Davis leaves financial aid post

By Saundra Hunter
Staff Writer

“When I was growing up, I always prayed that I would have a lot of money and be able to help a lot of people. And my grandmother always told me to be careful about what I prayed for because I just might get it. Well I do manage a lot of money and I help a lot of people. I just forgot to tell God I wanted it to be my money,” said Dolores Davis, financial aid director, as she reflected on her 20-year career at A&T as it comes to an end.

Davis has been hired as the new financial aid director at Hampton University.

She started her career in financial aid at A&T as an undergraduate majoring in business. She went on to receive her master’s in business management from A&T.

As a bright-eyed freshman from Charlotte, Davis began working in the financial aid office as a work study student.

“I guess my greatest accomplishment has been working my way up from a work study clerk to the director,” she said.

Davis fondly remembers her days as a work study clerk. Everything was done manually and all work was done out of cardboard boxes, she said.

Davis attributes the biggest change in the Financial Aid Department to “automation and centralization of data.” She views A&T’s biggest problem as “limited resources in order to meet the demands of students.”

“Foot” Kata: a physical and mental challenge

By Corwin Thomas
Staff Writer

“I stress discipline and respect so it can affect the student’s lives at school, home, in society and holistically.”

This is just one of the rules Dr. Gilbert Casterlow, a professor in A&T’s Math Department, teaches in his Japanese Karate class, which consists of A&T students as well as area students.

The class is held during evenings on weekdays in Holt Gym.

Freshman Julian Cheefus, a chemical engineering major, who enrolled in the class last semester, said “I have learned discipline and confidence.”

Assisting Casterlow in instructing the students is Willie “Foot” Hariston.

Hariston was recently ranked third in the world after finishing third out of 37 athletes in the 1993 National Black Belt League World Championship in New Orleans in December.

Hariston was named “Foot” by Casterlow because he resembles former undefeated Karate champion Bill Wallace when he kicks and wreaps up. Hariston has been a Karate instructor for more than 17 years at A&T.

Casterlow, an A&T alumnus, has practiced Karate for 26 years and has taught at A&T for 17 years.

At the beginning of his Karate career, Casterlow worked with A&T alumni such as the late astronaut Ronald McNair and Judge Laurence Swainye. Casterlow recalled when he and McNair practiced breaking bricks with their heads and hands. McNair went on to win first place honors in A&T’s first Karate tournament in 1971. McNair broke 12 inches of concrete in the contest.

“Not only does Casterlow teach his students Karate techniques, “I teach them self respect, respect for others and leadership skills,” he said.

Mohammed Dennis, a junior electrical engineering major, said he began taking Karate classes for self defense and because he is a member of the Fruit of Islam.

Dr. Gilbert Casterlow congratulates Willie “Foot” Hariston, his World Champion Karate success

Another student, James C. Kirkby, a junior electrical engineering major, said “Karate has been a life long interest,”

Kirkby competed in the Southeastern Open Tournament last April, placing first in Kata, second in fighting and third in fighting Kata. Kata is the physical movements of Karate without contact.

Karate is more than physical strength, its also mental, explained Casterlow.

“Karate is 10 percent physical and 90 percent mental. Teaching students how to focus mentally is one of the most important training methods in Karate,” he said.

The fact that Karate helps students focus is reflected in their grades. Most students in Casterlow’s class are on A&T’s Dean’s List or honor roll.

Ann-Cheri Fox, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said “I have become more a positive thinker and it helps me focus better.”

Casterlow said he believes in his students, and tries to instill in them high morals, often telling them “If you are going to pick a role model, pick a positive one, not just someone off the street.”
Two girls robbed at gunpoint

By Ayanna Brown and Corvina Thomas

Two residents of Alex Haley Hall were robbed at gunpoint in the dormitory’s parking lot last Friday night.

According to police reports, the suspects were three males, all around the age of 20. The victims reported that they saw the males approach them as they got out of their car.

