

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 25
Installation of Chancellor Stanley F. Battle, Corbett Sports Center, 1:30 p.m. (Procession begins at 1 p.m.)

APRIL 26
School of Technology's "T" in "A&T" Inaugural Golf Tournament, Bryan Park and Enrichment Center, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., \$

MSEN Day Science, Mathematics, Engineering Competition, Saturday, Harrison Auditorium, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

APRIL 27
Real Heroes of the Western Frontier, Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom, 4 p.m., F

"Held in Trust" one-man play, Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom, 7 p.m., \$

APRIL 28
Approved printed thesis/dissertation copies for binding due in Graduate School Office

APRIL 29
Classes end

Memorial Day Observance, Veteran's Memorial, 3-3:30 p.m.

APRIL 30
Reading Day

MAY 1-7
Final Exam Week

MAY 1-AUGUST 31
Dates to waive student health insurance for fall semester 2008

MAY 8
Residence halls close for non-graduating students, noon

MAY 9
Final grades due

Waste Management Certificate Ceremony, Memorial Student Union-Exhibit Hall, 2 p.m.

An Evening with Bill Cosby, Sheraton Four Seasons-Guilford Ballroom, 7 p.m., \$

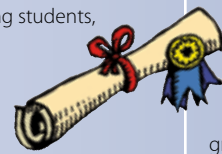
MAY 10
Commencement, Speaker: Bill Cosby, Greensboro Coliseum, 8:30 a.m.

Residence halls close for graduating students, 5 p.m.

MAY 14
EPA Salary Administration Workshop, Merrick Hall-Room 125, 2-5 p.m., F

JUNE 3
"Men's Health Disparities: Implications for Research and Intervention," 14th Annual Summer Public Health Research Institute and Videoconference on Minority Health, 2-4 p.m.

The N.C. A&T Ticket Sales Office is located in Brown Hall, corner of Laurel and Bluford streets. For information, call (336) 334-7749.



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"Difference Maker" Named Outstanding Administrator

According to his colleagues and staff, Kenneth Murray is a man who is honest, fair and maintains an incredible work ethic. He also provides a nurturing environment for continuous professional development and leads by example. He's the go-to guy who makes a difference.

At the annual Spring Faculty Forum, it was no surprise when Murray, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, was presented the 2007-2008 Outstanding University Administrator of the Year Award.

Murray has been a part of North Carolina A&T State University since 1986 when he was hired to chair the department of civil engineering.



Murray

Since then, he has served as interim dean of the College of Engineering and the School of Graduate Studies. He has been in his current position since 2000, and he also has served as director of Title III and Opt-Ed since 2004. In each of these positions Murray has been recognized as an outstanding manager and leader, providing focused leadership and untiring effort in strengthening mission-critical programs and initiatives.

During the past year, Murray has led additional high priority initiatives that involved collaborations with the University of North Carolina system and other UNC schools such as planning the Triad Listening Forum for the UNC Tomorrow initiative

(a system-wide initiative aimed at determining how member institutions can "respond more directly and proactively to the 21st century challenges facing North Carolina"), joint coordination with UNCG of a community meeting for Gateway University Research Park, and development of N.C. A&T's Pandemic Flu Plan (with James Gooch).

Murray currently co-chairs the North Carolina A&T State University UNC Tomorrow Response Team, which is outlining ways that A&T will contribute to the commission report recommendations.

As one senior A&T administrator notes, "If you give Ken a task you can be assured of a high-quality outcome every time. He is tireless in his efforts and carries out projects in an efficient, ethical and conscientious manner."

Teaching Program Partners with Community Colleges

Housed in the School of Education at North Carolina A&T State University is a transfer program that is helping community college students become teachers through a seamless transition process.

The 2+2 Transfer Program, under the direction of Ginger Powe, allows students to attend a local community college where they earn an associate degree and then transfer to N.C. A&T to complete an additional 64 credit hours, eventually earning their bachelor's degree. Partnering schools are Alamance, Davidson, Guilford Technical and Rockingham community colleges.

The program is designed to recruit more students into the teaching profession. Students must pass the PRAXIS I exam that is required to enter the profession.

