

Talk radio sensation will headline A&T homecoming

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO – Talk radio sensation Tom Joyner and '70s love balladeers The Spinners will headline "The Greatest Homecoming on Earth" sponsored by North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association.

"The Tom Joyner Southwest Airlines Sky Show" will broadcast live from the War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, at 6 a.m. Oct. 22. Doors will open at 5:15 a.m. A&T University Foundation and 97.1 FM WQMG are co-sponsoring the show.

Joyner has hosted the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" on the ABC Radio Network since 1994. A four-time Billboard Magazine award winner, Joyner began his radio career immediately after he graduated from college. The Tuskegee, Ala., native received his bachelor's degree in sociology from Tuskegee Institute.

Joyner made headlines in the mid-1980s when he accepted simultaneous positions of morning drive man at KKDA-FM in Dallas and afternoon drive talent at WGCI-FM in Chicago. His daily round-trip commute between the two cities earned him national publicity, high ratings and millions of Frequent Flyer miles.

Coca-Cola and the Tom Joyner Foundation have created a tremendous opportunity for listeners to raise money to help deserving students continue their education at historically black colleges and institutions. You can help A&T raise money by buying Coca-Cola Classic bottles. Save the caps and bring them to A&T's alumni office, bookstore, cafeteria or Student Union.

The Spinners will perform Oct. 22 at 9 p.m. in the Guilford Ballroom, Holiday Inn Four Seasons. The group has been performing for decades, and its classic sound

and musical approach continue to have universal appeal.

The Spinners are one of the few groups who can boast of four lead singers. They are John Edwards, Bobbie Smith, Henry Fambrough and Pervis Jackson. The other member of the quintet is Billy Henderson.

The Spinners' hits include "Mighty Love," "Then Came You," "Rubberband Man," "I'll Be Around," "One of a Kind Man," "Games People Play" and "Could It Be."

Over the years, The Spinners have had 12 gold records, with their hits climbing to the top of both the pop and R&B charts.

Ebonique will appear before The Spinners.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Tables are available at \$500 and \$1,000. Tickets are available at A&T's ticket office, 334-7749.

A dance party will be held after the show.

Other homecoming activities include:

- Oct. 1-31 – art exhibit, H.C. Taylor Art Gallery, Dudley Building, 10-5 p.m.
- Oct. 11 – talent show, Harrison Auditorium, 7 p.m. (Cost: \$3).
- Oct. 13 – fashion show "SEPIA," Harrison Auditorium, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, students \$5.
- Oct. 14 – fashion show, Harrison Auditorium, 7 p.m. (Ticket cost TBA).
- Oct. 20 – comedy show with Arnez J. Chocolate and Ricky Smiley, Corbett Sports Center, 8 p.m. (General admission \$10; A&T students free – I.D. required).
- Oct. 21 – coronation of Miss A&T, Corbett Sports Center, 7 p.m.



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• Oct. 22 – 21st annual Richard E. Moore Memorial Aggie Homecoming Golf Tournament, Bryan Park Golf Course, 8:30 a.m. (Cost: \$100).

• Oct. 22 – Gate City Alumni Chapter's ninth annual Scholarship Aggie "No Tap" Bowling Tournament, Buffalo Lanes (10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Tickets: \$20.

• Oct. 22 – The McDonald's Heritage Bowl Campus Tour, Holland Bowl, noon-4 p.m.

• Oct. 22 – chancellor's reception (by invitation), Holiday Inn Four Seasons, 6 p.m.

• Oct. 22 – A&T Greek Step Show, Corbett Sports Center, 8 p.m. Tickets: students \$8, general admission \$12.

• Oct. 23 – annual Teloca Homecoming Breakfast, Greensboro Hilton, 8 a.m. Cost: \$15.

• Oct. 23 – A&T homecoming parade, starting location – Market and Laurel, 9 a.m.; pregame show – Aggie Stadium, 11 a.m.

• Oct. 23 – homecoming football game, A&T vs. Howard University, Aggie Stadium, 12:30 p.m. Tickets: reserved \$20, general admission \$15, children \$10.

• Oct. 23 – A&T Hip-Hop Vibe '99 Concert, Greensboro Coliseum, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$21.50.

• Oct. 23 – Harvest Moon Homecoming Dance, Veteran Memorial Coliseum, Winston-Salem, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25.

• Oct. 23 – Dr. Frank C. Bell Endowment Scholarship Ball featuring William Bell, former Stax Record R&B recording artist, Koury Convention Center, 9 p.m. Tickets: \$50.

• Oct. 24 – A&T alumni worship service, Koury Convention Center, Imperial Ballroom C, 10 a.m., Rev. William F. Wright, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

• Oct. 24 – A&T Gospel Show, Harrison Auditorium, 4 p.m. Call A&T's ticket office, 336-334-7749, for more information.

State NAACP hopes to register 1 million blacks

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CHARLOTTE – Delegates to the NAACP's state convention placed efforts to increase membership and voting at the top of the civil rights organization's agenda for the next year.

The group's target is registering 1 million black voters before the 2000 elections. The state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also wants to increase its membership rolls, which have hovered at

about 50,000 for several years. The three-day convention that ended Saturday touched on several topics, including unfair lending practices by banks, health issues and school desegregation.

About 300 people attended the conference, about half the normal participation. Many members were coping with flooding in eastern North Carolina.

NAACP officials said they would support an appeal of a Charlotte federal court decision ordering a stop to assigning stu-

dents to Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools based on their race.

The disbanding of affirmative action programs and the continuing income gap between blacks and whites are among the reasons blacks must exert political power by voting, said state NAACP president Melvin "Skip" Alston.

