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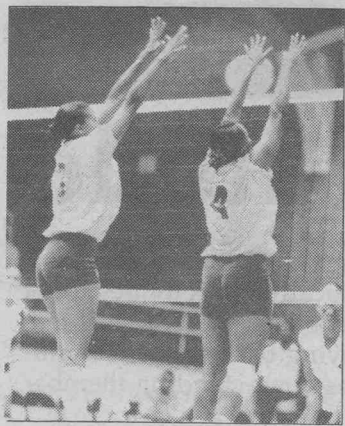
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The Lady Aggies volleyball team jumps to 8-11 record.

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# THE A&T Register

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## N.C. HBCUs gather for fifth Black College Day

By Kimberley Dixon  
Staff Writer

Seven of North Carolina's 11 historically Black colleges and universities convened at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte for the fifth annual Black College Day.

Tara Woods of Livingstone College in Salisbury welcomed the member schools of the N.C. Black Student Government Associations last week and read a Black College Day statement of purpose:

- To promote a beneficial exchange of ideas between Black colleges and universities.
- To educate students about their own spiritual, social, political and economic capabilities.
- To actively promote the viability of historically /predominantly Black colleges and universities.
- To open the lines of communication between

HBCUs and society at large.  
• To foster a profound sense of well-being among HBCU students.

Speaker for the event was the Rev. Mignonette E.M. Snypes, who addressed problems facing HBCUs and ways to solve them. She also spoke on how to keep the pride in Black colleges alive. After the speech, each SGA president spoke.

"NCBSU was founded on this campus five years ago," said JCSU SGA President Sandra Durham of Philadelphia. She added that the hardest part about planning the event was lack of participation from the other HBCUs.

"We had to go into our own budget (to help pay for the event)," she said.

With nearly 200 attending, A&T was represented by about 40 participants. The A&T SGA provided a bus.

Said senior Tina Moore of Rocky Mount: "I think

it was very beneficial that we were able to put aside our HBCU rivalries and come together for a common cause. The speakers addressed very important issues, and I'm looking forward to bringing those ideas back to A&T's campus."

Said sophomore Lateef Winston of Oklahoma City: "I thought it had good intentions, just a poor turnout. Everybody talks about how they want to change things, but they don't participate. How long are we going to keep talking and not acting?"

NCBSGA member schools are A&T, Barber-Scotia College, Bennett College, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, N.C. Central University, St. Augustine's College, Shaw University and Winston-Salem State University.

A few awards were presented to SGA presidents. A&T SGA President Arthur George Smith won the award for Best Delegate of 1997.

## It's Official Mass media confusion confuses the masses

By Jaimee Canty  
New Editor

102 JAMZ proudly presents the official Diamond Life Homecoming Concert, starring Erykah Badu, Busta Rhymes, Foxy Brown and KRS-1.

For a while radio spots on WJMH-FM (102 JAMZ) and WQMG-FM (Power 97) both promoted an event at the Greensboro Coliseum as "the official Aggie Homecoming Concert" on Oct. 25.

The same night, coincidentally, as the official A&T Homecoming concert in Corbett Sports Center on campus.

Rampage, Rare Essence and Redman are scheduled to perform on the yard. There will also be a special guest, rumored to be R&B vocalist

Usher. WQMG-FM (Power 97) Program Director Al Payne distanced himself from the ad, saying his station, owned by MaxMedia Radio, had "nothing to do with" the promotion.

Payne added that WQMG is not running the ad, though references to the "Aggie Homecoming concert" could be heard on the station as recent as this weekend.

WNAA-FM (90.1), A&T's campus radio station, is only airing ads promoting the concert set at Corbett.

Payne referred questions about the ad to his co-Program Director Brian Douglas, who also is program director for 102 JAMZ, also a MaxMedia property. Douglas did not return re-

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### Unique Models



Row 1—Robert Mercer; Row 2—Kevin Wallace, Michael Holiday, Damion, Dionna McTaw, Doc Burke; Row 3—Billy Johnson, Kristi Eason, Eric Branche, Michelle Dunston, Tre Jones, Jonathon Rivers, Ashley Caldwell, Sanchia Spoon, Marcus Scott, Kelly Wilcox

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Alumni feature: Ed Evans

## Living with AIDS through awareness

By Raegan Burden  
Staff Writer

A&T introduces ways of dealing with campus violence, mediation and student rights through its annual Safety Conference on Campus Safety.