One suspect then pulled a mask over his face while aiming a small caliber handgun at one of the victim’s head.

The suspects fled from the scene, police reports said.

The victims were not injured, but loss more than $700 in money and personal belongings.

In other reports:

January 24

• A male, who does not attend A&T, was arrested on drug charges while visiting his cousin in Cooper Hall.

• Police confiscated 22 bags of marijuana from Yasin Sadig Muhammad, 21, of New Jersey.

• Muhammad was charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver. He was transported to the Guilford County Magistrate’s office and placed under a $10,000 secured bond.

January 21

• A student was pulled from the swimming pool in Corbett Gym by Dr. Leonard Dudka, associate professor of the Physical Education Department.

• According to police reports, Dudka immediately began CPR on the student who was not breathing and did not have a pulse when he was pulled from the pool.

• Within minutes, EMS arrived and transported the victim to Moses Cone Hospital, police reports said.

The student was treated and released from the hospital.

Wednesday, January 19

• A smoking pipe and a pack of J&B 151 cigaretted papers were found in a Scott-B room when two A&T security officers searched the room after smelling marijuana in the hall.

• The three students inside the room denied owning the drug paraphernalia, telling the officers that it belonged to one of the males’ roommates. No one was charged according to the police report.

Tuesday, January 18

• A male student was taken to Moses Cone after being assaulted by a resident of Morrison Hall.

• The male student, a resident of Cooper Hall, was visiting a friend in VanStory Hall when a female came in the room and struck him on the head with a scrub brush leaving a cut, reports said. The victim was taken to A&T’s infirmary and then transported to Moses Cone Memorial Hospital.

• The victim told police he was struck because he was cheating on his girlfriend, and the suspect further stated that she had been dating the victim for two years. No charges were filed.

Monday, January 17

• A student’s bookbag was stolen while she worked in the office of Haley Hall, police reports say.

• The student reported that she left the office for about five minutes to answer a phone call. When she returned, her bookbag was gone.

• Inside the bookbag was a calculator, a folder, a notebook and pens and pencils. No one has been arrested in the case, police said.

Saturday, January 15

• Three students were found smoking marijuana inside a room on the fourth floor of Cooper Hall after an A&T security officer smelled smoke in the hall.

• Once inside the room, security found three males, two of which were residents of Cooper Hall and another who was a resident of Scott-A. After searching the room and questioning the suspects, two of the males denied smoking the marijuana.

Friday, January 14

• A resident of Barbee Hall reported to police that someone had been making obscene phone calls to her since November.

• After giving her phone number to a male student, the victim received phone calls once a week up until December 15. The phone calls started again on January 7 and continued every day until January 14. A&T police said they have an idea who the caller might be, but have made no arrests in the case.

Overseas trip offers invaluable experiences

EXPERIENCES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 'UNFORGETTABLE' FOR A&T STUDENT

A&T Information Services

After a 16-week stay in the Dominican Republic, A&T student Duane Canady, is convinced that he has what it takes to achieve a career in international relations.

Canady, a senior political science major with a minor in Spanish, wanted to secure some international experiences before he graduated from college, so he orchestrated his own trip to the tiny Caribbean nation.

As a result of his intensive study at the Pontifica Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra, he said his language proficiency has increased 110 percent.

"I really matured," he said, "and my study and travel made me realize how important it is to work with people. I also learned how to appreciate my country more. "Prior to going to the Dominican Republic, Canady, a native of any Mebane, said he had never done any travel, "had never been out of the country, nor had he ever flown in an airplane."

He said he got the idea for the trip because he "wanted to learn Spanish in an environment where I was forced to speak the language."

One of his political science professors, Dr. Samuel Mosley, told him about a study opportunity in the Dominican Republic but he needed $7,000 to cover expenses and his tuition. He generated this by securing encouragement and contributions from Chancellor Edward B. Fort, Academic Vice Chancellor, Dr. Edward B. Hayes; and from Dudley Products, Inc.

