

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 3

Electronic Music Concert, Frazier Hall-Room 122, 7 p.m., F

DECEMBER 4

Senior Recital (Voice): Angelia Russell, Frazier Hall-Room 122, 7 p.m., F

DECEMBER 4-7

Langston Hughes "Black Nativity," Harrison Auditorium, \$

DECEMBER 5

Fall semester classes end

DECEMBER 6

Reading Day

DECEMBER 7

University Choir Concert, Paul Robeson Theatre, 4 p.m., F

DECEMBER 8-12

Final Exam Week

DECEMBER 12

Waste Management Certificate Ceremony, Webb Hall-Auditorium, 2 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

Fall Commencement, Greensboro Coliseum, 8:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 14

Caterers and Event Planners Expo, Alumni-Foundation Event Center, 2-5 p.m., \$

DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 2

Winter Holiday (University Closed)

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day (University Closed)



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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Professor Receives Funding to Create Biopower from Waste Material

A North Carolina A&T State University professor has received funding to turn waste materials into biopower.

Abolghasem Shahbazi, professor of natural resources and environmental design, has received \$770,180 for a proposal that focuses on the production of biodiesel and biopower from waste materials in order to improve energy security and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

The project concentrates on two areas: the demonstration of used oil from the cafeteria at Fort Bragg military base and the use of wood residue from wood lots and construction on the base. The oil can be converted into biodiesel and used in many diesel vehicles as transportation fuel. The wood residue is a good candidate for use as biomass

in various power generation facilities.

Utilization of waste materials will reduce the amount of waste in society and generate useful products. Dr. Shahbazi plans to illustrate those points by conducting an analysis to show the economic and environmental impacts of producing biopower from waste material.

"The waste that is produced at Fort Bragg is also generated here in our city and in cities around the world," said Shahbazi. "Much of the solid waste that is created and goes into the landfills can be separated, extracted and used."

The three-year project funded by the Department of Defense is a joint venture between Shahbazi and faculty from biological and architectural engineering.

For additional information, contact Whitney Code at (336) 334-7995 or wjcode@ncat.edu.



Photo by James Parker/SAES

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Budget Update

North Carolina A&T State University's 2008-2009 state budget has been reduced by four percent (\$4,106,997). To manage the reduction, the university is taking measures in the areas of personnel, travel, purchase orders, renovations, improvements and small projects.

As reported in a previous issue of *The Aggie Report* (Nov. 14, 2008), all vacant positions funded in whole or in part by state funds are frozen, effective Oct. 27. For consistency across the university, relative to compliance with the freeze on vacant positions, each area is required to submit a justification for review and approval by the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC).

The BAC has established the following criteria to be included in the development of all applicable justifications to post and recruit for positions funded in whole or in part by state funds.

- Is the position mission specific and essential (for example, what key objectives will not be met if the position is not filled)?
- Can filling the position be delayed three, six, nine months?
- Is the position part of a major reorganization or the establishment of a new program(s) or service(s)?
- What productivity, volume or quality metrics are available to support the existence of the position?

Completed justifications and the fully authorized recruitment forms must be forwarded to the Division of Human Resources, 1020 Wendover Ave. (Note: Fully authorized recruitment forms require the signature of the vice chancellor of the respective area.)

The Budget Advisory Committee is comprised of Stanley F. Battle, chancellor; Alton Thompson, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Sullivan Welborne Jr., vice chancellor, student affairs; Quiester Craig, dean of business and economics; Mark Kiel, vice chancellor, development and university relations; Mary Mims, special assistant to the provost; William Clay, chief of staff; Akua Matherson, assistant vice chancellor, and Robert Pompey, vice chancellor, business and finance.

If further clarification of the budget process is necessary, contact the Office of Budgeting and Planning, (336) 334-7631.

MSIT in Emergency and Disaster Management Accepting Applications for Summer 2009

Since 9/11, the environmental health, occupational safety and health, and the public health communities have recognized the need for proactive roles in the management of man-made and natural disasters.