Last week, the ninth observance was highlighted by the appearance of Rae Lewis-Thornton, a 35-year-old AIDS awareness motivational speaker. She casually strolled the aisles of the auditorium, telling the students about her ongoing battle with AIDS.

"I didn't come here to save your life," she said. "You have to save your own."

Before she tested positive for the AIDS virus at 23, Thornton was well-traveled and educated. Graduating magna cum laude from Northern Illinois University, and summa cum laude in graduate school at the University of Illinois, she was well on her way to a career in political science. Working on presidential campaigns for Jesse Jackson Sr. (1984) and Michael Dukakis (1988), she'd begun climbing the professional ladder in

Washington.

"I was contacted by the Red Cross in 1986, after I organized a blood drive for them. What I thought was a thank-you letter, was a letter telling me something was wrong," she said.

At the onset of the disease, Lewis-Thornton didn't tell family.

"I told my family when I could no longer hide it - when my dress size went from a size 12 to a size 6 in six months, and I got tired of hiding all my medicine around the house so no one

see *LEWIS-THORNTON*, page 5

# Couture hits runway with new attitude

By Shayla Nimmons  
Staff Writer

Couture, formally known as Mo'del Unique, is a new growing organization on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University. Many students are confused and unaware of exactly how and why this change in name and image came about. Students are wondering and are very eager to know.

What exactly is Couture? How is it different from Mo'del Unique? Are the members of Couture the same members that participated in Mo'del Unique? What is the inside gossip on this years homecoming show? Is this years homecoming show really going to portray a new, improved fashion group?

"Couture is an expression, it is a feeling of exclusivity. When you are a member of Couture, you are a member of an elite organization that uses fashion as an artistic means of expressing ourselves on the runway" said Keisha Dunston, Vice President of Couture.

When asked to explain why the name Mo'del Unique was changed to Couture, many members tended to agree on the same explanation.

"Mo'del Unique has such bad connotation with it, it had a very bad reputation. We are a whole new group, we have a lot of new members, we have a whole new Executive Board, except for our President, and a variety of fresh ideas. Basically everyone was just ready for a change, ready for an upgrade, and that is what Couture is an upgrade" also said Dunston.

The Executive Board holds the most important role when it comes to the existence of this elite organization. The Executive Board consist of seven intelligent and enthusiastic individuals ready to unleash this new organization to the students of North Carolina A&T State University.

The members include President, Portia Cherie Kee; Vice President Keisha Renee Dunston; Secretary, Tamara McGill; Treasurer, Kristi Eason; Director of Committees, Robyn Clemons; Miss Couture, Alexandria Delotch; and Mr. Couture, Robert Mercer.

Portia Kee, President of Couture, promises that this year will be one of the most successful years for this brand new organization. It has been apparent that everyone is anxious to know what Couture has to offer and very anxiously awaiting this years explosive homecoming show.

"As President, my main focus is creating a new image for Couture. I will be doing this by keeping the Executive board more involved which has failed to be done in the past. It would be nonproductive not to show all of what every individual has to offer. Couture was created to provide a positive outlet for students who express an interest in all area of the fashion industry, by promoting fashion oriented activities. The first peep into what Couture is really about will be at this years homecoming fashion show. It is sure to be the best one of all times so don't miss it!"

Other members of Couture show the same enthusiasm about the new group. It seems that everyone involved is ready to show A&T the essence of their new organization.

"Even though Couture is very new to me as well as time consuming, I can't wait to unleash my talents in this years homecoming show. The men of Couture are ready to show their fashion ability so everyone better watch out" said Errick Baldwin, first year member of Couture.

"Couture is very conducive for increasing my confidence within myself. I have an opportunity to get to know other Aggies as well as people I would not normally come in contact with. The network, the family, the unity, is always in existence when dealing with Couture.

"We are very productive and are all aware of the task we have before us. I looking forward to the fashion show because I know we are going to prove everyone wrong" says Saunya Williams, also a first-year member of Couture from Pittsburgh, Penn.

The feedback from last years homecoming fashion show seem to have a negative impact on the groups name and image. This years homecoming is promised to be better organized while creating a much more positive impact.