"After talking with Mr. Canady, I was convinced that he is motivated to do well in the field of international relations," said Fort.

He arrived in the Dominican Republic last August and immersed himself in Spanish grammar conversation, culture and society, and Latin American cinema.

Canady said he will always cherish memories of his trip. "It was fruitful, zestful and unforgettable."

Fort pleased with Ph.D. students

A&T Information Services

An air of celebration prevailed at A&T when its first doctoral students reported to the campus last Friday.

"You are a part of history," said A&T Chancellor, Dr. Edward B. Fort, "because this is the first time that a Ph.D. degree in engineering has been authorized for a minority institution in this state."

Fort emphasized the diversity of the initial engineering Ph.D. class. "You have come to A&T from Vietnam to Kenya to Greensboro to Tuskegee, Ala., " he said, "You will have something to remember as you are the first of a long line of outstandingly educated engineering students."

Fort urged the scholars to be extremely serious, "It will not be easy, rather it will be demanding," he said. "After the completion, you will all come out as winners. We shall continue to assist you as you go through this program and in job placement."

Also on hand to greet the new students were Dr. Harold Martin, dean of the A&T school of engineering, and his administrative staff.

"This is an outstanding class and we are very well pleased with it," he said. "We had 100-150 inquiries about the new program, 23 students applied, we issued letters of acceptance to 15 students, and 13 of them reported for class. That's good. We hope to increase the number to at least 25 by the next semester."

For years, A&T has played a leadership role in the graduation of black engineers.
A&T wins national technology award for leadership

A&T INFORMATION SERVICES

A&T recently won the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) "Outstanding Student Chapter Award."

The National Association of Industrial Technology is an organization that keeps pace with the changing technologies of the world. They are the leading governing accreditation force for the Schools of Technology and accredit certain programs at universities as well as set-up strict guidelines for technology curriculums to follow. A&T received this award for their dedication and commitment to the organization. They have a very strong membership with about 50 members. The student division participates with plant tours, banquets, fund-raisers, community services and the sharing of new technology.

By becoming a member of NAIT, all seniors will be eligible to become certified. Certified Industrial Technologist are recognized students who complete an undergraduate degree from an accredited university.

A&T has just been re-accredited by NAIT for another seven years and is recognized around the country for their leadership in technology.

Greeks meet to talk relationships, responsibilities

SIXTH ANNUAL PAN-HELLENIC SUMMIT TO BE HELD AT A&T

A&T INFORMATION SERVICES

The Division of Student Affairs will sponsor the Sixth Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit Thursday and Friday.

The event will be held in the Ronald E. McNair Auditorium on campus. Participants will include Pan-Hellenic regional directors, national officers, district representatives, graduate and undergraduate members of Greek Letter Organizations in this area and surrounding states.

The keynote speaker for the summit this year is attorney Robert L. Harris, the National Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

He will address the summit theme, "Perceptions of Greek Letter Organizations: Making Our Reality Match Our Rhetoric," at 7 p.m. Friday in McNair Auditorium.

Harris is a native of Arkadelphia, Ark., and earned a bachelor of arts degree from San Francisco State University. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California's School of Law. Harris has also completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Business, as well as the Management Development Program from Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

Presently, Harris serves as executive assistant to the president of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, one of the largest utility companies in the United States, executive assistant to the president, Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Robert C. Duckworth, a senior economics major at A&T, will be the luncheon speaker at noon Saturday in Williams Cafeteria. Duckworth is Junior Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity inc.

Other features of the summit include a student collegiate panel discussion on "Perceptions of Greek Letter Organizations: Making Our Reality Match Our Rhetoric." The panelists will be Carlton Brooks, Jason Moore, Steve Ollison, Travis Telfaire, Olivia Boone, Ramona Dunlap, Devirda Cooper and Crystal Sterling.

There will be several seminars including morning and afternoon sessions. The seminars will be on "Maintaining Healthy Relationships Between Undergraduate and Graduate Chapters," "Legal Responsibilities and Implications for Sororities and Fraternities," "A House Divided: In House Relationships Among Campus Chapters," and "Was I Made Right? The Dilemma of Intake."

