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# THE A&T REGISTER

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## Housing shortages increase

by Kim Mayhew  
Staff Reporter

Although N.C. A&T housing authorities have made an attempt to balance the amount of on-campus housing available to male and female students, a shortage of housing space for women continues to be a problem, an A&T housing official said.

"Or (student) enrollment is bigger in the (area of) females," said Joseph Williams, director of housing and residence life. "Therefore, the demand for female housing is bigger."

Roxanne Burt, a resident of Curtis Hall, said she had trouble getting housing as a freshman. After paying a \$75 deposit which she believed guaranteed her a room, she discovered that she did not have one when she arrived.

"When I got here, they told me they didn't have housing for me," she said, "and to call back every day to see if there were any vacant spaces."

Burt said she did not want to haul all of her belongings back to Raleigh, so she phoned her uncle, who works at St. Augustine's College and knew some people in the A&T housing department.

"A week later, I had a room in the student union for an entire semester," she said.

Williams said the University was trying to alleviate the shortage of dormitory space by getting private investors to provide additional housing for females.

"The additional housing will be tailored for females because of the

enormous requests for female housing," he said.

If recent enrollment trends are any indication of the future, Williams said, the shortage of female housing

**"..when spaces are limited, the lottery is the most equitable and fair way to dispense spaces."**

Joseph Williams

will continue and perhaps worsen.

"In the past two years, there has been a massive increase in freshman enrollment, and hopefully it will continue to increase," he said. "(However), the majority of this enrollment is females," which has put a strain on the distribution of rooms in the housing system.

Burt suggested a possible solution to the female housing dilemma. "Female freshmen should reside either in Barbee Hall or in two female dorms that are for freshmen only."

Williams said that the current way the University selected which upperclassmen would get on-campus housing was the most efficient.

"First of all, without a housing program, we are very fortunate to have such massive requests for housing," he said. "Secondly, when spaces are limited, the lottery is the most equitable and fair way to dispense spaces."

## Griff urges students to continue stand

by Katriel Tripp  
Staff Reporter

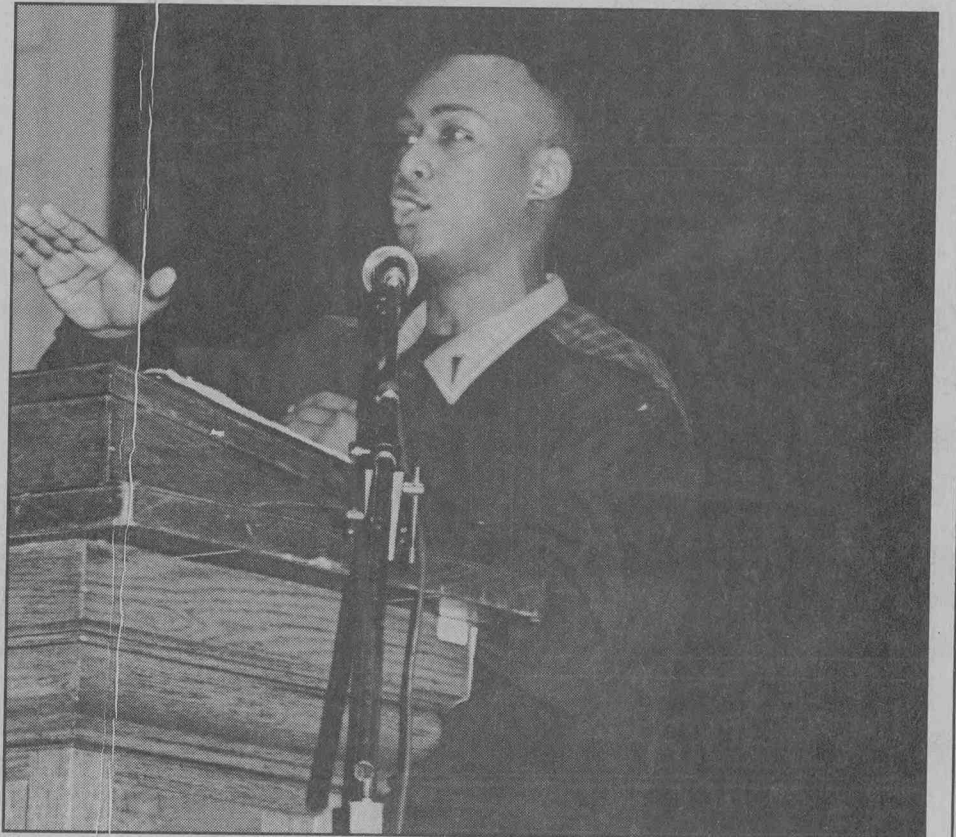
Activist and former rap star Professor Griff urged A&T students to fight for "black studies now" in a speech at Harrison Auditorium Wednesday night.

Griff, a former member of the rap group Public Enemy whose real name is Richard Griffin, told the audience of about 240 that African-Americans were the victims of "mental genocide, a higher form of killing."

"If you concentrate on killing the mind, that would be a way of eliminating black people," he said.

Griff quoted Dr. Frances Crest Welsing, who has theorized that the white male has a desire to eliminate the black male because of the white male's inability to genetically dominate the black male.

He also told women at the presentation "not to sleep with any man unless he's fighting (for) the



**Fight the Power:** Professor Griff urged student to continue the fight for black studies.

liberation" of African-Americans.

Dwayne Patterson, leader of A&T's Black Studies Coalition, said, "Griff's message was timely and

perfect for this campus. Our demands were not met last semester, and students feel disrespected and pushed aside."

## AIDS epidemic increases

Associated Press

Since being identified in 1981, the AIDS virus has touched sports infrequently, but the disease has taken the lives of at least six famous athletes with Saturday's death of tennis great Arthur Ashe.

In addition to Ashe, football player Jerry Smith, Olympic decathlete Thomas Waddell, former

lightweight boxing champion Esteban DeJesus, stock car driver Tim Richmond and baseball player Alan Wiggins have also died from AIDS related complication. AIDS has also hit the world of men's figure skaters hard, according to a published report.

Although each of them were well known within their sports, none of them achieved the prominence of Ashe of Magic Johnson, whose career was cut short by his infection with the AIDS virus.

Dr. M. Roy Schwarz, an AIDS expert, said he hoped Johnson's and Ashe's high level of visibility could be a positive in what he described as "a tragedy."