The theme of this years homecoming show is "The Resurrection", the title stemming from the

change in the groups name and image. We can expect scenes which include the men and women of Couture expressing their unique fashion ability while pleasing the audience at the same time. The spectators can look forward to a new improved as well more polished organization.

Couture is not just an organization set up to put on fashion shows, many disregard the fact that the members of Couture participate in fund-raisers as well as community service.

"We have started making plans for outside activities such as an safe sex drive, we are very in-

olved with Project Reach, and there has been a committee formed specifically for activities to let people know that we are not just all about fashion, but we are also about giving back to the community" says Tasheda Eagles, long-standing member of Couture.

Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., Couture will reveal "The Resurrection." If anyone has any doubts that this fashion show will not be one of the best homecoming activities, the members of Couture urge you to buy a ticket and await the transformation of Mo'del Unique in to the now new and improved Couture.

Interviews will be held on  
Monday, October 13th. See  
your Placement Office for details.

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**Fulbright Scholar Kojo Fosu to speak**

Dr. Kojo Fosu, Fulbright scholar-in-residence at A&T, will deliver a public lecture titled "African Contemporary Art: A Statement of Progress," 7 p.m. Oct. 14 in Room 123 Gibbs Hall on campus.

Fosu, from the University of Kumasi, Ghana, is widely published and well-known as an African-art scholar. He has taught in Kumasi and at Ahmadou Bella University in Zaria, Nigeria. He also has established art galleries in Nigeria and Ghana.

At A&T, Fosu teaches African art and history and is developing an exhibit on contemporary Ghanaian art and artists.

For information about the lecture, call Dr. Andrew Boeger at (910) 334-7834.

Send your announcements to The A&T Register located at 119 Nocho Street across from Graham Hall.

There will be a Powder Puff Football, intramural game 5:30 p.m. today in the Holland Bowl.

The Student Union Advisory Board is having a Table Tennis Tournament 6 p.m. today in the Student Union Gameroom.

As part of Freshman Week, come participate in Family Feud 6:30 p.m. today in Marteena Hall. Questions will focus on A&T and black history.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Hewlett Packard's Computer Engineering Lab 11 a.m. tomorrow in Cherry Hall, Room 213.

Student Activities will continue Senior Photo Sessions 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Memorial

Union, Rooms 209, 213.

Career Services Recruiting is taking place 2-5 p.m. tomorrow in the Memorial Student Union Lobby.

The second Couch Club Jazz Cafe for the year will be 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Memorial Union Ballroom. It costs \$3, no athletic wear allowed.

Students are invited to the 2nd Annual Gospel Splendor Concert 7-11 p.m. Oct. 11 at Hayes-Taylor YMCA. Special guests include Christopher L. Gray and The North Carolina Mass Choir. Special appearances will be made by Randleman Warriors for Jesus, Anointed Voices, Ashley Harper and The Spiritual Travelers. Admission is \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door.

The Bharatiya (Indian) Students' Association invites everyone to enjoy a Dandiya and great Indian food 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in the Student Union Ballroom.

The Zeta Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta is inviting students to the "My Fantasy" Masquerade Ball when Ms. Zeta Phi Beta will be crowned. No one admitted without a mask for this semiformal affair 7 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Midterm grades due for fresh-

men and student athletes Oct. 13.

As part of "Excellence in State Government Week," there will be an A&T Employee Service Awards & Recognition Program 10 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, sponsored by the Division of Business & Finance and the Dept. of Human Resources.

Student Union Advisory Board will be showing "Get On The Bus" 6 p.m. Oct. 14 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Ms. SUAB Coronation will be held 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Union Ballroom.

Ms. ISA Coronation will be held 7 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Union Ballroom.

Student Union Advisory Board is having a Halloween Party 8-11 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Union Ballroom.

The Aggie Den is having its first Halloween Party Oct. 31 in the Den.

There will be a Sickle Cell Walk-A-Thon 9 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Greensboro Country Park. It is sponsored by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women. For more information, call 274-1507.

Aggie Clubs

**Midwest shows who's the MAC**

By Tweety Gaddis  
Staff Writer

Have you ever been riding down the strip or chilling in front of the union and happen to see a Michigan or Illinois license plate on the back of a car? Do you wonder what they are doing so far away from home? Well, the Midwest Aggie Club helps to make their stay here in Greensboro for those four or five (maybe six years) more like home.