Facilitators for the seminars will be Dr. Dudley Flood, executive director of the N.C. Association of School Administrators; the Rev. Barbara Woods-Washington, vice president of Office Transformation Systems, Nashville, Tenn.; Maurice Butler-Ferguson, assistant legal counsel at A&T; and the Rev. Carl Manuel Jr., pastor of St. James A.M.E Church.

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ARTISTICALLY CORRECT

By Trevor L. Wooten
Artist/Cartoonist

Violence appears to dominate each day of our existence on this planet. Violent actions beget violent reactions, ultimately escalating into a moral tragedy.

It seems that the media would have one believe that such artistic endeavors as musical projects, movies, television shows, and in some cases, fine art projects, are the main influence, if not the sole cause, of violence. However, this myth can be quickly dispelled through logical analysis.

As an artist who communicates through both visual and written media, and having spent years studying the methods of and learning from artists of various backgrounds, I can assure the reader that no one creates in a vacuum.

Regardless of the imaginative prowess of the artist, every work of art that has ever been created or that will be created in the future has had very definite shaping influences. Art is a reflection of the artist’s life experiences, filtered through his or her imagination and shaped by emotional reactions to those experiences. Therefore, nothing has ever appeared in any artistic medium that was not present in the real world beforehand.

It is shockingly ironic that a society as historically and innately violent as America’s would raise this camouflage on violence and choose to ignore the true sources of society’s deterioration.

Ours is a society in which wars are glorified and are considered the only resolution when changes must be implemented within the society. The American Revolution, The Civil War, and the racial conflicts of the 1960’s are but a few examples. Whenever there is military conflict, can U.S. troops be far away? Violent intent and respect have become inextricably linked in our minds.

Likewise, one must consider historical data. There was no current Sylvester Stallone film when Cain killed his brother Abel. I don’t think that Adolf Hitler and Charles Manson were gangster rappers and the Branch Davidians were never a heavy metal band. Are the Ku Klux Klan a group of starving painters struggling for acceptance? Was Rodney King attacked because of subliminal messages in a song or because he was alone and African-American?

The fact of the matter is youth within this society are subjected to violence and hypocrisy very early in life, directly through their living environment. Parents who do not offer the proper guidance and discipline can hinder a child’s development far more than any movie or song. These neglected youth—victims of indifference and ignorance—are then saddled with the huge responsibility of becoming responsible adults. If they do not meet the task, let’s not say that it is because Michael Jordan was gambling or because Snoop Doggy Dog was arrested.

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The People Speak...

Students speak: What can be done about black on black violence?

by Saundra R. Hunter
Staff Writer

During the week of Jan. 10, 1994, Newsweek magazine highlighted the “Stop the Violence and Save the Children” conference held in Washington, D.C. The conference, sponsored by the National Rainbow Coalition and the Congressional Black Caucus, focused on the issue of African-Americans ending up as both victims and perpetrators of murders committed in the United States, and what should be done about this national crisis.

In 1992, the FBI reported 23,760 murders; 11,775 of those murder victims were black. In the cases where the perpetrators were known, 94 percent of black victims were slain by other blacks.

As Jesse Jackson and other civil rights leaders come together to find some solutions to the problem, students and faculty at NC A&T have some ideas of their own.

“I think it starts with respect. We need to start loving each other and thinking of each other as brothers and sisters. By killing each other we are losing momentum at a time when we need to be gaining momentum in the continuous struggle for civil rights. If we continue down the road we are traveling, the Ku Klux Klan and Neo-Nazis can just sit back and watch as we kill ourselves off,” said Shevonne Martin, senior, biology major.

“I think it has to do with the fact that we no longer value human life. The basis lessons we are taught as youth, that you don’t steal, cheat or lie, are not observed as we get older,” said Dr. Michael Simms, chairperson, economics and transportation department.

