

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**APRIL 3**  
 Last day to withdraw from the University without a grade evaluation

Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Ceremony and Banquet, Speaker: Retired N.C. Supreme Court Justice Henry E. Frye Sr., Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom, 6 p.m., I

**APRIL 6**  
 Separation and reinstatement forms due in Office of EPA Salary Administration and Personnel

**APRIL 10**  
 University Holiday

**APRIL 24**  
 School of Business and Economics Closing Bell Series, Speaker: Dmitri Stockton of GE, Merrick Hall Auditorium, 4 p.m.

**APRIL 27**  
 Approved printed thesis/dissertation copies for binding due in Graduate School Office

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.



# THE AGGIE REPORT

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## Search is on for New Chancellor

The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Board of Trustees has appointed a committee to conduct the search for a new chancellor.

The Chancellor Search Committee is comprised of representatives from the N.C. A&T student body, faculty, staff and trustees, and the community at large. Franklin E. McCain Sr., chairman of the board of trustees, is chair of the Chancellor Search Committee.

Committee members include Marcus Bass, president, student government; Pamela McCorkle Buncum, vice chair, board of trustees; Linda Florence Callahan, president, faculty senate; D. Hayes Clement, board of trustees; Harry Giberson, chair, staff senate; Henry Isaacson, attorney; Pamela Johnson, president, national alumni association;



McCain

Stephanie Luster-Teasley, assistant professor; Velma Speight-Buford, board of trustees; Melvin C. Swann, retired public schools administrator; and Carolyn Turner, retired researcher and associate dean.

On Feb. 24, Chancellor Stanley F. Battle announced his resignation, effective June 30. Battle cited family and personal reasons.

Erskine B. Bowles, president of the University of North Carolina System, gave the committee its charge during the group's

first meeting on March 13. He said that the next chancellor must be a good fit and

someone who will "continue to push A&T upward and forward."

The A&T community and the general public are encouraged to attend committee meetings and forums, as well as provide feedback via email, the committee's website and phone line. McCain said that while the meetings are open, applications will only be reviewed by the search committee.

For answers to frequently asked questions, see the Chancellor Search FAQs in this issue of *The Aggie Report*. A complete list of questions is available online at [www.ncat.edu/chansrch/FAQs.php](http://www.ncat.edu/chansrch/FAQs.php).



## Chancellor Search FAQs

**Q: How can the public contact the N.C. A&T Chancellor Search Committee?**

A: Contact the Chancellor Search Committee via the postal service at P.O. Box 5171, Greensboro, NC 27435; email, [chansrch@ncat.edu](mailto:chansrch@ncat.edu); telephone, (866) 518-6792; or online, [www.ncat.edu/chansrch](http://www.ncat.edu/chansrch).

**Q: How will the Chancellor Search Committee keep the lines of communication open?**

A: The Chancellor Search Committee's official spokesman is Franklin E. McCain Sr., chairman. Every effort will be made to share non-confidential information that they can legally share. A two-way communication process will be established using faxes, publications, radio, television, plasma screens, Internet, email and social networking sites. For the most current updates, visit [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu), [www.aggienewsonline.com](http://www.aggienewsonline.com), WNAA 90.1 FM and Aggie Infoline, (336) 334-7325.

Chancellor Search Committee meetings are open to the public. However, closed executive sessions will be conducted to protect the identity and privacy of individuals when information is shared regarding specific, potential candidates.

**Q: Who are the members of the Chancellor Search Committee, and what criteria were used to select them?**

A: Trustees – Franklin E. McCain Sr. (chair), Pamela McCorkle Buncum (vice chair), D. Hayes Clement and Velma Speight-Buford; Faculty – Linda Florence Callahan and Stephanie Luster-Teasley; Staff – Harry "Hap" Giberson; Alumni – Pamela Johnson; Community – Melvin Swann, Henry Isaacson and Carolyn Turner; Students – Marcus Bass. The members were chosen to represent the various constituencies of the University.

**Q: Will the Chancellor Search Committee select the candidate?**

A: The Chancellor Search Committee will lead and conduct an official search for the next chancellor of N.C. A&T State University. The search committee's recommendations will be presented to the A&T Board of Trustees, and the board will forward a list of unranked finalists to UNC President Erskine Bowles for consideration. Bowles will nominate a candidate, who then must be elected by the UNC Board of Governors.

**Q: Will the committee hire a professional search firm?**

A: No, the Chancellor Search Committee unanimously voted not to engage a search firm.

**Q: The Fall 2009 academic calendar year begins Aug. 12. Will a new chancellor be nominated and elected by then?**

A: The objective of the Chancellor Search Committee is to have the next chancellor elected and ready for duty by the start of the fall semester, 2009. The committee is devising a timeline to achieve this goal.

**Q: How and where will the search committee advertise the position?**

A: Print advertisements will appear in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. Alumni, friends of the university and other interested persons are asked to recommend/nominate candidates for the committee to pursue.

**Q: What are the top three criteria for the next chancellor of N.C. A&T State University?**

A: The top three criteria for the next chancellor are (1) leadership, (2) ability to articulate a vision for the university and (3) ability to instill confidence in herself/himself by the students, faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters.

**Q: Is educational experience a prerequisite, or can a viable candidate have a successful background in an area like business, politics, technology, engineering or research?**

A: Successful professionals come from a variety of backgrounds; therefore, education is not the only field from which prospective candidates may be chosen.