"This clearly says that even if you are at the supreme peak of productivity, you're still vulnerable if your behavior puts you at risk," Schwarz said of Johnson. "If any good comes of it, it will be a square wave increase in awareness."

People will be stunned. They will realize AIDS impacts us all.

The Register

February 5, 1960

## Students Hit Woolworth's For Lunch Service

### Freshmen Group Stages Sitdown Demonstration For Food In Dime Store

By ALBERT L. ROZIER, JR.

Four freshman students of this institution started Monday afternoon what they termed a "passive demand for service" at the lunch counter of a downtown five and dime store.

According to Ezell Blair, leader of the group, he and three other students — Franklin McLain, David Richmond, and Joseph McNeill — went into the store at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Monday, purchased small articles from a counter near the lunch bar and took seats at the lunch counter.

#### TALK WITH WAITRESS

Following is a dialogue of the initial conversation between Blair and the waitress behind the lunch counter:

Blair: "I'd like a cup of coffee, please."

Waitress: "I'm sorry. We don't serve colored here."

Blair: "I beg to disagree with you. You just finished serving me at a counter only two feet from here."

Waitress: "Negroes eat on the other end."

Blair: "What do you mean? This is a public place, isn't it? If it isn't, then why don't you sell membership cards? If you do that, then

I'll understand that this is a private concern."

Waitress: "Well you won't get any service here!"

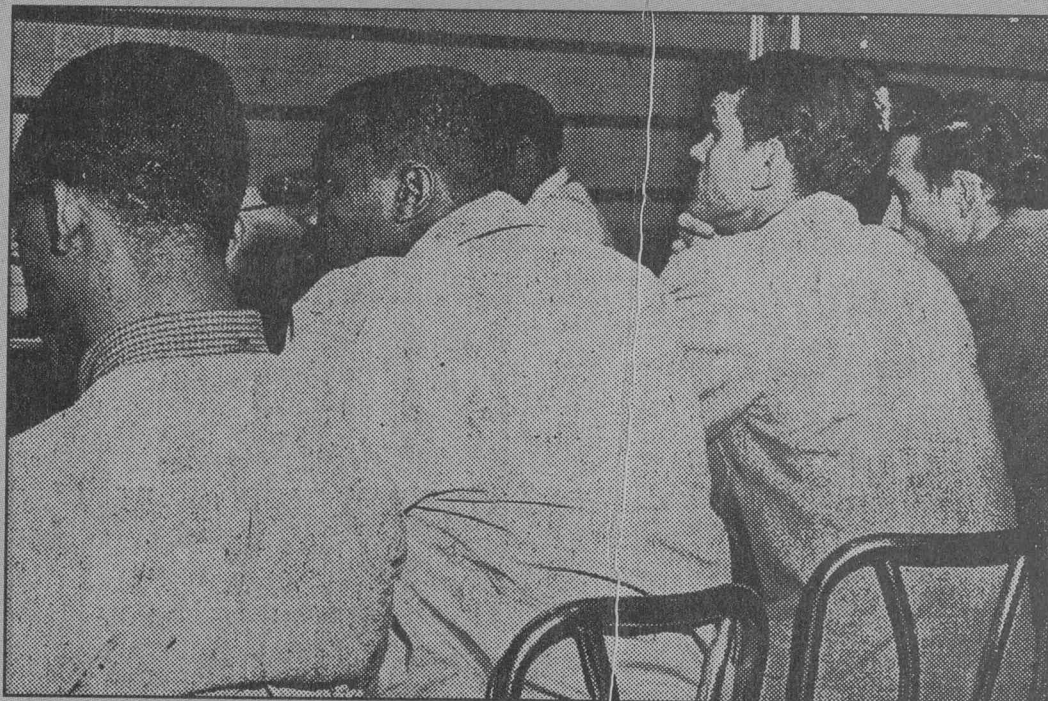
After this conversation, said Blair the waitress left them and went to the other end of the counter.

Immediately following this conversation, however, he stated that a Negro girl, a helper on the counter, confronted them, saying, "You are stupid, ignorant! You're dumb! That's why we can't get anywhere today. You know you are supposed to eat at the other end."

#### GROUP IGNORED

After this brief encounter, the students said they were completely ignored. When they asked questions, they were not answered.

"I told the waitress we'd sit there



A contrast. Here are shown two Negro students who wait in vain at the Woolworth lunch counter for service, while two white patrons have their orders

filled by white waitress and Negro assistant. (Both partially hidden behind counter).

until we were served," said McNeill. She said nothing. Policemen came in and stared at us and walked up and down the aisle, but said nothing to us. We figured it was an effort on their part to frighten us away, but we stayed until 5:30, when the store closed," he con-

tinued.

The group said they tried to talk to the manager of the lunch counter and when they were refused audience, asked to speak with the manager of the store, but were denied this, too. They said that during the entire time they have been

there, they have not so much as seen the manager.