“I don’t think killing off our own is right. And about what to do to solve black on black violence? That’s a hard question to answer. It starts by teaching the value of life. You can teach children the value of life by becoming more family, church, and community oriented,” said Christian Lindsey, sophomore, accounting major.

“Blacks are victims as well as perpetrators because we as a people are jealous—jealous because we cannot appreciate one another’s success. We compete rather than encourage, and in return we victimize our own race. We can solve this problem by establishing a closer relationship with God. Once we renew our minds, we can begin to see life for what it really is...U.N.I.T.Y.,” said Laquisha McMiller, junior, architectural engineering major.
European facism is racism abroad

By Dr. Manning Marable
Columnist

I stood on a Paris street last month, as darkening clouds rumbled above. Beneath intermittent showers, marching in crude military formation, were several hundred members of the French racist political party, the National Front. Most of the party members were wearing casual work clothes, blue jeans and worn leather jackets. The majority of demonstrators appeared to be in their twenties and thirties. All were shouting and all were white.

I followed the motley procession as it made its way from the Boulevard Raquel through the business district of the narrow Rue De Rennes, on the city’s Left Bank. National Front members and their supporters were busy posting racist flyers on the walls of dozens of buildings and doorways. Several attack French participation in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations, which were just being concluded in Geneva, Switzerland. Another flyer condemned symbols of “American Imperialism” which supposedly undermined French culture. The symbols included the Statue of Liberty—which had been made in France originally and given to America as a gift—the trademark of McDonald’s hamburger chain, and a gross depiction of an African-American basketball player, with huge lips and grotesque eyes. The National Front’s slogans were provocative: “France for the French!” “Immigrants Out of Europe!”

The demonstration blocked an intersection, trapping a small automobile. Evidently, the driver made the mistake of showing his outrage at the fascists. National Front members surrounded the vehicle and pounded it furiously with their feet and fists. The motorist fled for safety, as his automobile was smashed. As the panic in the streets escalated, I wondered aloud, “Where are the French police?”

Saturday afternoon shoppers who had come to the busy district for Christmas shopping now huddled anxiously against the walls of the brightly decorated buildings. One elderly woman with red hair, perhaps a survivor of the German occupation of France a half century ago, was not intimidated. Stepping forward, she bitingly denounced the young thugs: “Fascists!”

When the demonstrators reached a McDonald’s restaurant, they began to shout in unison, pounding against the large glass windows and doors. Terrified patrons and employees fled. Then from the rear of the mob, about 20 “skinheads,” covering their faces with red handkerchiefs, sprinted forward. They smashed a large plate glass window in the front of the restaurant, as well as the front doors. Triumphantly and cheering, the National Front members marched to the Tour Montparnasse, thrashing their rain-soaked racist banners into the dark sky. Once more, the police were nowhere to be found.

The neofascist National Front has tens of thousands of members and has garnered the support of several million French citizens. The Front appeals chiefly to the country’s unemployed and working class whites, who feel that they are losing their jobs to nonwhite immigrants. By purging Arabs, Africans and others lacking French citizenship from the country, the Front declares, poor whites will advance economically.

Fascist, anti-Semitic and racist movements are growing rapidly across Europe in the post-Cold War period. In the past three years, right-wing extremists in Germany have murdered 30 nonwhites, and have burned the homes of Turkish and African workers. In Russia’s recent parliamentary elections, the racist and ultranationalist party of Vladimir Zhirinovsky received significant support. In Italy, the granddaughter of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, running on a reactionary program, was only narrowly defeated in her bid for mayor of the city of Naples.

The near political outlook in Europe is more dangerous today perhaps than at any time since the defeat of Hitler’s fascism 50 years ago. As the real wages of white workers fall and unemployment grows, the foundations for scapegoat politics and ethnic chauvinism increase. We must monitor closely the growth of parties like the National Front, and provide support whenever possible to progressive and anti-racist organizations throughout Europe. As Paul Robeson, W.E.B. Du Bois and Malcolm X all observed, the struggle against racism must be waged internationally.