**Q: What will be the length of the next chancellor's contract?**

A: The next chancellor will have an open-ended contract. He or she will serve at the pleasure of the A&T Board of Trustees, UNC President Erskine Bowles, and the UNC Board of Governors.



**Phoebe Butler-Ajibade**, assistant professor in the human performance and leisure studies department, School of Education, received the Most Outstanding Faculty Research Award for the Ronald E. McNair Eighth National Research Symposium for

a paper titled "Sway of the Hips: Body weight image and weight management among African American women." This research has been presented at the national conventions of the American Public Health Association and the American College of Sports Medicine.



**Richard Crume**, adjunct associate professor in the Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute, has been appointed to the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice Board of Trustees. IPEP, the independent, not-for-profit certifying

organization for the Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and the Environmental Professional Intern (EPI) certifications, strives to improve the practice and educational standards of environmental professionals. The QEP certification is accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards and is recognized as the leading professional registration in the environmental field. As chair of the EPI committee, Crume will be responsible for the Institute's national student outreach and educational program.



**Lyubov "Luba" Kurkalova**, an associate professor in the department of economics and finance and the energy and environmental studies interdisciplinary program, attended the 2009 United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State

Research, Education, and Extension Service (USDA CSREES) National Water Conference in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 10-12. Kurkalova presented a research paper, "Corn stover harvesting: potential supply and water quality implications." Part of the research has been supported by a grant from USDA.



**Godfrey A. Uzochukwu**, director of the Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute, led a team of environmental and medical health experts to selected communities in Enugu, Nigeria, in December 2008 to assist local communities in remote

villages. The team conducted pollution prevention workshops, and training was provided on practical solutions to basic life support, diabetes, high blood pressure, disease screening, wound care management and infection control.



**Stanley F. Battle, Ph.D.**  
11th Chancellor  
North Carolina A&T State University



Some of N.C. A&T's best students and faculty are recognized during the annual Honors Day Convocation, which was held March 17. Among this year's faculty and research award recipients are (l-r) Dorothy B. Foushee, College of Arts and Sciences; Ji Yao Shen, School of Technology; Beryl C. McEwen, School of Business and Economics; Godfrey C. Ejimakor, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Rosemarie Vardell, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Vivian H. Hampton, School of Education; Jerono Rotich, Education; Xiuli "Shelly" Qu, College of Engineering; Wendy Hamblet, Arts and Sciences; Huiming "Anna" Yu, Engineering; and John C. Kelly Jr., Engineering. Photo by Eric Legrand

## AGGIE BITS

**Dmitri Stockton**, senior vice president of GE and president and CEO of GE Capital Global Banking, will be the School of Business and Economics' Closing Bell series speaker Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m. in Merrick Hall Auditorium. He will discuss "Emerging Banking Markets."

GE Capital Global Banking has banking platforms in 26 countries and approximately \$100 billion in assets. Stockton is an alumnus of North Carolina A&T State University.

**The State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees** has new guidelines for prescription refills that began March 2. Most members will not notice a change when they order a refill.

Prior to March 2, the refill guidelines only looked back 30 days from the date a refill was requested to determine if the prescription could be refilled. Now, the review period is 30 to 180 days. Members still can receive a refill when 75 percent of the medication from the previous order has been used.

For additional details, visit the State Health Plan website: [www.shpnc.org/news-20090217.html](http://www.shpnc.org/news-20090217.html).

**The State Health Plan** has submitted a bill to the North Carolina General Assembly proposing changes to the plan to make it financially viable. Among the proposed changes were the elimination of the PPO Plus (90/10 plan) and increases in premiums and deductibles, as well as a few healthy lifestyles initiatives aimed at weight management and tobacco cessation.

The link to the full report is [www.shpnc.org/reports-to-oversight-committee.html](http://www.shpnc.org/reports-to-oversight-committee.html).

## A&T Launches New Campaign

North Carolina A&T State University is using its rich history to engage and inspire its audience as part of a new advertising campaign that asks, "How will you make a difference in the world?" The campaign is designed to communicate multiple elements of the N.C. A&T college experience.

According to Mark Kiel, vice chancellor for development and university relations, the creative messaging was developed as part of a strategic effort to increase A&T's visibility, both in the community and in a crowded marketplace.

"As stewards of the University, we recognized some time ago that we needed a fresh and consistent message that protected and enhanced our brand," says Kiel. "We think this campaign will play an influential role in helping prospective college students recognize that our institution is the place for them. We also think this campaign will engage both the A&T community and the Triad and will reinforce and enhance their perspective of the University."

The campaign, featured online at [www.ncat.edu/newcampaign](http://www.ncat.edu/newcampaign), will include television and radio commercials and billboards, in addition

to placement on campus and through internal messaging. The concept features visual and audio representations of moments, individuals and events that have created the history of the University. The ads invite prospective students to come to N.C. A&T to make their own history and leave an indelible mark on the world.

Kiel says that the campaign communicates an asset of the University that often is overlooked – the vast intellectual capacity of its students, faculty and alumni.

"We believe that N.C. A&T is in a better position than any other school in the state to turn potential into opportunities for students," says Kiel. "We're extremely proud of our rich history and tradition, but we want our audience to recognize us for more than just our drum line."

"This campaign really showcases how the University has created opportunities for individuals to make an impact on this world, from the Greensboro Four, to astronaut Ron McNair, to advances in science, engineering, arts and business."

The campaign, which has been in development for several months, officially launched throughout the region in late March.

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