#### OTHERS JOIN IN

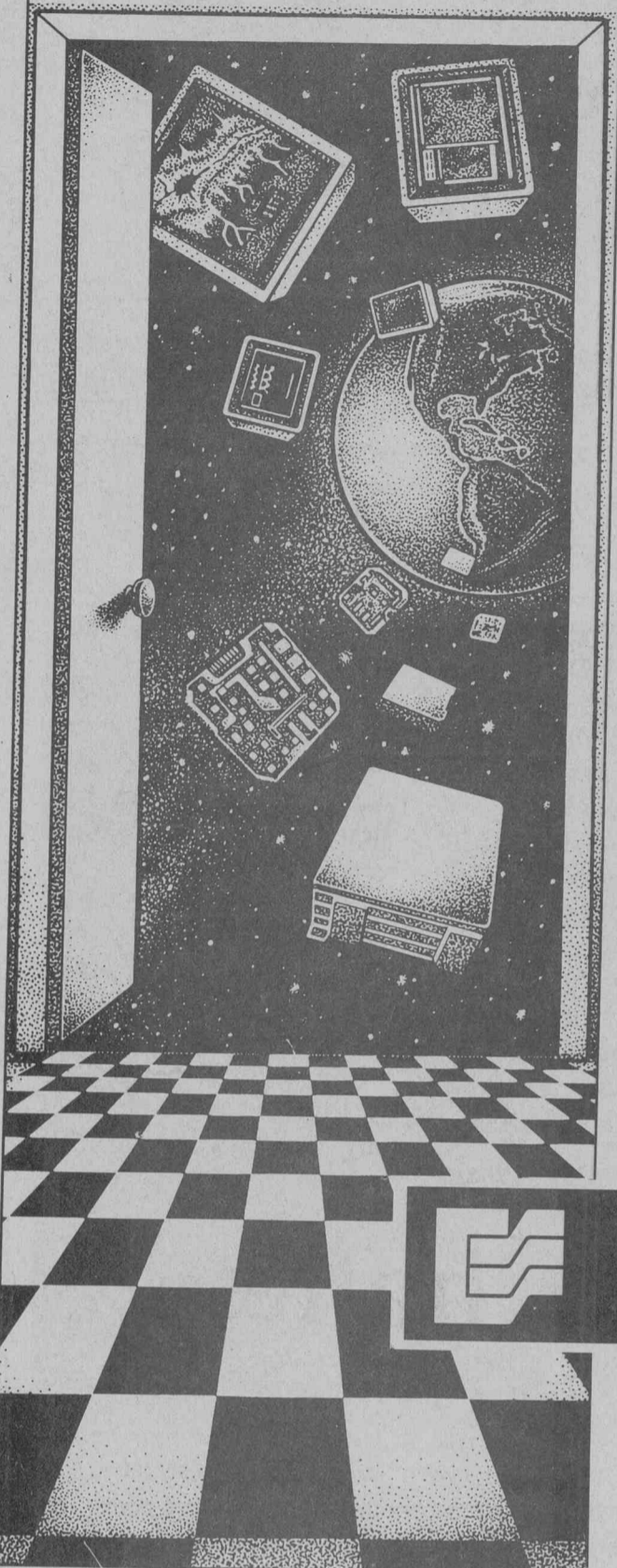
The next morning, Tuesday, February 3, a group of approximately twenty students — including the freshman initiators of the demonstration — returned and took seats at the counter.

They entered the store at 10:30 a.m. and remained throughout the day. They were not served, the waitress stating that "it's a store regulation — a custom."

Blair stated that the demonstration was originally planned for two or three weeks; but that now, "We are preparing to continue to sit for as long as is necessary — until we're served."

This is a reprinted article from the February 5, 1960 issue of the A&T Register.

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# CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

## Aggie, is that you?



**It's a dog's world?:** Aggie mascot look-a-likes were chauffeured around campus during one of the 60+ dog-days of winter this week.

## Area florists prepare for biggest day of the year

by Towanna Dickens  
Staff Reporter

With Valentine's Day only two days away, Aggies and area florists are gearing up for a flurry of flower, candy and card purchases as students try to tug at the heartstrings of girlfriends and boyfriends.

"Valentine's Day is the most hectic day of the year for many flower shops throughout Greensboro," said Helen Wilson of Sedgefield Florists and Gifts.

But for many Aggies, the genuine emotions behind the commercialism are what make the day a special one.

"Valentine's Day means being with the person you love and expressing how

you feel about one another," said Diane Brinage, a finance major.

Jaquar Mooreman agreed. "Being with the one you care about is the most important thing about Valentine's Day."

According to legend, Valentine's Day was originated by a monk who was eventually elevated to sainthood status: St. Valentine. Here reportedly gave out flowers and other small gifts whenever he travelled through a village. In his memory, villagers continued to celebrate this special occasion on his behalf.

"Doing something special for that someone special is how we celebrate Valentine's Day," said

Danielle Harris.

Howard Carn added, "It also means not only being with that special someone you care for, but it should also be with someone you can say you honestly trust."

And what of those lonely souls who find themselves without a sweetheart on Valentine's Day? There are other responses besides getting depressed, noted Felicia Squire, an elementary education major.

"Being a single person, Valentine's day this year seems awkward, since I'm used to sharing it with someone special," she said. "This year, I'll be making Valentine's Day cards with my little sweethearts at school."

## ROTC Training Team competes in Challenge

North Carolina A&T's Army ROTC Ranger Training Team is setting its sights on at least a second-place finish at the southeastern Ranger Challenge Competition in 1993.

A top-two finish this year would give A&T the opportunity to compete in the Regional Ranger Challenge later in the year at Fort Bragg, N.C. That event includes collegiate ROTC teams from the entire east coast of the United States.

Members of the A&T team base their hopes on last year's strong performance in the southeastern Ranger Challenge, where A&T's team finished 11th out of 24 teams competing at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Some of the other competitors included the Citadel, the University of South Carolina, N.C. State, Duke, Wake Forest, East Carolina, Appalachian State, Clemson and Davidson.

A&T's Ranger team

racked up an average of 292.25 points of a possible 300 on the physical fitness test and shaved more than seven minutes off its previous year's time on the rope bridge event.

That was a significant improvement over previous performances. In 1990, the team finished 21st of 22 teams, moving up to 15th place in 1991.

Ken Baldwin, a junior civil engineering major from Seattle, Wa., said the team's improvement reflected its more mature and seasoned members.

"In the years prior, it was a new organization within the ROTC Department," he said. "The last two years, the cadre has really taken more of a lead in the development of the team. Combined with the prior experiences of the team members, (that) contributes a lot to the refining of the techniques needed for each event."

Baldwin said he wanted to be on the team because "I thought it would

set you apart from the normal happenings. When I was in the Army, I didn't do all of the combat types of things, and I thought I could learn more about patrolling, squad tactics and battle drills if I participated in the Ranger Challenge activities."

Events included constructing a rope bridge, m a r k s m a n s h i p ,

throwing grenades with precision, patrolling and overcoming any "enemy" obstacles, assembling an M-16A1 rifle and M-60 machine gun, and outpacing the other teams on a 10-kilometer forced road march carrying a full pack, completing the march within 90 minutes.

"The 10-K forced road march was the toughest," said

Cadet John Whitfield, a sophomore industrial technology major from Goldsboro. "Being on the Ranger team, you get to see the other side of people and get to know them in a different way."

Baldwin said he found the 10-K march the most satisfying event, because it forced him to push his mind and body to their limits.

"It really tests your physical stamina and endurance, because by the end of the march, your legs are cramping up and you're possibly becoming dehydrated," he said. "Then it comes to mind over matter, in order to block out the pain and the message your body is giving you about taking it easy instead of pushing it. It becomes a real team effort, because you have to get across the finish line as a team."

Cadet Tawanda Piper, a sophomore biology major from Goldsboro, said the training prior to the competition was intense.

"We did physical training every day," she said.

"On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we practiced the rope bridge and hand grenade throw for technique, because if you get the technique down, you could do better in the event. We also did six-mile marches to prepare for the 10-K road challenge."