As I walked toward my hotel after the National Front’s rally, I encountered one final poster, the most vicious of all. A white man was shown under violent assault, with two black hands covering his mouth from behind. The slogan beneath read simply: “Freedom of Expression for Whites!”

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A&I holds too many memories for Davis

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ties.” Due to the death of her husband in March of last year, Davis feels that, “in order to continue to grow in my career and my life, I have to move on.”

Davis met her husband at A&I during their undergraduate years. After graduating they continued to reside and raise two children in Greensboro.

The move to Hampton will give Davis the opportunity to manage a staff of 12 and a student enrollment of 5,500. “I can bring a lot to Hampton. Hampton has a lot to offer me. I welcome the change and challenge.”

As she welcomes the change and the challenge of Hampton, A&I is faced with the task of finding someone to continue the legacy she leaves behind.

Special program remembers alumnus and astronaut Ronald E. McNair

A&T Information Services

A commemorative memorial program honoring the late astronaut, Dr. Ronald E. McNair, was held at A&T Friday in McNair Hall Auditorium.

McNair, an A&T graduate, was killed in the crash of the Space Shuttle Challenger January 28, 1986.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Wesley L. Harris, associate administrator for Aeronautics at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Harris is responsible for strategy, planning, advocacy and direction of NASA’s Aeronautics research programs and for institutional management of NASA’s Langley, Lewis and Ames Research Centers and Ames-Dryden Flight Research Facility.

One of Harris’ key accomplishments was focusing UTSI’s research activities on five selected areas: large-scale mathematical computations, environmental concerns, laser applications, space propulsion and energy. As a result, UTSI made great strides toward its goal of becoming the premier aerospace research center in the Southeast.

Harris is a member of the U.S. Army Science Board, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Helicopter Society, American Physical Society, Mathematical Association of America, National Management Association and the National Technical Association.

Since McNair’s death, several scholarships have been set up in his name.
On Campus
This Spring:
America’s New
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Martin Marietta and GE Aerospace have teamed up to form the world’s largest aerospace/electronics enterprise. The new Martin Marietta is a $10 billion diversified high-technology company, with more than 87,000 employees in 37 states.

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MARTIN MARIETTA
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A Bad Situation For Everyone Involved...

Due to a scuffle, teammates Chris Johnson and Jamaine Williams were suspended from the Aggies basketball team, missing the Morgan State, Howard, Coppin State and Bethune-Cookman games. Johnson, returned to the Aggies squad when the team played North Carolina Central at the Greensboro Coliseum, but Williams was absent from that game.

A two time all-conference winner who was expected to be MEAC Player of the Year, Williams apparently has been ousted from the team for good by A&T first-year coach, Jeff Capel.

Will this turn of events ultimately end Williams' basketball career before it even begins? When approached by reporters, Capel refused to comment on the issue.

Before everyone starts to criticize Capel, they should know both sides of the story. It's too bad Capel will not reveal his side. Williams, on the other hand, has been opening up to local and campus reporters. He says he doesn't have any hard feelings toward Capel, but it's obvious they do not see eye-to-eye on many things. Williams says he questioned some of Capel's decisions. The way I see it, this leaves Williams with the facts: Capel is the coach and he is the player. That's the bottom line.

I must say it is definitely an unfortunate situation for everyone involved. The Aggies could use some of Williams' senior leadership on the court and Williams would benefit from playing his senior year. No one knows why Capel isn't talking to the media. Maybe he doesn't want to distract the team, or maybe he feels the real story isn't the public's business. Whatever the reason, until Capel decides to talk, no one should pass judgment on who is the "bad guy."

A&T's Wonder Woman...

Last year, senior Kim Tuttle did just about everything for the Lady Aggies, except drive the bus on away games. Tuttle pitched every game last year for the Ladies softball team, and was one of, if not the best, Aggie hitter.

