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## HIV/AIDS activist addresses ASU students on National African-American HIV Awareness Day

By John H. Anderson  
Student writer

Cathy Robinson-Pickett, founder of Friends Together Inc. spoke to Albany State University students on Thursday as part of National African-American HIV Awareness Day.

Robinson-Pickett spoke about the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness and sexual responsibility. She also talked about Friends Together Inc., her community-based non-profit organization. The organization, based in Lakeland, Fla., serves people affected and infected by AIDS.

When asked why a white woman was speak-



Cathy Robinson-Pickett, founder of Friends Together Inc. spoke to students Thursday in the ACAD Auditorium.

ing at a historically black college, she said, “Only men, women and children get AIDS. It belongs to no race, gender or class.”

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## Microsoft donates \$300,000 in software to ASU

By John H. Anderson  
Student writer

Albany State University’s Information Technology Department recently learned that the university will receive a software contribution from the Microsoft Unlimited Potential’s Partners in Learning Program.

The software is valued at about \$300,000.

Microsoft Unlimited Potential’s Partners in Learning Program is a worldwide community outreach plan. To date, the program has committed \$150 million to programs in 95 countries.

According to the Microsoft website, the company is working to transform education, foster innovation and create jobs and opportunities by removing the barriers that prevent underdeveloped communities entering the digital age. Microsoft’s approach is to work with communities and agencies, assessing the best way to address their information and communication

See **SOFTWARE**, page 5.

## ASU’s Campus Visitation Day slated for Saturday

By ChaNae Bradley  
Student Writer

The ASU office of Recruitment and Admissions will host Campus Visitation Day on Saturday.

Campus Visitation Day will begin at 9 a.m. in HPER gymnasium. Students, faculty and staff participating in the browse session are asked to set up in the

HPER lobby by 11 a.m.

Participants are asked to have a representative available to talk with campus visitors until 1 p.m. All student organizations are welcomed.

For more information concerning campus visitation, contact Robert Newton at 430-7863 or robert.newton@asurams.edu.

## Upcoming events

**The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**, which is required for entrance to the ASU Nursing Program, will be administered on March 11 and 12. The deadline to register for the test is **Friday**. The \$20 test fee must be paid in the Business Office on the second floor of ACAD. A copy of the receipt must be given to Ms. Sawyer in the Nursing Computer Lab (ACAD 133A) to complete the test registration procedure. For more information, contact Janet Cooks in the Department of Nursing at 430-4724 or [janet.cooks@asurams.edu](mailto:janet.cooks@asurams.edu).

**ASU Spring Football Tryouts for high school seniors and junior college transfers** will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Albany Municipal Coliseum. Those interested should bring high school transcript, test scores and highlight film/DVD, if possible. For more information, contact the Department of Athletics at 430-4754.

**ASU Spring Football Tryouts for current ASU students** will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the ASU practice field. Those interested should bring an ASU ID, a physical form from ASU Student Health Services, and a highlight film/DVD, if possible. For more information, contact the Department of Athletics at 430-4754.

The Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Advising will hold a **Time Management & Note Taking Workshop with Athletes** 6-6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the James Pendergrast Memorial Library, room 114. Facilitators will be Pearl Brown and

Alexander Hawkins. This workshop is funded by Title III.

**WebCT Vista/Distance Learning** will hold the following **workshops** in February. All workshops will be held in room 110 of the Pendergrast Memorial Library. For more information, visit <http://www.asurams.edu/it/ittc/workshops.htm>.

- **Managing Your Online Gradebook (Advanced WebCT Vista users only)**  
Prerequisite: Previously attended group or one-on-one WebCT training sessions

2-4 p.m. Wednesday

- **Getting Started in WebCT Vista**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday

- **Online Pedagogy and Best Practices**

2-4 p.m. Feb. 20 or 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 21

- **Adding Content to Your WebCT Vista Course**

2-4 p.m. Feb. 27

- **Creating Assessments (Advanced WebCT Vista users only)**

Prerequisite: Previously attended group or one-on-one WebCT training sessions

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 28

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors graduating in spring or summer may apply for the **Integrated Technology Transfer Network Program**. This is an advanced study and mentoring program with the goal of creating entrepreneurial leaders among minority scientists by teaching them how to move ideas from “mind to market.” The program is a collaboration of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Morgan State University and the Inland

Empire Center for Entrepreneurship at California State University-San Bernardino. For more information, visit the CSUSB website at [www.iece.csusb.edu](http://www.iece.csusb.edu). Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Arthur Thomas, program manager, CSUSB-ITTN, at (443) 885-4091, (937) 231-7399, [educate-one@sbcglobal.net](mailto:educate-one@sbcglobal.net) or [athomas@moac.morgan.edu](mailto:athomas@moac.morgan.edu).

The Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Advising will hold these **Supplemental Instruction Sessions** through April 28. For more information, call 430-1199.