ROTC spokesman Cadet Hardcastle, who also participated in the Ranger Challenge, described the contest as "one of the most demanding competitions I have ever been associated with."

"The competition between the teams from the different schools is something that compares to the 'March Madness' associated with the NCAA basketball championship," Hardcastle said. "You can obtain absolutely no part of success without total teamwork, support and confidence in your team members and the training that you have undergone."

"It epitomizes what an officer must be, know and do," he added.



**Be all you can be:** ROTC cadets stay prepared for action.

## A&T awarded \$3 million dollar grant from Kellogg

North Carolina A&T State University has been awarded a \$3 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek Michigan, A&T Chancellor Edward Fort has announced.

Richard Moore, assistant vice-chancellor for university relations, released a statement from the chancellor, who said "The grant will greatly enhance the University's efforts to begin offering doctoral programs in electrical and mechanical engineering."

A&T will receive \$1.5 million the first 21 months of the grant, \$1 million for the next year and \$500,000 for the final year. The grant will be effective beginning in February.

The University is the nation's leading producer of black engineers at the bachelor's and master's degree level. The School of Engineering currently enrolls 1,942 undergraduate and graduate students.

Harold Martin, dean of the School of Engineering,

is slated to head the new Kellogg Center.

"The grant means a lot to us," Martin said. "First of all, it will enable us to get our Ph.D. programs off the ground and running aggressively. These are flexible funds which will allow us to recruit new faculty, to provide competitive graduate fellowships and assistantships, funds for faculty travel, matching grants for equipment and important funds needed to

market our outstanding program."

Martin said that library enhancement, including the purchase of engineering and science journals and periodicals, as well as setting up computer networking with other libraries and major engineering universities and laboratories, was also an important component of the grant.

"We also intend to support our professors and students with state-of-the-

art equipment," Martin said.

"This superb award and its designation of the University as a Kellogg Center of Excellence in Engineering is a milestone in the 100-year history of this great institution," Fort said. "This world-class university is geared to help meet the critical national need of significantly increasing the number of minorities and women who earn degrees in engineering, science and technology.

"We are grateful to the Kellogg Foundation for its confidence in our engineering program," he added.

The Kellogg Foundation award is not the only recent feather in the A&T engineering department's cap.

A&T was selected last year as a Center of Excellence by the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) and is operating under an \$8 million grant from that agency to develop an aerospace research center.

# SPORTS

## Arthur Ashe: athlete, activist dies of AIDS

(AP)- Even before he joined the fight against AIDS, Arthur Ashe was a heavy hitter for many causes. Human rights, black awareness, education, they all were issues he chose to become involved in even before he became a tennis star.

His role as an AIDS spokesman was thrust on him, and he accepted that, too.

Ashe, who died Saturday at age 49 of pneumonia, a complication of AIDS, learned early in life what it meant to help others. His father, Arthur Sr., a policeman in the recreation department in Richmond, VA., taught his son well.

"Drummed into me above all, by my dad, by the whole family, was that without your good name, you would be nothing," Ashe once said.

"When some old black lady, maybe your grandmother or maybe a dignified domestic on her way home from cleaning the white people's houses, saw you or any other black boy doing something wrong,

there was one expression she would use that you did not want to hear," he said. "It meant you were letting everybody down- your friends, your family, your history. And that expression was, 'Boy, you should be ashamed of yourself. Lord, the weight those words carried.'"

As Ashe began to win on the tennis court, in 1963 becoming the first black to be named to a U.S. Davis Cup team, he found that his toughest opponents often were off the court.

In 1970, faced with racial prejudice, he helped get South Africa banned from the Davis Cup because of the nation's policy of apartheid.

Then and up until the day he died, he promote civil rights and developed tennis programs for inner-city blacks. He continued to stress that education was the best way out of the ghetto. Later, he wrote the three-volume "A Hard Road to Glory: A History of the African-American Athlete."

All along, as his athletic victories

accumulated, so did his humanitarian accomplishments. For someone who seemed so calm on the court, he was a fury in the fight for life's greater issues.

On July 5, 1975, he became the first black to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon. Just nine days later, he was asked to help expel South Africa from international lawn tennis by Dennis Brutus, president of the London-based South African Non-Racial Committee for Olympic Sports.

On Jan. 11, 1985, he and 46 others are arrested in anti-apartheid protests at the South African Embassy in Washington.

Last April, Ashe took on another cause when he reluctantly acknowledge that

he had AIDS since 1988. Ashe said he became infected with the virus five years earlier from a blood transfusion following his second heart operation.

Ashe's announcement came after Magic Johnson had said he was infected with the AIDS virus. Johnson said

Ashe would become a powerful spokesman in the fight against the disease.

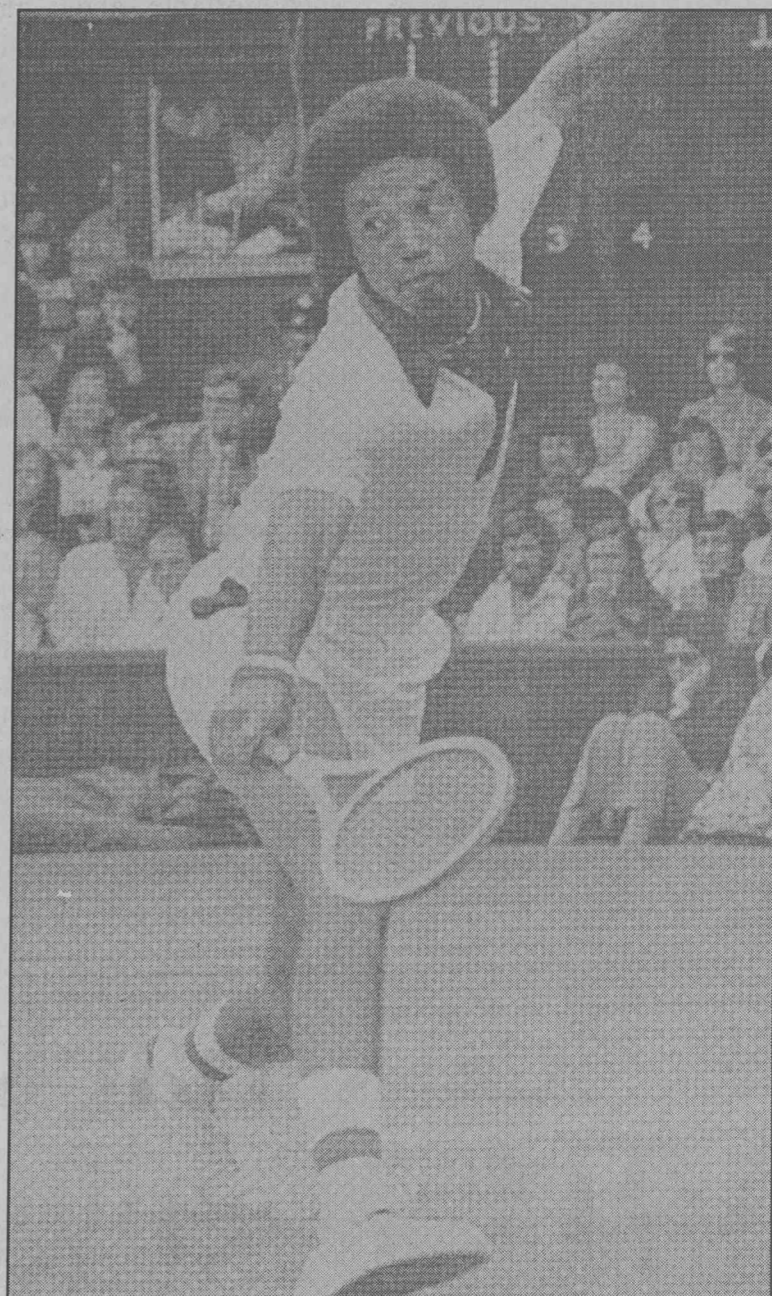
"I'm sure Arthur will... become a leading voice in the fight educate, raise funds and increase awareness to all, especially our youth," Johnson said.

