



Brian Grant, a freshman at North Carolina A&T, checks in on move-in day.

Freshman sees college as challenge

This is the first in a series of stories about N.C. Agricultural and Technical University freshman Brian Grant. The Chronicle will follow Brian Grant through his first year at the historically black college. Stories about how Brian handles the challenges facing first year students will appear periodically.

By DAMON FORD
THE CHRONICLE

Toothpaste? Check.
Bed linen? Check.
Shoes, fridge, clean underwear?
Check, check, check.

One by one Brian Grant went down the list making sure he had everything he needed before getting on Interstate 40 in Hickory and heading east to Greensboro.

Grant, 18, was one of thousands of freshman who arrived on the campus of N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University to begin their quest for a degree by the year 2002.

He says he's not the least bit intimidated by his new surroundings.

"I'm not nervous because (God) put me here," Grant said. "It's just time to start over. You've got to reestablish your name. It'll be hard, but everything will work out."

"I usually don't have a problem motivating

myself. I got my priorities straight. That and I'm not worried about what people think. If I don't fit in, that's fine."

With the help of his mother, father, Clinton and younger brother Andre, Grant moved boxes and clothes in the tiny room that he will call "home" for the next year.

"You're full of anxiety when you have the first one leaving the nest," his mom, Diane Grant, said. "Brian has always been responsible. I know he'll be all right because he has God as the center of his life."

"I just want him to get a rounded education and to be content socially. He's going to

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Community Voices

Monday night President Bill Clinton addressed Americans after testifying earlier in the day before grand jury that he had a relationship with Monica Lewinsky that was "not appropriate." Depending on what evidence independent counsel Kenneth Starr is able to produce, Clinton may face legal action. We asked area residents what should happen to the President now.

Donald Blue

"The whole thing needs to be dropped. The investigation has been tampered with on both sides of the issue. Let the President take care of his job. There are bigger issues other than someone cheating on their wife. It's serious."

Syreeta Baker

"I think President Clinton should be left alone. He gave his confession and now it's all over with."

Alexandra Funches

"I think President Clinton should remain in office because he was still doing his job during the controversy."

Brannon Hester

"The man is only human, he admitted it, it's over, with, let's put it behind us and let's get this country moving in the right direction."

Angela Whitehead

"President Clinton should be put out of office and locked away."

Reprieve



N.C. Rep. Larry Womble talks with supporters of New Evergreen Cemetery during Monday night's Board of Aldermen meeting. A vote on the cemetery's future was tabled until Sept. 8.

Mayor says he'll vote to save historic cemetery

KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Although a re-vote on the much hyped proposal to expand New Evergreen Cemetery was postponed Monday night until Sept. 8, the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen virtually assured concerned citizens that the proposal will pass.

"I know that four of us are going to keep our votes, and the mayor has said that he's with the vote for expansion," Alderman Vivian Burke announced to a group of about 30 expansion supporters.

The proposal was slated for consideration by the board on Monday, but Alderman Robert Northington was out of

town and requested that the vote be postponed.

Despite Northington's absence, supporters of the expansion crowded the board's meeting room, anxious to speak on the issue; a situation that didn't sit well with Alderman Vernon Robinson.

"There was ample time to let the citizens know that this matter was requested not to be considered...Nothing would have been hurt by delaying this (matter)," Robinson said.

Supporters, however, were allowed to speak and many reiterated the emotional and historical attachments that many African Americans have for New Evergreen.

"This is our heritage; our loved ones are buried there,"

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Lawyers debate death

Prosecutors seek death for skinhead

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER - A self-proclaimed skinhead accused of murdering an African immigrant contends that prosecutors do not have enough evidence to warrant seeking the death penalty.

Nathan Thill, 20, is charged with first-degree murder in the Nov. 18 slaying of Umar Dia, who was gunned down at a downtown bus stop. He also faces an attempted-murder charge in the shooting of Jeannie Vanvelkinburgh, who was shot and paralyzed after she tried to come to Dia's aid.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty because they said Thill attempted to rob Dia. The commission of robbery during a homicide is one of 11 "aggravating factors" that allows prosecutors to pursue the death penalty.