- **GACE I Math: 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays**, Simmons, room 327. Facilitator: Harriet Thompson

- **College Algebra: 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays**, Simmons, room 110. Facilitator: Jerome Myricks

- **GACE I Reading & Writing: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays**, Pendergrast Memorial Library, room 110. Facilitator: Laverne Luster

- **Biology 1111 and 1112: 5-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays**, ACAD room 320. Facilitator: Anthony Cooper
- **Pre-Calculus: 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays**, Simmons, room 204. Facilitator: Mohammed Talukder

Applications are being accepted for the **Pre-Law Summer Program at Florida State University's College of Law** until March 28. The program will be held May 19-June 13 for all non-graduating students, regardless of major. Preferences are given to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. For more information, visit [www.law.fsu.edu/summer\\_undergraduate/index.html](http://www.law.fsu.edu/summer_undergraduate/index.html) or call Dr. Nyota Tucker,

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## Upcoming events

The Center for the African-American Male (CAAM) presents

**BROTHERS: Black Men Reaching Out to Help Each Other Realize Success.** The group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Criminal Justice Building, room 111. All males students, faculty, staff and community guests are invited to this open dialogue concerning the wholistic approach of men becoming BROTHERS. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 430-1821 or [antonio.leroy@asurams.edu](mailto:antonio.leroy@asurams.edu)

The deadline to register for the **MFAT** is Feb. 29. The MFAT is administered by appointment only in the University Testing Center, ACAD room 195. The registration fee is \$40. The late registration fee is \$60. For more information, call 430-1631.

ASU in conjunction with the Georgia Space Grant Consortium will hold the sixth annual **Southwest Georgia Model Bridge Building Contest** on Feb. 23 at ASU. Designed to create awareness among students and science teachers about the challenges and opportunities in the engineering profession, the event is open to high school and middle school students. Any number of teams can compete from one school. For rules, a registration form and photos from previous years' contests, visit [www.asurams.edu/coshp/naturalsciences/engineering/bridge/synopsis.htm](http://www.asurams.edu/coshp/naturalsciences/engineering/bridge/synopsis.htm).

The Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Advising will hold its **book discussion** of Parker J. Palmer's "**The Courage to Teach**" 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in Simmons Hall, room 111. Copies of the book are still available. E-mail Ms. Yolande Penn at

[yolande.penn@asurams.edu](mailto:yolande.penn@asurams.edu) to request a copy.

The Criminal Justice Institute at Albany State University and the International Development Resources Organization Inc. will present the panel discussion "**Genocide in Darfur: A Modern Human Tragedy**" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the L. Orene Hall Building. The panel consists of a group of well-versed experts in foreign affairs. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dr. Charles O. Ochie Sr. at 430-4864 or Dr. Patrick Ibe at 430-79680.

Applications are being accepted for the **Summer Research Initiative at the University of Maryland, College Park.** This program is for rising juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing a doctorate in the social, behavioral and economic sciences. Ten to twelve scholars will be selected to participate in the eight-week program (June 2-July 25). Activities will include lab and research experiences, didactic science lectures, and opportunities for professional development, mentoring and networking. Accepted students will receive round-trip airfare, meals, room and board, and a \$2,700 stipend. The application deadline is Friday. For more information, visit [www.bsos.umd.edu/dean/summer.html](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/dean/summer.html) or e-mail [sri@bsos.umd.edu](mailto:sri@bsos.umd.edu).

ASU students are invited to participate in a **study abroad program at Kenyatta University** in Nairobi, Kenya. The total estimated fees for the program are \$4,480, which includes meal and board,

airfare, Kenya visa and field trips. Financial aid can be used. The deadline for registration is Feb. 25. For more information, contact Dr. Jonathan U. Elimimian, program director, at 430-4779 or visit [www.ku.ac.ke](http://www.ku.ac.ke).

ASU students are invited to participate in a **study abroad program at the University of Technology in Kingston, Jamaica**, July 5-Aug. 9. The total estimated fee for the program is \$2,700, including round-trip airfare from Atlanta to Kingston, lodging and boarding, insurance, ground transportation, course cost for the Jamaican class, site visits and entrance fees. The price does not include tuition for the ASU course, Technology and Computer Applications for Professions. Program costs may be covered by financial aid. The application deadline is Feb. 29. For more information, contact Dr. G. Titi Oladunjoye, program director, at 430-3029 or [studyabroadjamaica@asurams.edu](mailto:studyabroadjamaica@asurams.edu).

**The National Historically Black College and University Research Network for Health Services and Health Disparities** recently announced the details of its **2008 grant competition**. This competition is designed to provide funds for faculty who are pursuing research on health services and health disparities among African Americans. The research can focus on experiences explored from the social, economic, political or medical impact on the health conditions of African Americans. Two grants of \$1,200 each will be awarded. For more information, visit [www.hbcuresearchnetwork.org](http://www.hbcuresearchnetwork.org). The

## News briefs



Darin Edgecomb

### Student places at GCPA contest

Eight Albany State University students represented The Student Voice campus newspaper at the annual Georgia College Press Association Press Institute held in Macon on Feb. 2.

ChaNae Bradley, Darin Edgecomb, Jimmie Haywood, Kellie Johnson, Keshia Gass, O'Neil Clarke, Andrea Crawford, and Chuncey Ward attended the conference.