Ashe willingly took on that role, from that day on. "I am not sick and I can function very well in all that I have been involved in for the past several years," he said. "I will certainly get involved in the AIDS cause."

Less than two months ago, Ashe was named as Sportsman of the Year for 1992 by Sports Illustrated. He did not know then how long he had to live, and pledged to carry on as long as he could.

"I'm getting my life in order, so if something should happen, now or five years, from now, it won't cause disruption," he said at the time. "I'm always juggling time spent on family, work and pro bono activities."

"I'm always torn," he said. "Just one more minute with my child. But the AIDS issue shoved itself to the top of the list."



A Champion: Arthur Ashe, here making a return during his 1975 Wimbledon finals' win over Jimmy Connors, was a fighter his entire life.

## Aggiettes upset Hawks

by Tara Bennett  
Staff Reporter

Angela Hill's 30 points and 11 rebounds helped boost the Lady Aggies to a 63-45 victory over the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Monday night at the Corbett Center.

The win brought the Aggiettes to 7-3 overall and 4-7 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

By the end of the first

half, the Lady Aggies trailed the Hawks 29-24.

However, when the second half began, A&T's players began to showcase their strong defensive skills, frustrating UMES's attempts to score while building the Aggiettes' lead.

"My team played very hard, especially defensive-wise," said coach Tim Abney.

Abney said he believed that moving Dawn Walton from a wing position to a post position made A&T's

play more fluid, and allowed Walton to help execute plays on offense as well.

Aggiette Samara Dobbins kept the game rolling with a 2-point jumper, getting fouled with 3:04 left in the fourth quarter. She added another point at the free throw line.

Abney observed that his young, relatively inexperienced team needed to recognize its own potential.

"My team needs to gain more confidence,"

Abney said. "The ladies know they are skillful; they just need that confidence built up."

Abney said he wanted his players to improve on their rebounds for upcoming games.

Dobbins racked up 15 points for the Aggiettes. Staci Kyle had 6 and Dawn Walton had 6 points and 9 rebounds.

Peggy Edwards led UMES (6-13, 3-9) with 15 points. Ormica Thomas had 9 and Nathlon Jackson put 8 on the board.

## Thompson evaluates first year with the NFL

by Brian Caldwell  
Staff Reporter

Former A&T football standout Craig Thompson has found his first year with the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals to be an eventful one, to say the least.

One of the key adjustments he had to make was in attitude, Thompson said in a recent interview.

"I had to look at football as being a job, not just a game," he said, adding that now he sees football "as more of a daily business."

Competing against seasoned veterans who are supporting their wives and children, Thompson said, he "knows what it feels like to compete against individuals who are not just playing for



Riding high: Thompson shows a benefits from the NFL.

themselves, but who are playing for their families."

Thompson said the sudden increase in personal wealth due to his NFL salary did not immediately change his lifestyle.

"Money doesn't change you; people change you," Thompson said. People that he used to joke with were now referring to him as a "big shot. I noticed people reacting differently to me."

Although he is

earning a hefty paycheck, that fact "will probably take some getting used to," he said. "In college, I was living off \$20-\$25 a week. When I arrived in Cincinnati, I received a signing bonus, but I was still spending my money as if I were on a college budget."

Thompson said he took great pride in the financial assistance he could now give to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thompson of Hartsville, S.C. He added that his parents and A&T football coach Bill Hayes had given him continuous support during the transition from college to the pros.

"(Hayes) has done a lot for me," said Thompson, "and I would like to help him and his program as much as I can."

## Missed free throws cost Aggies victory

by Lisa Johnson  
Staff Reporter

A&T's inability to shoot free throws led to its demise against Delaware State at the Corbett Sports Center Saturday night as the Aggies fell to the Hornets 81-80.

The Aggies shot a dismal 50 percent from the free throw line, converting only 20 of 40 free throw attempts. This poor performance cost the Aggies what would have been their eighth straight win.

Charles Howard, the Aggies' assistant coach, acknowledged that missed free throws were a key factor in their loss.

"They (Delaware) did a good job of converting their free throws, and we didn't," Howard said. "We had the right people on the line, but they didn't make the key free throws."

Ironically, it was the

Hornets who dug themselves into several holes throughout the game when their own free throw shooting went cold, particularly in the first half, when they hit only 7 of 14.

By the end of the half, the Aggies, in spite of horrible shooting, had managed to build a 40-34 lead. But coming out of the locker room for the second half, the Hornets picked up the tempo with a half-court press that gave A&T a considerable amount of trouble inbounding the ball.

The Aggies were leading 67-64 when Delaware called a time out with 6:38 left on the clock. Immediately after the game resumed, the Aggies' foul shooting seemed to collapse, and they hit only 2 of 9 attempts. During the same period, the Hornets hit 7 of 9.