Thill's lawyers argued Monday that a theft charge should be dropped because a policewoman who seized and inventoried Dia's clothing and personal items failed to record that she had seized the wallet.

Officers testified at Thill's preliminary hearing that no wallet was found at the scene. Vanvelkinburgh told police that she thought Thill or co-defendant Jeremiah Barnum removed something from Dia that could have been a wallet, according to testimony.

Prosecutors refused to discuss details concerning the wallet.

"We're satisfied there were no improprieties on the part of police or prosecutors, and when the matter is heard in court that will be shown," Denver Assistant District Attorney Chuck Lepley said.

Public defender Sharlene Reynolds asked Denver District Court Judge Federico Alvarez to dismiss the murder and theft

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Rallies hope to galvanize black youth

By PAUL SHEPARD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Two "Million Youth" events, organized by diverse segments of the civil rights movement for the Labor Day weekend, promise to teach black youth about the power of activism.

The Million Youth Movement, backed by a coalition of civil rights advocates including the NAACP, the Nation of Islam and Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/Push Coalition, is scheduled Sept. 4-7 in Atlanta.

Meanwhile, the Million Youth March is set Sept. 5 in Harlem. Its chief organizers include former Nation of Islam spokesman and activist Khalid Abdul Muhammad.

New York activist the Rev. Al Sharpton also has reportedly gotten involved.

The events' leaders say holding the events on the same day shouldn't pose a problem, despite their similar names, goals and attempts to appeal to minority youth. The idea grew out of the 1995 Million Man March in Washington, organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to persuade black men be

responsible husbands, fathers and members of black society.

But some, like NAACP board chairman Julian Bond, who has endorsed the Atlanta gathering, see the timing of the events as troubling.

"It's problematic because it appears to be headed towards a test of wills. Who will draw the biggest crowd?" Bond said. "It may not reflect who is really reaching the young people, but we will all be looking if 10,000 show up at one march and one million show up at the other."

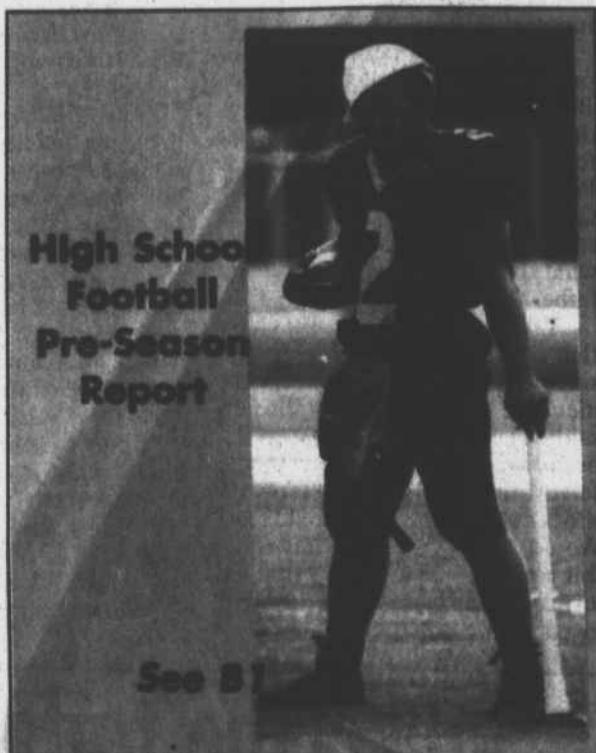
The Atlanta group represents a more mainstream view of civil rights leadership.

The New York march's agenda includes demands for release of political prisoners, reparations for descendants of slaves and "unity and love among our youth and people."

Differing philosophies over how best to elevate the black community reflect an old split within America's black leadership.

At the turn of the century, Booker T. Washington

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