

Joyner and crew to hit Gate City

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GREENSBORO - Move over, Twin Cities.

The hardest working man in radio is blowing into town.

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. The 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. This month, the fund drive will benefit Winston-Salem State University.

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.



Joyner

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.

Ebony 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. 21 - coronation of Miss A&T, Corbett Sports Center, 7 p.m.

- 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.

Lonise Bias headlines Red Ribbon Week

Mother of late basketball star to speak on evils of drugs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

For years, Lonise Bias has preached against the evils of drugs.

Next Tuesday, she brings her message to Winston-Salem.

Bias is the mother of Len Bias, the gifted University of Maryland basketball player who died in 1986 shortly after being drafted by the NBA's Boston Celtics.

Four years later, the Bias family suffered a second tragic loss when younger son, Jay, was killed in a drive-by shooting at a mall.

Bias will be the keynote

speaker for Red Ribbon Week - a seven-day drug awareness campaign coordinated by The Coalition for Drug Abuse Prevention.

Red Ribbon week was created to mark the 1985 death of DEA agent Kiki Camarena. Camarena was tortured and murdered just as he was about to close a dangerous ring of Mexican drug lords. In his honor, friends and family wore red ribbons to commemorate his death.

Bias has dedicated the years



Bias

since Len Bias' death to raising awareness of the havoc drug abuse creates in America's families. A veteran of the national talk show circuit, in 1996, Bias received a standing ovation from President Clinton after a moving speech on the perils of drug trade both for users and dealers.

Also slated to take part in Red Ribbon Week is Students Against Violence Everywhere, a group founded by Carver High School freshman and Chronicle teen columnist Todd Nelson.

Following is a list of activities for Red Ribbon Week:

- Oct. 23 - Displays created by local chapters of Students Against Violence Everywhere and the Youth Advisory Council

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between Feb. 1 and March 7. That would give the New Hampshire winner five weeks to ride the tide of victory.

Fifteen states and American Samoa have scheduled primaries and caucuses March 7. More than 1,300 delegate votes will be up for grabs, 61 percent of the 2,169 needed to win the nomination under current assumptions.

The day was tailor-made for Bradley, whose strong ties to the Northeast date to his Hall of Fame career as a professional basketball player with the New York Knicks. Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island are leaning toward Bradley, consultants say.

He also is strong in Minnesota and his home state of Missouri, they said.

Of the remaining states, only California's 367 delegates and Ohio's 146 delegates pack a punch. Gore holds a 5-2 lead over Bradley in the Golden State and must maintain it.

"If Gore ends up losing in both California and New York, it's not necessarily a fatal blow. But it's pretty close to it," Garin said.

The flip side, consultants say, is that the race could end March 7 if Gore wins New Hampshire, New York and California.

"Right now, it's advantage Gore," said Los Angeles consultant Bill Carrick, a Gore ally. "But

this is a trendy place where votes can move really fast."

With 41 percent of the delegate votes awarded through March 7, Gore and Bradley would spend the next week battling in Utah (edge to Bradley), Nevada (edge to Gore), Colorado (toss-up) and a few other states before a Southern showdown.

Up next, March 14: Bradley's day of reckoning. If Bradley had a good week, this is Gore's chance for a comeback.

The vice president is from Tennessee and enjoys 3-to-1 support among blacks, two advantages that could give him a sweep of the day's six states - Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Bradley plans to pick one state to focus his resources, hoping to stall Gore's momentum. His top aides have worked in Mississippi, and Bradley is within 12 percentage points of Gore in Oklahoma.

Paul Begala, a Democratic consultant and Gore ally, said Bradley will run out of oxygen after the March 7 primaries, which are stocked with high-salaried, well-educated voters who tell pollsters they favor Bradley over Gore.

With little support from labor or minority voters, Bradley will not feel as welcome among Southern Democrats, Begala said.