A&T's Darryl Cheeley led the scorers with 25. Dennis Caldwell led the Hornets with 15.

## Saturday:

The battle of the Dogs' is own as the Aggies play host to the Bulldogs of South Carolina State in the Corbett Sports Center. The action tips off with the women's game at 5:30 followed by the men at 8 p.m. Come out and show your support! Aggie Pride.

# Features

## What's up Nikki?..

What's up, Nikki?

I read articles about how gays have rights, too. But not when you live with a gay roommate. At first, I didn't think anything of it, but when my homey started watching me undress and staring at me in the morning, I couldn't take it anymore. Should I just step to her nicely about it, or let her step to me and I kick her butt? Help!

—Roommate of Gay Black Female

Dear Roommate of Gay Black Female:

It is always good to talk to people about things you aren't familiar with. If you are really confident your roommate is gay and you feel you two know each other well enough, ask her. Let her know how strange

she makes you feel. If you're uncomfortable about the subject and don't want to talk to her about her sexual choice, watch what you have on around her and dress and undress alone. Do something before she takes another step in the wrong direction.

What's Up, Nikki?

I am a concerned person who doesn't know how to go about telling my friend she has an odor problem. I just don't know what it is. People are constantly teasing her about this unusual smell. My friend thinks it is all a joke, but people are serious and I really want to tell her. I don't know how to do it without making her feel really bad. So what's up, Nikki?

—Odor in Morrison Hall

Dear Odor in Morrison:

Well, I think many of my readers can relate with this at least one time or another. My suggestion is that you can go about it two ways. The first way is to sit her down alone and talk to her on the serious tip. Let this be a time when there is no joking and tell her she has a slight body odor. Some girls give off foul smells, especially when our monthly friend shows up and some people need to wash a little more.

A second method is to do it in an anonymous way and type her a little note and slip it under her door. If you are a true friend, you will tell her before someone else lets her know that her Right Guard has gone left.

What's Up, Nikki?

Well, the best way is to start at the beginning. I am a member of the football team and dating a very attractive young lady. All my boys think that we are happy and are intimate with one another constantly, but really we don't make love at all. I lied to my girlfriend and told her that I was impotent and seeking counseling, when really I'm gay. I don't know how to tell my coach, my teammates, friends, not even my family. I knew that I could write you without anyone finding out. Can you help?

—Concealed in Cooper

Dear Concealed in Cooper:

After reading your letter, I was moved beyond words. I can only say that considering the hostile response gays often

draw from the community, it would probably be detrimental for you to come out of the closet at this particular time.

I sympathize with your situation, and I'm sure that if you told your girlfriend, she would too. She, if no one else, has the right to know. You must consider her feelings not as much sexually as emotionally in this matter. I know you may love her, but not in the way she thinks and sexually expects. If you can't be honest with your family, at least be honest with her.

I know you feel alone and somewhat distraught, as if there is nowhere to turn. I am frankly at a loss for words. I know that coming out of the

closet may be what's best for you in trying to dissolve your inner conflict, but I feel that the world just may not be as ready as you are.

As educated as A&T students are, homosexuality is something that is often difficult for even well-educated heterosexuals to understand. It frequently draws knee-jerk hostility and

irrational violence, even among those who are victims of other kinds of prejudice themselves. So you can imagine what I have to say about you exposing your secret to your teammates. Most of all, I'm asking you to consider all the options before going public.

## A look back at '92; the worst movies of the year.

Movies to howl at: the dogs of 1992

by Renee Nixon  
Arts Reporter

Last week, in anticipation of the Oscars, I nominated my 10 best movies of 1992. This week, I'll focus on the other end of the spectrum: those films so awful, they're scarcely worth my "\$1 House" rating. To review for those who came in late, my rating system is based on whether a typically impoverished college student should spend his or her hard-earned money on a movie:

- Full Price — Great
- Matinee — Good
- \$1 House — Okay
- Rent — Bad
- Cable — Horrible

And now, the worst of 1992:

1) Juice (R) — Cable  
This was a "Boyz-N-the-Hood" wannabe movie. There was no plot. There was no point. The only message I got was "Don't give a crazy person a gun." But why would you? I sat there for almost two hours, thinking, "This couldn't get any worse."

2) Mo' Money (R) — Cable  
This movie was such a disappointment. Damon Wayans is an excellent comedian and actor, but as a writer and producer — well, he needs a lot of work. Damon used all of his best characters in this movie, but they just didn't connect. There was a lot missing from "Mo' Money." Maybe Damon

needs Mo' time on the set and less time trying to write screenplays. Sometimes, we can't do it all.

3) Batman Returns (PG-13) — Cable

Originally, I thought this movie was going to be about Batman. I thought wrong. At the most, Batman made about 10-15 appearances in the movie. The rest of the movie dealt with three criminals running around acting stupid. The three never really connected. Second, if you fall from one of the top floors of an office building and somehow live, I do believe that you'd come out of the experience with more than a thirst for milk and the desire to do some all-night sewing. Logical holes like this flawed the movies. At the end of the movie, Batman rips off his mask (cheap mask) to reveal himself to Catwoman. Why? This movie was neither well-written nor well-directed, and many of the lines seemed out of place. If Batman returns again, I hope he has a new director as a sidekick.

4) Death Becomes Her (PG-13) — Cable

They should have left her dead. The only good things about this movie were the special effects, which were mostly revealed in the previews. With three great actors and actresses, you would expect a funny movie. Not here. Although the actors struggled to make something of what the director gave them, maybe next time death should become this director.

5) Freejack (R) — Cable

What do you get when you cross three great actors with a bad movie? "Freejack!" This movie truly shows how low some actors will sink for money. For those people who paid to see this movie, I'm so sorry. One of the problems was Mick Jagger. He's not an actor; it's time he knew. Another problem centered on the gaping loopholes in the plot. Actually, the whole movie premise was one loophole. The whole time I watched, I just kept asking, "Why?"

### A Critical Thought

6) Hook (PG) — Rent

Problem one: Julia Roberts as Tinkerbell. Not! Tinkerbell was supposed to be graceful and beautiful. Julia projected a lot of energy, but almost no grace. Problem two: the movie was simply not entertaining. It just seemed like there was no purpose to it, no point and no excitement. Steven Spielberg needs to try again.

7) Wayne's World (PG-13) — \$1 House

This was a totally slapstick movie. If you're after a couple of cheap laughs, this is the movie for you. The movie has no actual plot, so don't expect a real story.