The Midwest Aggie Club boasts over 80 members from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Nebraska and other states that are not represented with Aggie clubs. The MACs, as they are affectionately called, were founded by Bernard Graham, currently residing in Saginaw, Michigan, and his classmates in the 1960s. Almost four decades later the club has flourished to become a widely known and respected club. In 1995, they were chosen as Organization of the Year.

Tonja Gofoe, industrial engineering major from Grand Rapids, Michigan, says she motivates 80 members "by my example. If they see that I am working hard to be involved, they will also strive to participate. The most fulfilling part of being involved with the MACs is meeting and spending time with the people who can really relate to you."

When coming to North Carolina, it is a comfort to know that there is someone who says 'pop' and not 'soda.' And it certainly is not called 'toboggan.' The correct term is 'skully.'

Other members like Latoya Lee, industrial engineering major from Grand Rapids, Michigan and Sean Young, mechanical engineering major from Detroit, Michigan, agree that

the MAC is "The Bomb." They also agree the Midwest Aggie Club is like a family.

Queen City Aggies

The Aggies of Charlotte have prepared a little background history test to identify other Queen City Aggies. If you miss the West Charlotte and Garringer High School games just because they had good fights, you might be a Queen City Aggie. If you got your hair and nails done on Friday, just to go to the Eastland Mall and walk around, you might be a Queen City Aggie. Lastly, if you go to premiere night to see a movie at Tyron Mall (the \$1.50 movie), you might be a Queen City Aggie.

All jokes aside, the Queen City Aggie Club is on the move. With help of new President Amie Petway, this promises to be a great year for Charlotte Aggies at A&T. The Queen City Aggie Club is for students from Charlotte and the surrounding areas.

Everyone is positive that this year will be a turning point for the club. Montoya Franklin, speech pathology major, said, "The most important feature in an Aggie Club is good communication between members."

This is one of the goals of newly elected President Amie Petway, an elementary education major. With 100 students attending meetings, communication will prove to be key in getting everyone involved. Petway says, "It is important that everyone strikes to work together and communicate ideas and plans for activities."

One of the important features Aggie Clubs possess is the family atmosphere. Paul Burch, art education major, said, "Student camaraderie is very important to me, and that's what the Queen City Aggie Club is all about."

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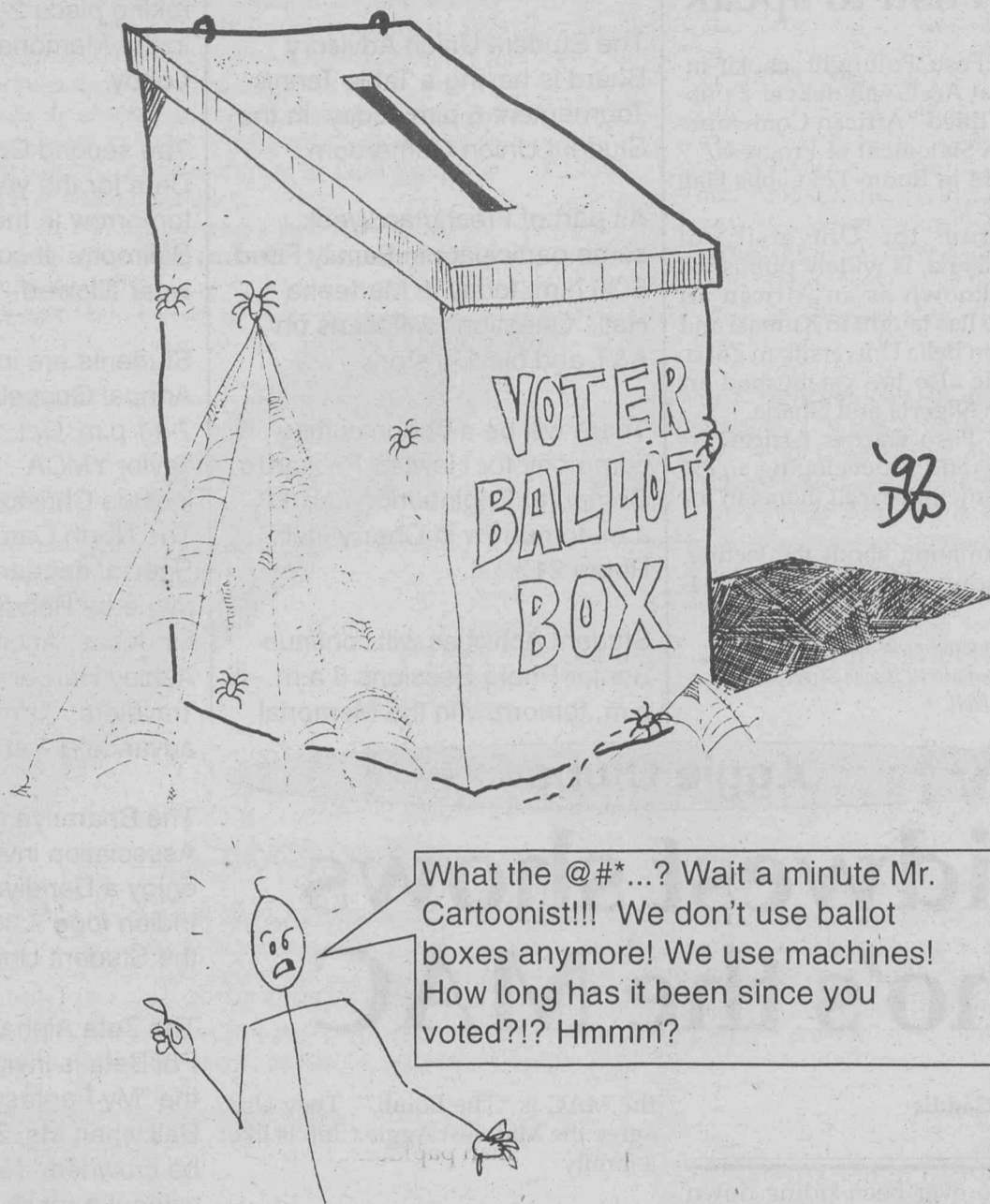
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## Campus News

