



The Aggie Report

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Faculty & Staff Notes

At its spring meeting, the University/Industry Cluster recognized **Greta Carter** for nearly 10 years of dedicated service to the organization with a presentation of flowers, a plaque and cash. From 1994 until 2002, Carter performed administrative duties for the organization and coordinated its biannual newsletter. Carter currently serves as administrative assistant in the ARISA Office.

Dr. Perry V. Mack, professor of biology, was elected to a two-year term as treasurer for the Southern Region of the National Association of Minority Medical Educators at the organization's annual meeting in Galveston, Texas, April 3-6.

Dr. Tamrat Mereba, director of the Academy for Teaching and Learning, **Dr. Karen Guy**, assistant professor and director of student teaching and internships in the School of Education, and **Don Estler**, coordinator of distance learning, presented a paper at the 14th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla., April 1-5. The paper, "Integration of Technology into Teaching and Learning: The Challenges facing Higher Education in The Information Age," highlights challenges of determining how the various forms of technology should be organized and used by reducing costs and increasing efficiency for providing students an effective educational experience far beyond the traditional classroom. The presenters shared the efforts of A&T's Academy for Teaching and Learning (ATL) to develop and deliver a seamless university-wide technology support system that encourages resource sharing, collaborative work and improved workflow among the various academic departments of the university.

Dr. Joseph Monroe, dean of the College of Engineering, has won the 2003 National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Lifetime Achievement in Academia Award. Monroe accepted the award at the Sixth Annual Golden Torch Awards Ceremony, held March 20 in Anaheim, Calif. The Golden Torch Awards Ceremony is the premier award and recognition program for African American engineers, scientists and technologists. The primary goal of the awards is to recognize excellence among African American technical professionals; corporate, government and academic leaders; and university and pre-college students.

Uzochukwu Named Administrator of the Year



Uzochukwu

Dr. Godfrey A. "Uzo" Uzochukwu, professor and director of the Waste Management Institute of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, was recognized as the university's 2003 Administrator of the Year during the annual Honors Day Convocation.

Since joining N.C. A&T's faculty in 1985, Uzochukwu has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, influencing the lives of more than 6,000 students. In the early 1990s, Uzochukwu worked diligently with his colleagues to establish the interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute (WMI) with a \$1.4 million dollar grant that he sought and received from the U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Office. WMI's mission is to enhance awareness and understanding of global waste management issues and to develop

programs needed to improve the quality of life and protect the environment.

Uzochukwu coordinates and highlights the environmental programs of the university including the interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute Certificate program as well as student scholarship and internship programs. More than 800 students have received Waste Management Certificates since they were implemented in 1995.

Under Uzochukwu's leadership, WMI has received local and national recognition. In 1996, the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce presented WMI with a first-place award for developing innovative waste management practices that protect the environment. In 2002, the Environmental Careers Organization selected WMI as the winner of the National Environmental Excellence Award in academic programming and diversity.

Uzochukwu completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Oklahoma State University and his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-

Lincoln. He was a post-doctoral scholar at Texas A&M University.

Last year, Uzochukwu was one of the lead coordinators for the Second National Conference on Environmental Science and Technology that was held at Grandover Resort and Conference Center in Greensboro. Uzochukwu currently serves on the National Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, and he is a member of the Central YMCA of Greensboro Board of Directors.

Uzochukwu chairs A&T's *Futures Goal II* Team on Interdisciplinary Programs and Centers. He recently took the lead in developing a proposal for an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in energy and environmental studies.

The N.C. A&T Administrator of the Year receives a plaque and a \$500 stipend.

Boost Earning Potential with Degree that Fits Busy Schedules

Today's employers are looking for top managers and leaders with specialized skills that stand out from the competition. The North Carolina A&T State University Adult Education Program is designed to prepare proficient adult educators who are change agents within local and international communities.

"Boosting your earning potential with a degree that not only fits your busy schedule, but one that develops skills that are critical to employers is a smart strategic move in today's global economy," says Angela Hicks, assistant professor of adult education at N.C. A&T.