8) Unlawful Entry (R) — \$1 House

"Why?" is the key question for viewers of this movie. Why did the cop obsessively want the hero's wife? Why did it take her so long to figure out what was going on? Was the cop always crazy or did wanting the wifemake him crazy? Do cops have the power to give you \$200 worth of tickets in a day without you knowing it? These kinds of questions are never answered in "Unlawful Entry," along with an even more crucial one: what was I thinking when I decided to go see this movie?

9) Straight Talk (PG) — \$1 House

This was a cute idea for a movie, but featured the wrong stars. Although Dolly Parton was believable as a radio advice psychologist, her attraction to James Woods was not. I would never believe that they were in love. Also, are New Yorkers really so bad off that they desperately need advice from a lady on the radio?

10) Grand Canyon (PG-13) — \$1 House

Watching "Grand Canyon" was like watching everyday life. And you know how dull that can be. There was no real excitement; just a lot of speeches about "Life." Nothing really interesting happens. Although the performances are great, this movie gives new meaning to the word "sloooooooow." This would be the ideal rental for a rainy Sunday when just golf and pro-wrestling are on TV.

### If I could see...

by AWOL

Help me, Help me!! Wait I'm alright,  
It's been a long day, and an even longer night.  
Crazy out of love, I'm losing my mind,  
I need someone to guide me, for I am blind.  
Not physically, since my vision's 20/20,  
but my heart, my heart, it's sight lacks plenty.  
Nearsighted, farsighted, bifocals won't correct.  
A love, a true love, would have to dissect.  
Dissect the love that's buried down deep, down low;  
from the bitter sweet feelings of you reap what you sow.  
I'm alone. Hold my hand. Never let go.  
I'm beginning to see light, but it's slow, very slow.  
As soon I see what might be true and full of wonder  
the light disappears, and my heart closes like thunder.  
I'm blind again. I almost saw once more.  
I'm sorry if I hurt you, don't go out the door.  
I don't know when I'll see again,  
But please don't leave, I need a friend.  
Hold my hand, I'm afraid, I'm lost.  
I want to make you happy, at all cost.  
I know it's not easy dealing with me,  
Yet, I would give anything if I could see.

Are you having trouble relating to the female population because of how you dress? Do you feel your boyfriend is slipping away into someone else's arms? Okay Aggies, you asked for it and it's here, your own personal advice column at the A&T Register called *What's Up Nikki!*.. a question and answer column designed to help our readers with their problems. If you need Nikki's advice please follow these guidelines:

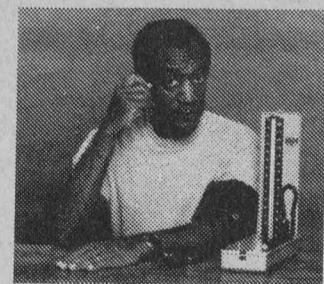
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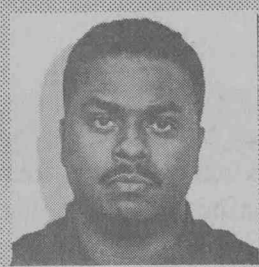
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# OPINION



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## Why ask Why?

A popular beer commercial poses various rhetorical, yet comical questions about different problems a person might encounter. The answer that is given is "Why ask Why?" Some things I see and read about black people, leave me with the same perplexing answer, "Why ask Why?", minus the humor.

Whenever a professional sports team wins a championship, the city usually holds a parade in honor of the team. This week Dallas had a Superbowl parade planned. The parade started as most do; a lot of cheering and waving. But something went wrong. Violence broke out. One young black man was interviewed and gave some very disturbing answers. The young man was asked why he was fighting. He said they were getting white people back since "they beat us during slavery." I can understand a feeling of hostility, but the actions are unjustifiable. Why physically attack innocent people just because they are white? Oh, I forgot, "Why ask Why?"

On a different note, Arthur Ashe, tennis player and great activist for civil rights in America and around the world died last week. Ashe transcended athletics and used his prominence to address issues and champion causes that affected the masses. Ashe showed that with persistence, practice, and patience, a black man can achieve any goal, spiritual or physical.

Many black athletes were asked how they felt about Ashe and the way he lived his life. Great NFL running back and actor Jim Brown, gave some good answers and asked some interesting questions. Brown said many athletes today, like Arthur Ashe, have come a long way, especially financially. Brown went on to say that unlike Ashe most black athletes are doing nothing for their communities.

Brown is currently involved with gang unification efforts, mainly on the west coast. He is trying to do more than retire to play golf; he's trying to make a difference. Brown said most professional black athletes are not accessible to provide needed role models in the communities, and that it was shameful. After hearing this interview, I wondered why black athletes do not contribute more to black communities? Why aren't these influential people using their lobbying power to combat more than a contract dispute? Then I remembered, "Why Ask Why."

We can't give up that easy. We must continue to look for solutions to the problems that afflict our communities and race. We represent the future of Black America and unless some of the "Why Ask Why's" turn into definite answers, we might find ourselves sitting at the back of the bus singing "We Shall Overcome," that's why.



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## True Love??

What's love got to do, got to do with it; what's love, but a second hand emotion; what's love got to do, got to do with it; who needs a heart, when a heart can be broken.....words to live by as another heart throbbing holiday draws near; look out tender souls, it's Valentine's Day.

Here we have 'one' day where candy, big hearts, hugs and kisses, roses, balloons, and romantic rendezvous take center stage. But why only on Saint Valentine's day? Has relationships turned dependant on material items and money.....can't we indulge in true love without the hype?

Is love the real reason for the hype or has all men and women turned spoiled by the easy way out. It's so convenient now to run out and buy something to prove our love. From my prospective, the proof should lie within. But as my co-editor says, why ask why? I will say this, however, those material love tools will help you save face on occasion,..... but still.

As I began to assess the concept of love (as interpreted by me), I wanted to first define love. Love is showing affection or strong feelings for another person, or to simply have a strong likeness for another. Does affection automatically constitute love?

On the flip side of all of this, a holiday such as this will make the lonely heart even lonelier. The lonely heart hears about love on radio, reads about it in books or newspapers, or turns on the television for some in your face love affairs. What can the lonely heart do on a holiday such as this? Where is Dr. Ruth when you need her?