### HOME COMING

from front

peated calls from the *A&T Register*.

Actually, "the commercial has changed," said Dr. Sullivan Welborne, vice chancellor for student affairs. "There were some negotiations ... between Mr. (Benjamin) Rawlins, our legal attorney, and (Diamond Life Concerts promoter) Tony Williams and myself."

Dr. Sullivan Welborne  
 vice chancellor  
 for student affairs

tive," he said.

Now, at least one spot on JAMZ refers to "the official homecoming jam."

Originally, Payne says, a promotion for the Coliseum function suggested, "Just in time for A&T's Homecoming."

Coliseum officials balked, he said, and told him: "We need to take that out."

## TI students win fellowships

Four students in the Transportation Institute at A&T have received fellowships designed to help them complete their transportation related degrees and enter the transportation industry.

Terence Thomas of Greensboro, Birhanie Robinson of Durham, Tommy Crump of Hillcrest Heights, Md., and Terre' Gill of Louisburg, NC, are the 1997-98 recipients of the Dwight David Eisenhower HBCU Transportation Fellowships. The fellowships provide full tuition and a substantial monthly stipend.

The Eisenhower Fellowship is authorized by Congress through the Intermodal Surface Transporta-

tion Efficiency Act of 1991. It was created to attract, enhance and retain the nation's brightest minds in the field of transportation.

The fellowship targets juniors working toward transportation-related degrees at historically black colleges and universities who plan to enter the transportation profession after completing their education, and seniors pursuing advanced degrees in the field.

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-Joya Wesley

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# Key to clean, healthy skin

By Kim Harper  
Columnist

The stress of being a busy college student can make the best of us forget to take proper care of our skin. Late-night study sessions, and parties till dawn can keep us a little preoccupied.

African-American skin has a natural shine that sometimes makes us think that our skin is as greasy as your mama's fried chicken. The key to clean and healthy skin starts with daily cleansing. Dermatologists suggest that we wash our faces 2 to 3 times a day, with a mild cleanser followed by a toner and moisturizer.

Don't use deodorant soap or any cleanser with alcohol, because it will dry your skin out. Avoid using cleansing items that have mineral oil and glycerines in them. Being that African-American skin has more oil than Caucasian skin, too much oil could lead to clogged pores and acne much quicker. And for the ladies, try to keep your hair out of your face as much as possible. Since oily hair in the face can cause breakouts and clogged pores too.