This year, Tuttle may have more help on the mound. Even with that in mind, don't look for her work load to diminish. This year, she is one of three captains for the Aggies softball team, and should be a candidate for Player of the Year in the conference. Look for Tuttle to start her campaign for Player of the Year against South Carolina State Feb. 16.

Non-conference Blowouts...

The MEAC non-conference schedule included many top-ranked teams. Of course, there were a lot of blowouts in those games. A&T loss big to Ohio State, while Coppin State played the likes of Boston College, Missouri and Virginia. And I hate to even mention the thrashing Delaware State took at the hands of then No. 1 Arkansas. With the exception of the Coppin State-Virginia match-up, these games weren't worth playing. Which makes me wonder why they are played.

Most coaches prefer easy games at the beginning of the season to give their players a chance to get comfortable with the system. However, I just don't see how blowing someone out by 30 points helps the players. The players don't gain anything from it and it makes for boring December basketball.

The fact is most teams that play tough non-conference opponents tend to do better in the NCAA tournament (ex: the Duke Blue Devils). It's not that the MEAC is not a great conference, but they don't have the tools that some of the other conferences have in terms of recruiting. I think some of those non-conference blowout games should be at least limited to a minimum number (very small).

This may sound like a cliche but "It's just not good for college basketball."

Sports Editor, Brian Holloway's column appears bi-weekly.

A review:

The young but not restless

By Brian Holloway

The Aggies have played as hard as any other team in the nation this season—for 35 minutes.

Their trouble is finishing games. Earlier this season against Howard, the team led most of the game before losing steam in the closing minutes. In another contest, they had MEAC favorite Coppin State on the ropes before an 11-2 Coppin State run ended the Aggies upset bid.

“We have finished games well, but what we also haven't done is finished halves well,” said Coach Jeff Capel.

The most evident case of the
By Archie Clark
Staff Writer

A&T's senior basketball star Jamaine Williams wants to return to the struggling Aggies, but he may be watching the remainder of the season from the stands.

Williams was suspended from the team for fighting teammate Chris Johnson before practice on Jan. 6. Johnson was reinstated just before the North Carolina Central game. Shortly thereafter, Capel announced that Williams had been banished from the team for good.

Williams is sorry and "embarrassed" by his dismissal and is hopeful for a second chance.

According to Williams, the problem is not only the fight between he and Johnson, but a personality conflict between himself and Capel.

"Capel described a couple things he does not like about the way I play," Williams said. "But people have different ways of hyping themselves on the court. That is just the zone I get into. He didn't agree with that. I can sort of understand."

Disgruntled fans are becoming reluctant to watch the Aggies lose as their record without Williams stands at 5-4. Williams' friends have begun to circulate a petition to get him back on the team. At low points in A&T's games, it is not uncommon to hear the chant "We want Jamaine."

Capel has declined to comment on the dismissal, but says the Aggies have a "good chemistry" even in the absence of Williams.

Apparently, Williams had the opportunity to return to the team but did not take his suspension seriously.

"I just took it (the suspension) the wrong way. The whole thing could have been avoided if it weren't for a misunderstanding. I guess I wanted me to come straight to him that day and tell him I wanted to play ball," Williams said. "I made a mistake by not contacting him first."

Evidently, Capel was unwilling to receive Jamaine at his convenience.

Capel is a much respected coach who led Fayetteville State University to phenomenal success before coming to A&T. He is known as a strict disciplinarian, and is from p. 8

State: They are 4-10 overall.
Perhaps, one of the most positive points about this team is that every starter will be back next season. Until then, the Aggies still have a chance to have a respectable season.

"If we shoot the ball well and attack the glass, we can compete with any team in our conference," said Capel.
RA's necessary for dorm life
By Ayanna Brown
Staff Writer

If you've ever lived on A&T's campus, at some point in time, you've come in contact with dorm resident assistants, commonly called RA's.

RA's are often seen doing a variety of jobs, including helping solve a stressful problem between roommates or writing a student who has violated dormitory rules.