"In the adult education program at A&T, we develop leaders," Hicks said. "Leadership is a key ingredient folded into the heart of this graduate degree program."

From that training evolves enormous opportunities for professional positions in the corporate sector, higher education, K-12 education, and federal, state and local agency management, explained Dr. Edward Fort, professor and chancellor emeritus.

Many working professionals and those beginning new careers have made the decision to enroll in A&T's adult education program. Joining the adult education program assures the following:

- Flexible schedules with evening and weekend classes,
- Faculty advisors committed to serving your needs,

- Practical development of skills that are critical to employers such as leadership and technology skills, and
- A collegial environment with adult learners just like you.

Program options include these areas of concentration:

- (1) community education,
- (2) higher education,
- (3) human resource development,
- (4) instructional technology, and
- (5) a thesis track.

The majority of today's adult education graduates work in community services administration, corrections education, human resource development and training, continuing professional education, health education and university extensions.

Take advantage of opportunities to learn more about the adult education program. According to graduate student Larry Worthy, an employment specialist with the Urban League, the adult education program has enhanced his self-esteem and all around growth.



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"When it's time to advance, I'll feel comfortable with the things I have learned at A&T," said Worthy.

First-year adult education graduate student and research assistant, LaWanda McCullough, said, "Pursuing the master's in adult education has changed my outlook on education. The field is very nurturing and the faculty and staff here at A&T have been very supportive in helping me to pursue my dreams."

The opportunities are vast. Make an appointment today to discuss opportunities in adult education at N.C. A&T by calling (336) 334-7916, or visit the website: www.ncat.edu/academics.

The Tale of Email

As we continue to progress into the information age, our reliance on email as a means of communication has become increasingly significant.

The Division of Information Technology and Telecommunications (ITT) recognizes this trend and is making every effort to provide an email environment that meets the requirements of North Carolina A&T's ever-growing university community.

Campus email began as an isolated point solution to meet the needs of the College of Engineering. As the popularity of email increased, the use of this solution quickly expanded to accommodate the needs of the entire campus.

The number of new users quickly began to outpace the capability of the overburdened and underpowered platform. This led to a critical email outage that affected the entire university population for nearly two weeks late last winter.

A contingency plan was put into place and, shortly thereafter, a decision was made to migrate 20,000-plus email users and their associated email messages to a new server environment. (Note: The existing email environment was in such an antiquated state that the original vendor no longer existed. Fortunately, the "new" email server had already been purchased and was in the final phases of testing. Many of the tests yielded disturbing results, including the inadequacy of the hardware architecture of the new server.)

At long last, after continuous re-configuring, re-tooling and customizing the new server to mask many of its intrinsic prob-

lems, ITT has reached a point where the email server is now running more smoothly than ever before, even though it still is not flawless.

ITT's immediate goal is to acquire a next-generation email solution that will satisfy the university's current requirements and provide the flexibility and scalability to support future growth. A new email server will offer more storage space, increased configuration options, better unsolicited email (SPAM) protection, virus protection and stability.

Strides also are being made to improve the network infrastructure, which may at times have a residual negative side-effect on email server operations. Until that time, all email users should exercise due diligence with regard to email management.

Many of the existing pressures to the stability of our email environment can be alleviated through the proper use of the current email system. This includes, but is not limited to, routinely purging unnecessary email messages, decreasing the size and amount of email attachments and updating virus protection and email client software. Additionally, training classes and workshops will be provided to increase user awareness with regard to effective email management. For details about the workshops, visit the website: www.ncat.edu/emailclasses.