Never wash your face in really hot water, because

it can dry your face out. Remember some oil is necessary to keep your skin moisturized and healthy. Never wash your face with the same wash-cloth that you use on the rest of your body, doing that is asking for germs. When washing your face try a circular motion and go easy, after all scrubbing will only irritate your skin.

Since everybody can't afford the expensive products that line department store shelves, keeping your skin clean can be cheap too. All you need to do is look around your dorm room and go to the grocery store. Vaseline or petroleum jelly is great for taking makeup off. Also if you want to ward off chapped lips put a little vaseline on, and brush them with a soft toothbrush. This will get rid of the dead skin and make them softer. Good old oatmeal mixed with water is a wonderful exfoliator for that cheap deep down clean.

If blackheads are your problem try mixing one teaspoon of cornmeal with your cleanser for that extra punch. Lemon juice is a great toner and it also helps to lighten dark spots caused by acne. Remember African-American skin doesn't noticeably age for 50 years so don't rush the process by neglecting your skin.

# What's your STD IQ?

You may think you know all there is, but your knowledge of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) is probably based more on fiction than fact. And embarrassment about talking to a doctor or other health-care provider may keep you from learning the real facts. Therefore, you don't know what's true, what isn't, and how you can be protected from getting - or transmitting - an STD.

If you think you're not at risk, think again. More than eight million people under the age of 25 have an STD, and young adults are at the greatest risk of acquiring them. Why? Because these are your most sexually active years, so you are more likely to have multiple partners, engage in unprotected sex and have partners whose risk of having an STD is greater than most adults.

Take a few minutes to answer Fact (true) or Fiction (false) to the following questions and find out if your STD IQ is high enough to help keep you safe. And whether you pass or fail, a trip to your student health center will help out learn about the latest in STD prevention and treatment.

## Test your knowledge

1. I can't get a sexually transmitted disease if I don't have intercourse (penetration).
2. All types of birth control will protect me from STDs.
3. The most common STD on college campuses is human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes genital warts.
4. AIDS is not a problem on college campuses.
5. Viral STDs (like genital warts and herpes) cannot be cured.
6. Condoms provide 100% protection from HPV.
7. All STDs have symptoms.
8. If I get an STD, I'll never be able to have sex again-ever.
9. Women are at greater risk than men for STDs.
10. You can have only one STD at a time.

Answers next week

## LEWIS-THORNTON

from front

would find out. But I didn't tell my mother until two weeks before my first national article was published," she said.

Lewis-Thornton was never at a loss for male companionship before getting married and informed companions of her condition.

"I never had a man say no," she said.

She's lived with full-blown AIDS for seven years. She takes 16 pills a day, has menstrual cycles that can last up to 21 days, and has yeast infections that can go on for two weeks. Lewis-Thornton has no health insurance and receives her medicine free at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

She's appeared on "Nightline" and "BET Talk Live" and has schoomzed with the likes of Oprah Winfrey, but she doesn't forget she's battling AIDS. She can't.

"There are days when I literally cannot get out of bed. There were days when I had to use a bedpan to use the bathroom. ... The fact remains that I have AIDS and I am dying," she said.

Despite the hardships she's endured, she says her religious faith keeps her from becoming overwhelmed with grief.

*"There are days when I literally cannot get out of bed. There were days when I had to use a bedpan to use the bathroom. ... The fact remains that I have AIDS and I am dying."*

Rae Lewis-Thornton  
AIDS awareness motivational speaker

"AIDS can take everything I have, but it can't take my joy from God. If He never takes away my disease, I will still say Hallelujah!"