"This election will either set us back a whole century or allow us to move forward with renewed energy," said Alston, who was unopposed in convention elections and will remain the state president for two more years.

Triad Black Media Professionals to hold scholarship banquet

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Sheila Stainback, Emmy-award winning news anchor, will be the keynote speaker at the Triad Black Media Professionals Annual Scholarship Banquet. The banquet will be held Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

Stainback, a freelance anchor for the Fox News Channel, will join TBMP in celebrating its 10th anniversary. A native of New York, she has worked in television news for more than 20 years as an anchor and reporter in Miami, Boston, Chicago, Baltimore and New York.

In 1992 Stainback won an Emmy while working for WPIX TV in Philadelphia. She also was a consumer and medical reporter for CNBC for four years, where she served as substitute host for the show "Rivera Live" during the O.J. Simpson criminal trial.

Stainback was one of 12 journalists selected nationwide for a Knight Fellowship at Stanford

University in 1982-83. Since 1991, she has served on the fellowship's program committee, which selects incoming fellows.

In addition to her freelance anchoring, Stainback is an adjunct professor at New York University in the department of journalism and was recently a contributing writer to the Columbia Journalism Review. She also is pursuing a mid-career master's degree at Columbia University with a specialty in news media diversity issues.

In the past, Stainback has served on the board of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), including four years as NABJ's vice president for broad-

cast and past president of the New York chapter of NABJ. She is now a television consultant with the Ford Foundation project on race and ethnicity in the newsroom.

TBMP is a support organization for media professionals, and students pursuing careers in communications. It is comprised of media professionals residing in the Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem areas.

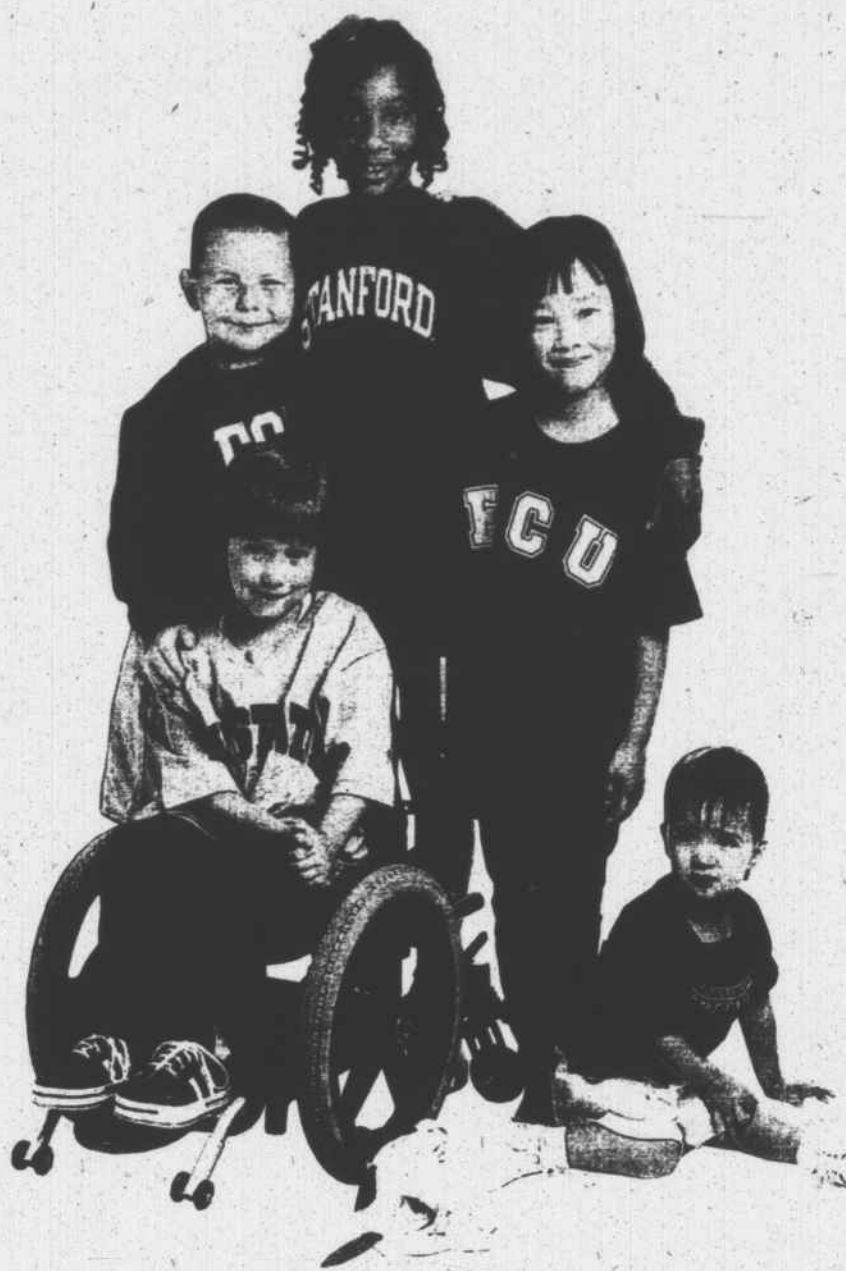
Each year the organization awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a minority communication student matriculating at one of the surrounding historically black institutions. During the year TBMP provides workshops, forums and panel discussions for churches, universities and other nonprofit organizations in the community.

Tickets for the banquet are \$25. They can be purchased from Special Occasions Bookstore, 112 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. in Winston-Salem. For more information, call (336) 724-0334 or (336) 299-4618.



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