The Student Voice Managing Editor Darin Edgecomb walked away with an award – third place in the category “Best News Article Based on Interpretive or Investigative Reporting” for his article “Students' Complaints Prompt Bookstore to Offer Better Service.”

### New bookstore section highlights ASU writers

Staff at the ASU bookstore recently created a section for displaying publications by ASU faculty, staff, students and alumni. According to the bookstore manager, this is the first phase in the creation of what is intended to be a full section, complete with seats and reading tables. This section will be promoted with book signings.

### Bookstore to close for inventory

The ASU bookstore will be closed today and Tuesday to conduct inventory.

### Natural Sciences to host lecturer

The Department of Natural Sciences will present the distinguished lecturer Dr. Melissa B. Davis, post-doctoral at the University of Chicago. An ASU alumna, Dr. Davis will speak about breast cancer disparities at noon Tuesday in ACAD room 143.

## Bynum to focus on spirituals of African-Americans during recital-lecture on Sunday

By John H. Anderson  
Student writer

Music and history will blend when Albany State University's Leroy E. Bynum Jr., dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, performs a lecture-recital on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m. at the Walden Chapel of the First United Methodist Church of Albany.



Dr. Leroy Bynum Jr.

Bynum's lecture-recital, entitled “My Soul is a Witness: Spirituality in the Music of America's Enslaved,” will feature concert arrangements of African-American spirituals by Edward Boatner, Harry T. Burleigh, Nathaniel Dett, Hall Johnson, John W. Works and others. Bynum, a tenor, said the lecture portion of the recital gives insight and context on the concert features. Mimi Noda will accompany him as pianist.

“The selected pieces will give the audience a chance to experience some of America's indigenous music,” he said. “There is great historical

value.”

Bynum is a well-traveled performer. He has appeared as a recitalist and soloist throughout North and South America, and Europe. Bynum sang in operatic roles with the Munich Opera, the German States Opera in Berlin and the St. Petersburg Opera, among others.

As music director and co-founder of the OPER-Albany!, he prepared and performed in Mozart's “The Impresario” and “Trial by Jury.” Bynum also prepared “The Mikado” by Gilbert and Sullivan, and Strauss' “Die Fledermaus.” “It feeds my creativity,” Bynum said. “I was fortunate to grow up in a family that allowed me to experience all types of music.”

Bynum, presently serving as director of ASU's Opera Workshop, is an experienced producer and director. Some of his works include “A Gala Night at the Opera!” in 2003, “Barber's Hand of Bridge” in 2006 and Menotti's “The Medium” in 2007.

This event is sponsored by Lyceum and the Albany State University Fine Arts Department. Admission is free.



## Conservation Tip of the Week:

### Bathroom faucets use two to seven gallons of water per minute.

Fix leaks immediately. A small drip can result in up to 15 gallons of water a day or 105 gallons a week in wasted water, which adds up to more than 5,000 gallons of wasted water a year.

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# English prof to participate in Oxford University Round Table

An Albany State University English professor is one of 35 international scholars invited to participate in Oxford University's Round Table July 13-18 in Oxford, England.



Dr. James  
L. Hill

Dr. James L. Hill, professor of English, will participate in the daily discussions on the topic "Allusions to God in British and American Prose and Poetry Since 1700: Pursuing Global Religious Accord." During the event Hill will also present his paper "Between Philosophy, Race and Religion: The Agnosticism of African American Popular Novelist Frank Garvin Yerby."

Recognized nationally for his work, Hill's writing has appeared in many books and journals, including "Black Books Bulletin," "Resources for the Study of American Literature," "Contemporary American

Women Fiction Writers," "African American Dramatists," "Arizona English Bulletin," "Perspectives of Black Popular Culture" and "Journal of Arts and Sciences." Hill also served 10 years as editor of the national Peter Lang series "Studies in African and African-American Culture."

During his time at ASU, Hill previously served as chair of the Department of English, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. He is currently director of the SOWEGA Academy on African-American Literature, a three-year project designed to enhance secondary and middle school teachers' knowledge and teaching of African-American literature. The project is the result of a proposal Hill submitted. The SOWEGA Academy on African-American Literature is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the auspices of the Teacher Quality Enhancement Program at the University of Georgia.

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needs.

"Microsoft has always believed that education is the cornerstone of opportunity, and that investing in education is the best way to help young people achieve their potential," said Chairman Bill Gates in a Mi-

crosoft press release. "Partners in Learning is one of the ways Microsoft works with governments and schools around the world to help teachers use technology in the classroom to make learning exciting and relevant for the 21st century."

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Robinson-Pickett said she is proud of her organization and feels a strong responsibility and purpose what she does.

"There can be nothing more important in my life than this right here," Robinson-Pickett said.

When discussing the founding of her organiza-

tion she said, "I wanted to start something that's gonna change the lives of young people."

Robinson-Pickett began her career as an HIV educator and advocate a year after she was diagnosed with HIV in 1991. Robinson-Pickett, who also has breast cancer, travels

about 70,000 miles a year making public speeches.

The Valdosta native now resides in Lakeland, Fla., with her two children.

For more information about Robinson-Pickett and Friends Together Inc., visit her website [www.friendstogether.org](http://www.friendstogether.org).