The Master of Science in Information Technology degree (MSIT) in emergency and disaster management deals with the causation, impact and outcomes of a wide variety of natural and man-made disasters in an interdisciplinary context that (1) emphasizes high level skills of critical thinking, learning and adaptation, and (2) focuses on the all-hazards emergency management model (encompassing natural hazards, technological hazards and terrorism). The program is designed to meet the needs of individuals who wish to or currently work in the field of emergency management.

Emergency and disaster management also prepares individuals to take the lead in responding to

disasters and civil emergencies. N.C. A&T State University's Occupational Safety and Health Program, under the MSIT graduate program, has a concentration in emergency and disaster management designed for the widest spectrum of emergency response professionals including government officials, private voluntary agencies, military personnel, law enforcement, emergency services, public health, occupational safety and health, and other healthcare professionals.

The evening and weekend 30 credits graduate curriculum options will prepare students for multiple phases of emergency and disaster management.

The program is now accepting applications for the summer 2009 sessions. For more information and how to enroll in the program contact Syrulwa Somah, graduate coordinator for the occupational safety and health program, at (336) 334-7586 or somah@ncat.edu.

FACULTY & STAFF *notes*



Stacey Jennings has been hired as the new assistant softball coach. Jennings started her career at the University of Tennessee where she lettered for three seasons as a pitcher and outfielder. Jennings transferred to the University of Maryland in 2006, and finished out her career during the 2007 season. She graduated from Maryland in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.



John Matherson has received the Above and Beyond Award from The CBORD Group "for the leadership and passion for excellence he exhibits as director of the Aggie OneCard Office." Matherson played an integral role in establishing N.C. A&T's state of the art security system, which incorporates a variety of products from CBORD.

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George McCormick, formerly associate director of admissions, has been appointed coordinator of graduate recruitment. In this role he will manage and participate in all graduate recruitment strategies for the School of Graduate Studies.

In addition, he will assist the Graduate School and graduate academic departments in the enhancement and implementation of comprehensive recruitment plans and provide counsel and follow-up to prospective graduate students.

Alumnus of N.C. A&T, McCormick is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Christian education from Shaw University Divinity School.