*The Division of Information Technology publishes regular updates in **The Aggie Report** about the latest developments in technology on campus. This article was written by Maurice A. Tyler, director of systems and networking.*

CALENDAR of Events

APRIL 1-30

- National Poetry Month

APRIL 24-28

- Steppin: Percussion, Rhythm & Soul Review, Paul Robeson Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (April 24-26, 28) and 3 p.m. (April 27), \$

APRIL 24-MAY 4

- Piedmont Jazz Festival, visit piedmont-jazzfest.com or call (336) 271-2600 for details

APRIL 25

- Staff Development Workshop: Introduction to Web for Labels, Fort IRC Building-Room 102, 1-3 p.m., F, R
- Staff Development Workshop: Introduction to Human Resources Web Access, Fort IRC Building-Room 102, 3-5 p.m., F, R

APRIL 26

- Symposium on African Governance, Philosophical Thought and Rule of Law, McNair Hall, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., F

APRIL 30

- Futures Retreat, Memorial Union-Stallings Ballroom, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., F, R
- Minority and Women Business Opportunity Fair, Memorial Union-Exhibit Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., F

MAY 1

- Ford Motor Company Centennial Celebration and Product Display, Smith Hall-Lobby, 9 a.m. (all day), F
- Minority and Women Business Opportunity Fair, Memorial Union-Exhibit Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., F

MAY 2

- Faculty and Staff Spring Fling Picnic, Aggie Park, 2700 E. Lee St. (corner of East Lee and Florida streets; Moore Gym if it rains) 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., F

MAY 6

- Staff Development Workshop: Feedback Fundamentals, 1020 E. Wendover-Room 009, 9:30-11:30 a.m., F, R

MAY 9

- Alumni Weekend Registration, Greensboro Marriott Hotel, 12-7 p.m., R, \$
- Alumni Association Annual Meeting, Greensboro Marriott Hotel-Virginia Ballroom, 6 p.m., F

MAY 10

- Commencement, Greensboro Coliseum, 9 a.m. (processional begins), F
- Annual Alumni Awards and Class Reunion Banquet, Memorial Union-Stallings Ballroom, 6 p.m., R

MAY 13

- Staff Development Workshop: Working through Conflict, 1020 E. Wendover-Room 009, 9:30-11:30 a.m., F, R

MAY 20

- Staff Development Workshop: Problem Analysis and Decision Making, 1020 E. Wendover-Room 009, 9:30-11:30 a.m., F, R

MAY 23

- Staff Development Workshop: Introduction to Microsoft Word Mail Merge, Fort IRC Building-Room 102, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., F, R
- Staff Development Workshop: Introduction to Web for Labels, Fort IRC Building-Room 102, 1-3 p.m., F, R
- Staff Development Workshop: Introduction to Human Resources Web Access, Fort IRC Building-Room 102, 3-5 p.m., F, R

R - Registration required

F - Free

I - Invitation Only

\$ - Admission/Fee

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

For current information on activities at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, call the Aggie Infoline: (336) 334-7325. Calendar items are subject to change without notice.

AGGIE BITS

- The Office of EPA Salary Administration and Personnel will offer its Salary Authorization Preparation Workshop from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, and Wednesday, June 18, in Fort IRC Building-Room 102. To register, contact Sharon Neal, neals@ncat.edu, or Richard Yarbrough, richardy@ncat.edu. Hurry! Space is limited.
- The Office of Admissions and the Office of Summer School are co-hosting a spring and summer school open house for high school juniors and seniors on Saturday, April 26, from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Information about summer school, academic programs, summer enrichment programs, scholarships, student life and the first-year experience will be available. For information, call (336) 334-7946 or (800) 443-8964, toll-free.
- The Environmental Science Club has been chosen as one of 18 campus organizations to become a Strategies for Ecology Education, Development and Sustainability (SEEDS) Campus Ecology Chapter. The SEEDS program began in 1996 as a collaborative effort between the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), Ecological Society of America (ESA), and the Institute for Ecosystem Studies (IES). Benefits of being a SEEDS chapter include travel funds, field trips, research fellowships and faculty development funds. The university has an opportunity to receive more than \$20,000 per year for ecological activities. The president of the SEEDS Chapter at A&T is Lauren McGee, a freshman majoring in earth and environmental science and mathematics. Dr. Godfrey A. Uzochukwu, director of the Waste Management Institute, is the advisor.
- Dr. Charles E. McQueary, former trustee, is the new undersecretary for science and technology for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. McQueary recently retired as president of General Dynamics Advanced Technology Systems in Greensboro.

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