Most students agree having a RA in the residence halls is a necessity to dorm life.

"Yes, they are needed," says Purity Blake, a sophomore who resides in Barbee Hall, "because the dorm director is not always available."

RA's responsibilities are varied but include supervising and maintaining order in the dorm, conducting dorm meetings, handling complaints, managing instances, and ensuring that trespassers are prohibited from entering dorms.

Some students feel, however, that some of these tasks are neglected. "All they do is sit and watch people sign guests in and out," says Kendra Alexander of Alex Haley Hall.

In return for their work, RA's are paid $800 per semester, which can be credited toward tuition or collected in bi-weekly checks.

Asking the dorm director may seem like a breeze, but to many RA's this job is far from easy.

When asked what types of conflicts RA's face, Nicole Harris, who works in Vanstory Hall, said, "Being an RA is not always easy because some students feel because you're a student they don't have to listen."

In addition, serving as an RA is demanding because the job does not permit time for an outside life. Often, RA's must forgo parties and sports events to work.

On the other hand, working as an RA has its benefits.

Terry Dula, a former RA of Scott A, said, "It looks good on your resume, you sometimes get a room to yourself, and the pay is good."

Also, the job encourages leadership skills, enhances communication skills and offers the opportunity to help new students.

How do you become an RA?
An application must be submitted to the housing office along with three references from an advisor, professor and dorm director. Afterwards, a panel interview is held in which the interested students meet with a group of people and is asked a variety of questions. Finally, the individual must undergo a training course to become familiar with the rules and duties of being an RA.

Housing officials, as well as students, say the RA program at A&T has been successful. RA's effectively carry out their jobs while still maintaining a fun and safe dorm atmosphere.

"All of my experiences with RA's have been very positive," said sophomore Kelvin Houze.

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Age: 19

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Major: Public Relations
Hometown: Greenville, N.C.
Hobbies: Riding motorcycles, playing tennis
Birthday: Sept. 23, 1974

Motto: "Achieve what you strive for."

Important issue: Mandatory black studies
Kid-N-Play are at it again in ’94. This time, it’s a not aparent-out-of-town party or tuition-raising party, it’s a bachelor party. And to set the bachelor off right, they’ve invited some of their closest and craziest friends.

The cast includes everyone from Gilbert Godfrey to Chuckii Booker. Kid-N-Play play themselves, of course, along with TiHa Campbell returning as Sydney with Micheal Collier as Showboat, Bernie Mac as Kid’s Uncle Vester, Immature (Kid’s cousins) and TLC as the singing group Sex as a Weapon, just to name a few.

If you like Def Comedy Jam, you’ll like this movie, seeing as though it had the best of the Dcj roster in the cast. Plus, many of those familiar lines from Dcj yourface in this movie, like Bernie Mac’s “I ain’t scared of you…”

The story really begins when Play promises to sign Sex as a Weapon to Showboat Enterprises. This gives him the money to finance this party. Unfortunately for him, the promising young group doesn’t have the same ideas in mind.

When the group hasn’t signed Showboat’s contract, he comes after Kid-N-Play and his money.

Meanwhile, Kid-N-Play along with Play’s cousin’ “Starkey” (better known as David from MTV’s Real World) try around town spending the money. The first stop—an catering company run by ex-cons. Next, they put a deposit on a stripper.

Back at home, Kid’s cousins are managing to turn everything around. They arrange for the caterer and the stripper to come to the house instead of the hotel room. Guess who’s really having the party?

Another dilemma seems to be that the bride and groom are experiencing cold feet. This problem leads to the funniest scene in the entire movie, where both families come together to share what should have been a pleasant meal.

The only thing the viewer may not like about the movie is the bride. She wasn’t funny on Def Comedy Jam and her performance here is mediocre, “Party over here” somewhere else.

Without telling too much though, this movie, overall, was a good one. House Party 3 wasn’t exactly a belly-buster, but it is worth the five and a half bones just to get out of the house. It’s probably even funnier when the theater is packed.

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