Greg M. Williams, the mad editor (above) has some words of caution about love. "Being in love is like walking through a cow pasture; if you walk carefully all is fine, but one mental lapse and you're in a big mess. Proceed cautiously," he said.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Let me set the record straight; A&T has a reputation for fighting, but it is not a deserved reputation. If the truth be known, we protect our own. Each fight that we have been involved in has never been started by us, but we somehow always get the blame.

Cases in point: The infamous (as has been stated) brawl was not the first confrontation between A&T and NCCU (North Carolina Central University), but let's hope it's the last. The brawl, as it's being called, was nothing; it only seemed that way because of so much media attention, which is the way it will always be for black schools. (Get used to it).

In 1966, A&T and NCCU has what you could really call a brawl on the NCCU campus. Their football

team attacked our basketball team and took no prisoners. They attacked anyone with Aggie colors on, including female cheerleaders. It did not end in 15-20 minutes as most fights do; the fighting was all over the entire campus.

In 1969, A&T and St. Augustine's College got into a fight between the basketball teams. The player from St. Aug's slugged our starting center, breaking his jaw, and immediately a fight broke out in the stands between their students and ours. Again, we did not start the fracas. If it had not been for eight (A&T) Omega Psi Phi students (present), we would have been in serious trouble.

Last year at the Spring Fling, we had a couple of incidents that made the news, especially USA Today. But did anyone else see two

back pages, where Southern Illinois University had a riot the same weekend and tear gas was used to quell 1,500 students?

The reason I stated the incidents above was to make a point that we have been involved in a few fights, but we never started any of them and we always get the blame. The motto of everyone to this day has been "Beat A&T, even if you don't win another game all season."

When you're a winner and one of the best black universities in the nation, everyone wants to bring you down, no matter the cost. The media will always pound on the negative instead of the positive when it comes to A&T.

Aggies have been winners for decades and will continue to be so, but the

only problem I have with you young Aggies is that you holler "Aggie Pride" and then you turn around and fight each other. What kind of "Aggie Pride" is that? That was unheard of on this campus — Aggies fighting Aggies — and it must cease now!

To Mr. Sutton (A&T Register advisor): you're right. You do have to report the news, even if it concerns A&T, good or bad. But next time, have your reporters get more in-depth with their reporting. Just as the referees missed the initial blow that incited everything — which is normally the case — your reporters should have been doing more research as to causes, effects and what can be done to prevent this from ever happening again.

**David Green**  
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## Sometimes a revolution begins with a whisper

by Mike Sutton  
Register Advisor

Often a revolution begins with the quietest of sounds.

But for most A&T students, the word "revolution" no doubt brings very different sounds and images to mind: the staccato chatter of automatic weapons fire on the streets of Los Angeles; the stamping of hundreds of marching feet and the shouting of angry slogans as student demonstrators demanding mandatory African-American studies march on the Dowdy Building.

Yet the revolution that shook the South 33 years ago this month started almost silently, with the soft whisper of trouser fabric on plastic

seats, as four A&T students took their places at a segregated lunch counter at Woolworth's in Greensboro.

Their demands? Nothing extraordinary at all. They didn't shout for social justice; they simply and politely asked for lunch. Their stubborn dignity, often in the face of physical threats, set off shockwaves across the state.

Sometimes, it's important to remember that not all revolutionary acts are dramatic or telegenic. Imagine Thomas Jefferson's crowquill pen scratching periodically on a piece of parchment on a sultry, summer night as he penned the first drafts of the Declaration of Independence. Or the barely perceptible squeaking of a ball-point pen

as U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall wrote the legal opinions that would cast segregated schools on the ash-heap of history. If you listen closely, you might hear President Lyndon Johnson's sleeve rubbing against a piece of civil rights legislation as he signed it into law. Or the creak of a desk chair as President Abraham Lincoln leaned back to ponder the Emancipation Proclamation.

The thunderous and heart-stirring words of men like Martin Luther King, Jr., and the searing social commentary of others like Malcolm X tend to dominate the celebration of Black History Month.

But perhaps, somewhere, at this very moment, someone is thinking the words that will stir a new

generation. It may even be occurring on this very campus, amid the paper-strewn office of a faculty member or in the hushed corridors of the library.

Listen for it. In the squeal of an uncoiled desk chair as a chancellor or vice-chancellor ponders the question of what it might mean to be an African-American student at A&T in 1993. In the ruffle of turning pages as a freshman reads Alex Haley's "Autobiography of Malcolm X" for the first time.

Revolutions don't need to be loud. After all, that most dramatic revolutionary act — the opening of one's mind to undreamt of possibilities — makes no sound at all.

## Commentary: "Striving To Be....."

"A real man accepts responsibility and does not blame circumstances for his actions. We as brothers, as Black men in America, must develop the courage to take responsibility for our actions, good and bad. There's so much to be done!! I'm striving to be a strong and sincere Black man because I owe a lot of people."

Shareif Daoud Hall owes a lot of people. He owes his mother, his former teachers, his friends, and God. A 25-year-old native of Philadelphia, Shareif burns inside from the great level of respect he has for those who have taught him how to learn and live. The lessons have not come easy.

"I was labeled a troublemaker growing up", explains Shareif. "My teachers would always label me. So I decided that as a troublemaker, it was my job to make trouble! Had it not

been for the discipline from my mother and the guidance from teachers that cared, I wouldn't be in college today. That's why I chose Elementary Education as my major. There are a lot of young brothers and sisters out there with the same attitude I had towards school and life. Since I went through some hard times I can identify with what's going on."

Shareif is thankful to be in college. He's thankful to be alive. "If I had remained on that negative path, I'd be dead, in jail, or just plain crazy. Most of my old running partners are gone or on their way out. Our debt is to those who have educated us. All people should strive to be teachers. There is more to education than class room work. We must educate those we come in contact with. We have to become very serious about the education of our

children. I'm going to be a teacher that teaches students how to make correct life choices."

Being a teacher is an important job. Teachers must be knowledgeable of various subjects and in control of themselves emotionally and mentally. "Right now I'm doing some heavy introspection", says Shareif. "I've got the pieces of the puzzle, now it's time to put them all together. I definitely need to pray more. Without a strong spiritual base you will run into some heavy problems. I need more discipline and consistency. Sometimes it's hard to shake off the negative vibes. However, I'm willing to do whatever it takes to improve myself and pay back my debt."

Shareif is optimistic about the future. He plans to move on to graduate school after leaving North Carolina

A&T. He is confident in his ability to make a difference in the life of our children. His drive to do fuels his internal striving to be.....PEACE, Eric Short

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