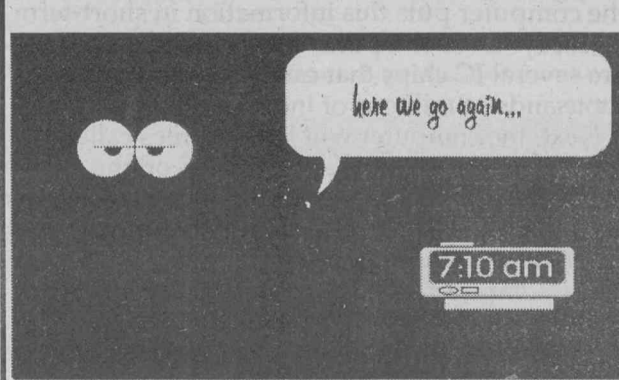
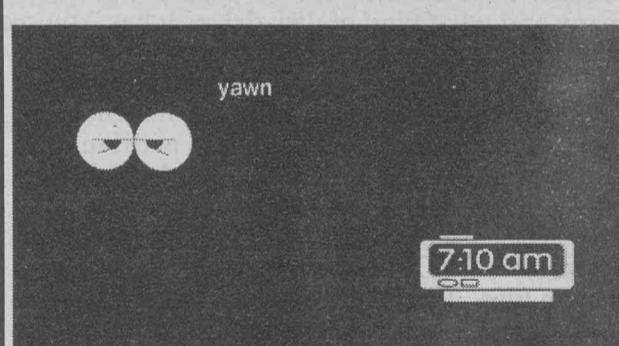
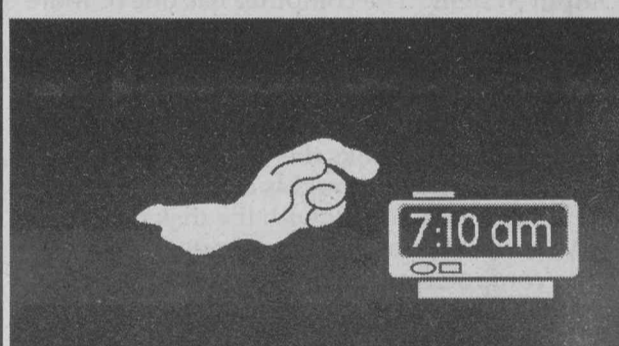
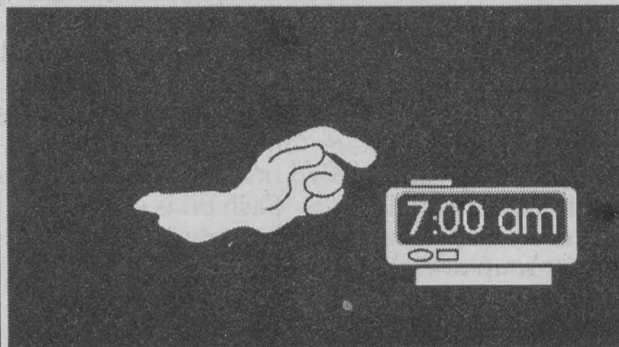
For the ladies, Lewis-Thornton offered this piece of advice:

"If you can't put your man's penis in your pocket with you everywhere you go, don't assume you know where it's been. Don't put yourself at risk. If you choose not to be abstinent, use a condom!"

# NEWSROOM

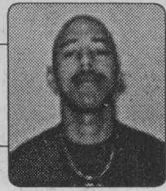
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By Dameon Williams



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## Computers Are Our Friends!

By Kenny Lima

Intel is the most well-known manufacturer of CPUs for IBM-compatible computers. In the first IBM-compatible home computers, called XTs, the Intel CPU model number is 8088. In AT-class machines it is 80286, and these more powerful computers came to be known as 286s. In 386 computers the chip number is 80386, and in 486s, you guessed it, 80486 Pentium chips. More powerful than 486s, the next set of chips no longer follow the numbering convention but are still sometimes called 586 chips.

Macintosh computers have different numbering and naming systems, but the types of chips and the general way they work is the same.

ROM chips hold information that has been built into them. RAM chips can remember what you tell them. But the only thing these two kinds of chips can remember are "on" and "off." The memory chips are divided into thousands of little compartments called bits. Each bit is either "on" or "off." The bits are found in groups of eight. Each group of eight bits is called a byte.

There are 256 possible combinations of "on" or "off" in a byte. There are less than 256 letters, numbers and punctuation marks in the English language. A code number has been assigned to each one. This system is called American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII). Adhering to this ASCII code allows computers all over the world and even in space to communicate with each other.

All right, all right, that's what's in a computer. Who cares as long as it works when I turn it on. Cool. We are going to see what happens when you turn a computer on or boot it up.

As soon as you turn the computer on, the BIOS chips come to life. BIOS stands for Basic Input Output System. The computer has one or more of these ROM chips. The BIOS is the first step in telling the computer who it is.