As an added convenience, students can take all of their courses online and classes that are not offered online can be taken at A&T.

"The 2+2 Transfer Program in elementary education allows teaching dreams to become realities," said Powe, who is responsible for recruiting and advising students through the process.

Powe began working at A&T as a consultant to the program in December 2007, developing strategies and materials for the teaching program. Prior to that, she served as the coordinator for Louisiana State University's Women in Engineering Program, developing programs and protocols for recruiting female engineer students. She was a program manager for the university's Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professors, where she recruited, advised and mentored students pursuing fields in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Powe has a B.S. in chemistry from Alcorn State University and a doctorate in medicinal chemistry from the University of Mississippi-Oxford.

For more information about the 2+2 Transfer Program, call (336) 334-7848, email gppowe@ncat.edu or visit www.ncat.edu/~2plus2.



Powe

Journalism and Mass Comm Receives \$100,000 Grant

The trustees of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation have approved a one-year \$100,000 grant to the department of journalism and mass communication, which is in the College of Arts and Sciences. Professor Teresa Jo Styles is the principal investigator.

The news service is a project of the Black College Communication Association, an organization for faculty members teaching journalism and mass communication at black colleges and universities. Black College Wire partners include The Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, *The Black Collegian* and most recently N.C. A&T.

"The award will be used to help Black College Wire become self-sustaining," said Styles.

Miami-based John S. and James L. Knight Foundation promotes excellence in journalism worldwide and invests in the vitality of 26 U.S. communities. Additional support for BCW has come from the Freedom Forum and the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation.

The news service reinforces the training that students receive in the skills and principles needed to produce quality journalism. It also provides a regular news report reflecting black college life that is available to campus and other news outlets, and links students to training and employment opportunities in journalism and related fields.

Black College Wire programs include a summer internship program and training seminars throughout the year. The website is located at www.blackcollegewire.org.



Upward Bound is Seeking Recruits

The 42nd Annual Upward Bound Summer Program will convene at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, June 23-July 30. Recruitment has begun for interested students in grades 8-9 students who are enrolled or will enroll in one of the program's target high schools: T.W. Andrews, James B. Dudley and Ben L. Smith. Applications are available at the target high schools' guidance departments and the Upward Bound Office, 1020 E. Wendover Avenue, in room 205.

Activities for the summer residential program include morning academic classes, afternoon seminars and electives, and a variety of evening recreational activities and special programs.

Upward Bound operates year-round. Services continue for participants throughout the school year and include instruction and tutoring in college preparatory courses, counseling, career exploration, special seminars and assistance to seniors in applying for college. New students must be committed to participating in the program year-round throughout high school, and their parents must be willing to be involved in supportive activities.

For additional information call (336) 334-7659 or 334-7985.

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FACULTY & STAFF



Agya Boakye-Boaten, assistant professor of university studies, has authored a book on street children. *Understanding the Street Children Phenomenon: A Study of Street Children in Accra, Ghana* (2008) highlights the general characteristics of street children in Ghana, which includes how this phenomenon is defined by the street children, government officials and non-government agencies working with children in Ghana. It also focuses on perceptions of the general public and factors that account for the phenomenon of street children in Ghana. Most importantly, this study provides an opportunity for the buried voices of street children to be heard.

Teresa K. Dail, associate professor in the department of human performance and leisure studies, made a presentation at the national convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Fort Worth, Texas. The title of the presentation was "Beliefs and Behaviors: Examining Actual and Perceived Health Habits."



Carolyn R. Durham, chair of the department of foreign languages, and **Willie F. Hooker**, professor of art, presented a paper at the National Association of African American Studies Conference in Baton Rouge, La. "Black Artists of the United States and Brazil: Points of Contact" compared visual art by selected artists of African descent from the United States and Brazil and their respective cultural traditions. Durham and

Hooker explained the pertinent historical, social and cultural issues that affected the Afro-Brazilian population at specific points in time and displayed works of art. They also highlighted parallels between Brazilian and American artists and dissected the longer tradition of artistic expression of the African Diaspora.