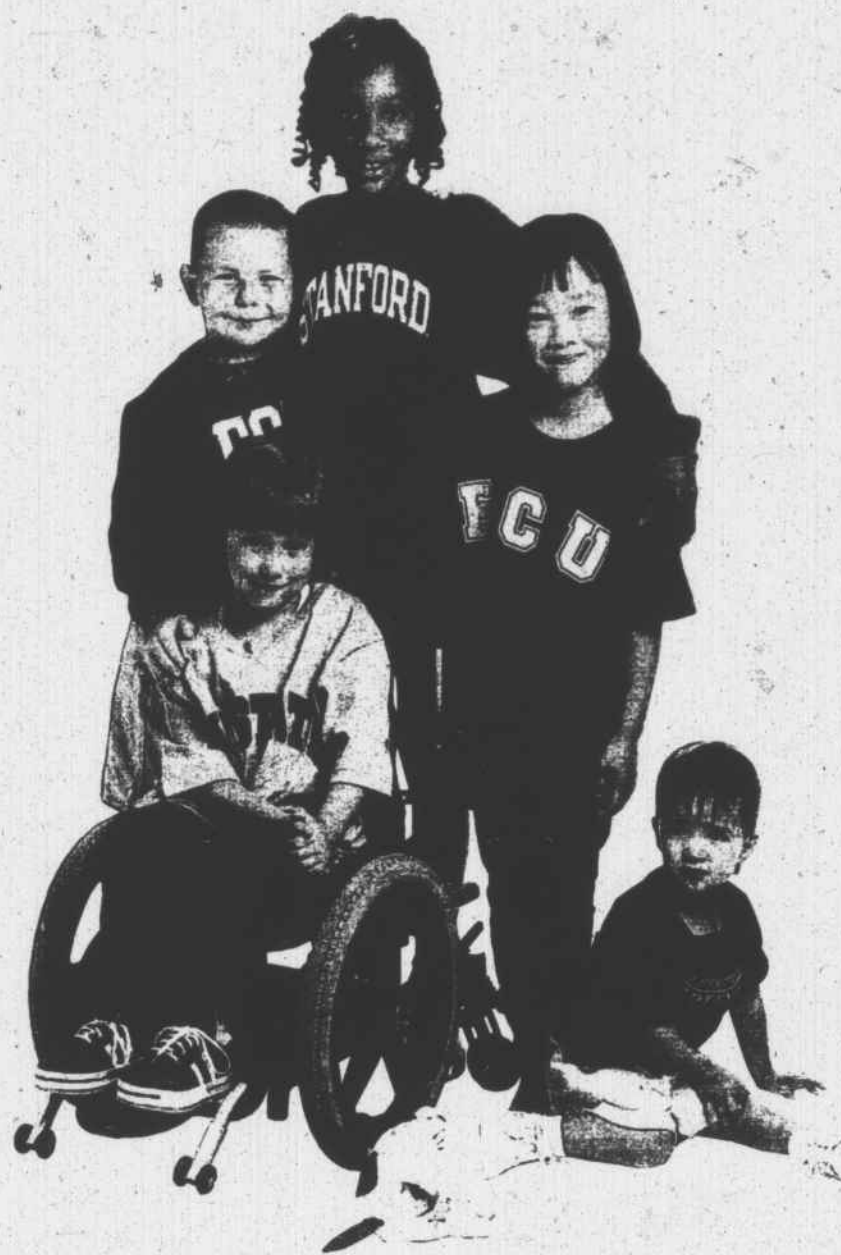
"Bradley is down now to Chablis drinkers and Brie eaters and Volvo drivers," he said. "Those are wonderful Democrats, but you've got to have some beer drinkers or you don't get the nom-

another suggesting that he is being held in connection with an article which quoted a news release from the UNITA rebel movement," said Braun.

"If the arrest of Mr. Tonet is

indeed related to his journalistic activities, it is a clear breach of his right to freedom of expression, which is guaranteed by numerous international conventions," Braun added.

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