie Eaves
Alfred Finch
Clarence Fisher
Joyce Fisher
Phylis Banks Fulton
Ronald “Al” Gardner
Ronald Harris
Mary Johnson
Leonard Granger
Annette Lanier

1970
Terry Armstrong
Merl Coda
Anthony Cone
Oscar Crowder III
Mossa Douglass Jr.
William Kerline
Mavis Exum-Edmundson
Keith Graves

James Lanier
Gwendolyn Lawson
Brenda Letman-Hudson
Royall Mack Sr.
Vatter McClary
Katy McCoy
Arthur McMillan
Arlanda Meadows
Ella Miller
Eugene Parsons
Eugenia Moore Pleasant
Brenda Russell
Velma J. Simmons
Curis Spencer
Pompey E. Stafford
Zenobia M. Walker
Baye’ Webb
Shirley Smith Young

Others
Margaret Baker
William Blayke ’72
John Dilhain ’66
Barbara Dixon ’66
Ebeby Fennar
Mary Fargerson
Adrienne Granger
Clarence Harrison ’71
Robert & Anna Jackson

Alumni
Yolanda D. Bennett - Dec. 28, 2007
Catherine Oates Bule ‘52 - Jan. 7
Charles L. Gilmore Sr. - Dec. 24, 2007
Randa Davenport Russell - Jan. 2008
Mary Smiths - Dec. 30, 2007
Other

Thank you!
May 2008 will mark another milestone in our alumni history when we celebrate yet another outstanding reunion for the classes ending in 3 and 8. We will host many alumni from around the country who will come back home for the Alumni Weekend activities.

The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association, Inc. (Association) has adopted “WE BELIEVE” as our theme for this fiscal year. Interestingly enough, it is a theme that personifies a feeling expressed by all of us as it relates to our esteemed alma mater. Your presence during Alumni Weekend will confirm how “WE BELIEVE” in our university and what it continues to offer to our students.

Alumni Weekend will begin with the Annual Meeting for ALL alumni. As alumni, this is your meeting and your presence ensures the success of our programs and the efforts that we expend to cultivate the relationships that connect us as one.

Many festivities are planned to engage all alumni as well as special events that are planned for those classes in reunion. The Alumni Banquet will culminate the events of the weekend. This weekend is a time that you just do not want to hear about; you want to be able to talk about it because you experienced it for yourself. So, clear your calendar for May 9-11, and complete the 2008 Alumni Weekend registration form to the right. You are sure to reconnect with old friends and acquaintances, and you are guaranteed to kindle new relationships that will last an Aggie lifetime!

The Association is looking forward to welcoming you back home and, more importantly, thanking you for your commitment to our students through your Aggie giving. Make this a weekend of great memories.

Make history by being a part of it. Proclaim A&T’s worth by extolling the great things you have done with your lives! Effect positive change by simply believing in Aggie Pride!

Believing in Aggie Pride and hoping to see you there!

Aggie love and pride,
Pamela L. Johnson ’91
National President
From the moment Chancellor Stanley F. Battle arrived on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University in July 2007, one of his initiatives has been for the university to be able to provide a greater variety of academic scholarships to qualifying students. On Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m., Dr. Battle will host “An Evening with Bill Cosby” to benefit and support scholarship initiatives at N.C. A&T.

Cosby will perform in the Guilford Ballroom at Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro. Tickets are now on sale for this event that will feature live music in addition to Cosby’s performance. The costs for table sponsors (10 seats per table) are $1000, $2500, $5000 and up. (The non-gift portion of each table cost is $500.) There are a limited number of individual tickets available at $125 per person.

The purchase of each table puts the University closer to Dr. Battle’s goal to provide a base of support for generations of A&T Aggies to come through the endowed scholarships program. Endowed scholarships will strengthen the A&T’s long-term financial base while providing substantial scholarship support for years to come.

“An Evening with Bill Cosby is a showcase event that will help highlight the University’s vision of making scholarship funds available for the best and brightest students,” says Battle. “Dr. Cosby has made it his business to support all institutions but has been a champion for Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout this country. We look forward to this event and are excited about the support we continue to receive from our community.”

Cosby—a best-selling, award-winning comedian and author who uses humor to provide an insight into our roles as men, women and family members—began his career performing in night clubs while attending Temple University. He has had many hit comedy albums, television shows and books including “Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids,” which ran for 12 years. His most memorable achievement was the success of “The Cosby Show,” 1984-1992. It was Cosby’s interest in education and youth that motivated him to earn both a master’s and doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts. He recently lent his name to a collaborative educational program between N.C. A&T, Guilford County Schools and Guilford Technical Community College that aims to enhance the academic performance and related areas of targeted students in grades 4, 6 and 8.

For information on scholarship donor opportunities at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, call (336) 334-7600. To purchase tables or tickets for “An Evening with Bill Cosby,” call (336) 433-5570.
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North Carolina A&T State University coeds take a break between classes to have fun in the snow.

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