

A&T senior inducted into electronics honor society

Congratulations are in order for Elmo Gentry of Winston-Salem. On Sunday, Dec. 7, Gentry was inducted into the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau at North Carolina A & T State University, where he is a senior electronics and computer technology major.

Epsilon Pi Tau is a national and international honor society in the field of

technology. It is founded on three main principles: *Pragmateia*, which means social efficiency; *Texnikh*, which refers to technical skills; and *Exetasis*, which means research.

Gentry is well deserving of this honor because of his academic achievement and many talents. As well, Gentry has achieved



Elmo Gentry

numerous other accolades. He is a Dean's List student at N.C. A&T and during the spring of 1997, he

achieved a 4.0 grade point average.

In May 1997, Gentry was selected to participate in a summer research experience in the Advanced Electronics Materials Processing Department at North Carolina State University. During his three-month stay in Raleigh, he worked diligently on his research project. The research program culminated with a symposium in which Gentry presented his research on metal oxide semi-conductors using silicon wafers.

Gentry will be graduating in May and pursuing a career in computer technology. Gentry is the son of Byron and Cheryl Ingram, the pastors of Shekinah Glory Praise Center. Gentry has two brothers, Joshua and Bryant. Gentry never forgets that help comes from the Lord and always acknowledges the Lord as he serves as choir director of Shekinah Glory's choir, the Anointed Voices of Praise.

Gentry's motto is: "The Lord is

my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear." (Psalms 27:1). His family and friends are very proud of him and wish him success for the future.



Local women completes training

Army Reserve Pfc. Bonny G. Farrell has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map

reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Farrell is the daughter of David and Annette Farrell of 979 Ridgeview Ave., Winston-Salem.

Farmers told settlement will include support for families that raise tobacco

In his annual report to the 62nd annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, President W. B. Jenkins reported a membership of over 390,000 member families.

Guest speakers on the first day of the convention, held in Winston-Salem, included North Carolina Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, who shared memories of boyhood days spent priming tobacco on his family's farm. The Lieutenant Governor offered unwavering commitment to Farm Bureau members, saying he would do all in his power as a state officer to represent the interests of agriculture.

He was joined on the podium by North Carolina Attorney General Mike Easley, who discussed ongoing efforts to include farmer interests in any settlement of the tobacco issue. He said, "I have made it clear that any tobacco settlement must include support for our farm families that raise tobacco. Farmers must be compensated for any reduction in quota, price or poundage."

The Attorney General said he had also filed suit on behalf of the state in protest of U.S. District Judge David Doty's recent decision not to enforce most of the nation's 33 fluid milk marketing orders. He said, "If producers lose the transportation differential, dairymen by the score will go out of business in North Carolina."

Gov. Jim Hunt, himself a Farm Bureau member, proudly noted in his address that this was his 14th appearance at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau. He said, "This industry provides 24 percent of the jobs in our state and I'm proud to add that we recently became the second highest producing state in net farm income in the U.S. This marks tremendous growth."

The governor congratulated Farm Bureau members for their efforts to represent all farmers, and tobacco producers in particular, at the local, state and national level. He said, "This organization is the most active and effective voice that farmers have in the whole country."



Eddie Armstrong

\$25,000 grant proposal benefits neighborhood; earns honors for teen

ATLANTA — Eddie Armstrong is the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year.

Armstrong, 19, is a political science major at the University of Arkansas. He earned the Boys & Girls Clubs' top youth honor with his commitment to community service, academic excellence and dynamic leadership skills, said Andrea Johnson, assistant director of public relations.

Raised by his mother after she left an abusive and alcohol-dependent husband, Armstrong never let excuses or obstacles stop him from achieving. Instead, Armstrong found the North Little Rock Boys & Girls Club and turned his anger and attitude into power

and personal responsibility. "Our nation can no longer afford to ignore the problems caused by destruction of the family," said Armstrong. "We must continue to motivate children to assume personal responsibility. Responsible young people do not get pregnant when they are 13. Responsible young people do not allow their friends to make bad choices, but support them when they make good ones."

An active member in the community, Armstrong wrote a proposal to restore and enhance a neighborhood playground. His initiative resulted in a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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