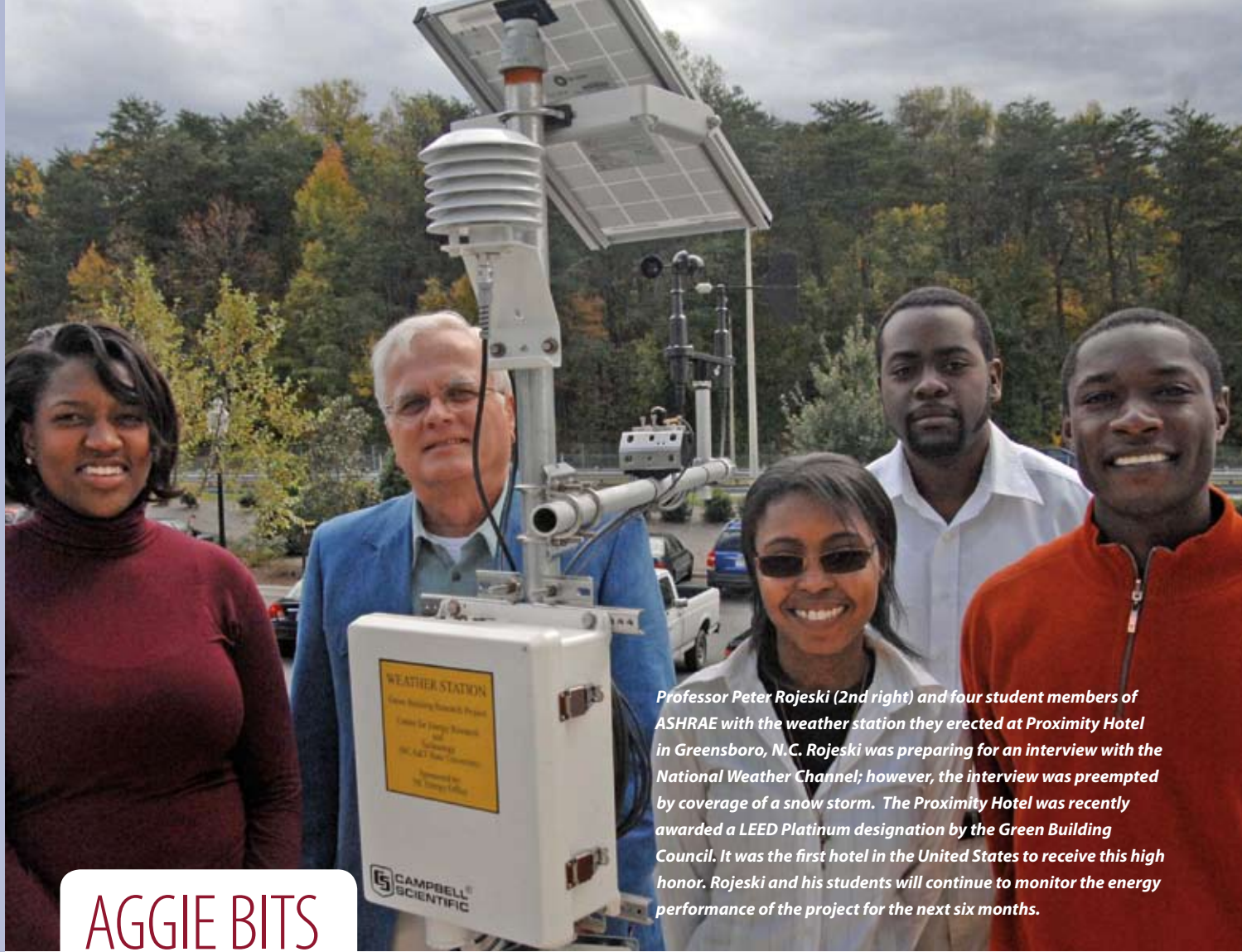


Ereka R. Williams, associate professor and coordinator of elementary education programs in the School of Education, recently returned from the National Council of Social Studies Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas, where she served

as the 2008-2009 chair of the National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year Committee. The committee awards one teacher with the prestigious honor of National Teacher of the Year. Williams has served on the committee for three years and will chair once more before her tenure ends.



Stanley F. Battle, Ph.D.
11th Chancellor
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Professor Peter Rojeski (2nd right) and four student members of ASHRAE with the weather station they erected at Proximity Hotel in Greensboro, N.C. Rojeski was preparing for an interview with the National Weather Channel; however, the interview was preempted by coverage of a snow storm. The Proximity Hotel was recently awarded a LEED Platinum designation by the Green Building Council. It was the first hotel in the United States to receive this high honor. Rojeski and his students will continue to monitor the energy performance of the project for the next six months.

AGGIE BITS

The College of Engineering is hosting the N.C. FIRST LEGO League State Championship Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Greensboro Coliseum. Faculty and staff are needed to volunteer as judges.

At least 80 teams will compete from across the state. Judges are needed for robot performance, project presentations and teamwork. Training sessions will be provided.

Interested in being a judge? Send an e-mail to Sam Harrison, samh@ncat.edu.

N.C. A&T University Foundation, Inc. will host its first Caterers and Event Planners Expo, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Alumni-Foundation Event Center. Professional caterers, event planning specialists and other vendors from the Triad and surrounding areas will have an opportunity to showcase their foods and services for prospective clients.

Admission is \$10 for the general public or \$5 with an unwrapped toy for the holiday toy drive. Vendors may register online at www.aggieeventcenter.com, via email at info@aggieeventcenter.com, or by calling Julie Melikpor, (336) 433-5566.

Do you have questions, comments or suggestions for Chancellor Stanley F. Battle? Call the toll free "Ask the Chancellor" line, (866) 518-6792, or send an email to askthechancellor@ncat.edu.

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