Vallie Guthrie, director of the Greensboro Area Mathematics and Science Education Center (GAMSEC) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was one of 11 recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring who were panelists in the 2008 Mentoring Workshop for current and future science, technology, engineering and math faculty.



Margaret Kanipes-Spinks, associate professor in the department of chemistry, is the lead author of a peer reviewed journal article, "Genetic analysis of lipooligosaccharide core biosynthesis in *Campylobacter jejuni* 81-176." The manuscript is published in the *Journal of Bacteriology*, 190 (2008) 1568-1574.



An article written by **Thaddeus McEwen**, "Don't Go It Alone: Building Effective Cross-Sector Collaborations between Social Entrepreneurs and Corporations," has been accepted for publication in the June 15 issue of *Business Journal for Entrepreneurs*. McEwen is a professor in the department of business administration and director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business (ICEEB) in the School of Business and Economics.



Sarla Sharma, professor of psychology, presented two papers at a conference sponsored by the Southeastern Psychological Association, March 6-9 in Charlotte, N.C. The titles of the papers are "Single Motherhood: Bane or Boon to Self-Development" and "History of Psychology Department at N.C. A&T State University."

Sharma's paper on "HIV/AIDS among Women: International Implications" has been accepted for presentation by the Second International Conference on Psychology sponsored by the Institute for Education and Research. She will present the paper at the conference in Athens, Greece, July 14-17.



Cindy Waters, adjunct associate professor in the mechanical engineering department, has been elected secretary of the SE American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) Division of Research. The position will cycle into the chair position. Waters also serves as the College of Engineering's liaison to the national organization.



Lady Aggies infielder Tangala Conover tags UNCW Seahawk in double-header. The Aggies won the opener (5-4) and the second game was declared a tie due to darkness.

AGGIE BITS

The N.C. A&T State University History Department, Living Life through Literacy Program, Shaw Entertainment and Street King Promotions will sponsor "Held in Trust," a one-man play capturing the life and times of Buffalo Soldier Henry O. Flipper, Sunday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom.

Historian, actor and artist Bob Snead will portray Flipper, the first black graduate of the United States Military Academy (West Point). Snead has spent a lifetime studying the Buffalo soldiers. "Held in Trust" highlights Flipper's unjust dismissal from the U.S. Army and his lifelong quest to regain his good name and place in the Army.

Admission is \$7 for A&T students and \$10 for the general public. For additional information call Ernest Hooker at (336) 392-9279, or contact the history department at (336) 334-7831.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, graduate student Ernest Hooker, founder of the Living Life through Literacy program, will present an interactive educational presentation titled "Real Heroes of the Western Frontier" for middle, high school and college students. The presentation is free and open to the public. The mission of Living Life through Literacy is to promote good study habits, encourage positive self-esteem and healthy family values, and enhance reading and writing skills.

The dates to waive student health insurance for the fall 2008 semester are May 1-Aug. 31. All undergraduate, graduate and professional students taking six or more credit hours, and all international students, are required to have medical insurance coverage as a condition of enrollment. Students with their own health insurance coverage – including those covered by a parent or spouse's insurance – may submit proof of insurance and waive the Student Health Insurance Plan prior to the deadline by visiting www.studentinsurance.com to waive the coverage online. Students must waive out of the plan each semester. For assistance, contact Sebastian Health Center, (336) 334-7880.

The Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute (WMI) of North Carolina A&T State University cordially invites you to a ceremony honoring recipients of the May 2008 Waste Management Institute Certificate and its Multi-dimensional Scholars. The ceremony will be held in the Memorial Student Union Exhibit Hall Friday, May 9, at 2 p.m. The keynote speaker is Argentin Anderson from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

During its spring conference, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. met with local gangs to target the root causes of the rise of gang activity. The initiative was part of a regionally-sponsored community outreach project to find ways to help the growing problem. The concept of the project originated when the local members of the fraternity reflected upon how other gang awareness groups have demonized gang members without addressing the stem of why gang life began and persists.

Founded in 1963 at Morgan State University, Iota Phi Theta is the fifth largest predominantly African American community service fraternity in the nation. One of its major pillars is the pursuit of social change.

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