The CPU is the main thinking part of the computer, but so far, it has no thoughts to think about. The BIOS hooks the CPU up to other parts, places where thoughts can be stored. The BIOS tells it how to talk with the disk drives, the RAM, the keyboard and the monitor.

The computer wakes up and starts looking around to see what parts it has. It learns how to read input from the keyboard and how to send a picture to the monitor. Then it checks to see how many and what kind of disk drives it has. You see each drive light momentarily flash on. Like anybody waking up, your computer is hungry, but the computer hungers for more information. It checks to see if a bootable disk is in drive A. If not, it looks to see if the hard disk is bootable.

A bootable disk is one that contains system files. The basic three are MSDOS.SYS, IO.SYS and COMMAND.COM. The computer reads these system files. They tell it all about becoming a real computer. Once it reads these files, it knows how to run programs. Just like when you read a book, the computer puts this information in short-term memory. On a computer, this is the RAM. These are several IC chips that can hold hundreds of thousands or millions of individual bytes.

Next, the computer will look for files called AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS on the bootable disk. These are special files in which the user can write instructions to tell the computer to automatically load chosen programs.

The computer has a timing crystal which keep its thinking organized. Another timing crystal keeps track of the time and date. Most computers also have a small rechargeable battery and an IC chip that keeps track of the time even when the main power switch is turned off.

This small part of the computer is always awake. This part of the BIOS system is called the CMOS and can also contain some hardware configuration information, such as what type of hard disk you have and whether you want the system to check to see if drive A is bootable or try the hard disk first.

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# Aggie bred from champions

By Kevin Walker  
Staff Writer

You probably won't here this bulldog saying "Aggie Pride," but the University mascot is contributing more than words can express.

Aggie, a pedigreed Old English Bulldog, has a family that includes more than 20 grand champions.

Aggie serves a great responsibility to the community by visiting local schools, attending occasional football games, and appearances at local community functions. University Chancellor, Dr. Edward Ford said, "This is one of the ways for us to get out into the community and interact with youngsters."

Not only is Aggie utilized for his public relations, but he is also used as an educational tool for students preparing themselves for careers in the field of animal care. "All of our students learn the rules and regulations of animal care," says Dr. Tracy L. Hanner, coordinator of instruction for A&T's Laboratory of Animal Science.

Aggie, was the brainchild of former School of Agriculture Dean Burleigh C. Webb. He decided eight or nine years ago that A&T needed a live bull-

dog for a mascot. With a little fund raising and a lot of luck, Aggie was purchased from a breeder in Lexington for \$1,000.

Dr. Hanner noted that it wasn't easy trying to select a new mascot that would fit the description seen on most emblems, banners and shirts seen around campus. "They were tall. They were narrow. They had long tails—they didn't look anything like the aggie mascot."

Aggie, who turned eight years old on Aug. 1, can surely be eligible to draw social security checks anytime now, given the fact that the average life-span for a bulldog is 10-12 years. Despite his age, Aggie is in good health. The A&T Pre-Vet Club is in charge of the personal care of the bulldog from which they follow the rules and regulations of the Animal Welfare Act and the Health Research Extension Act. Students also follow a "Care and Use" policy specially made for the Aggie. The Pre-Vet Club does various things such as washing, grooming and preparing him for community functions.

Aggie has been a great contributor to the school. "These dogs are very smart, they're very funny, they're very docile, and they love people," Hanner says. "He has brought a lot of joy to this department."

## McDaniel acting vice chancellor



McDaniel

Stephen L. McDaniel, a certified fund-raising executive, has been named acting associate vice chancellor for A&T's division of development and university relations.

The appointment gives McDaniel responsibility for the daily management of the University's development staff, the planned giving program, the University's stewardship program and the A&T University/Industry Cluster.

McDaniel is a seasoned advancement professional with more than 15 years of experience in development and university relations. He has served as a vice president for institutional advancement, a corporate and foundation officer, and a senior director of development. He also is president of McDaniel & Associates, which offers consulting for higher-education fund raising.

Before coming to A&T, McDaniel led fund-raising efforts at Tuskegee University, Morris Brown College, The University of Maryland-College Park and the University of the Virgin Islands-St. Thomas. He also worked as a regional telethon coordinator for the United Negro College Fund, supervising the organization's Southern and Southeastern regions.

Along with his certification through the National Society of Fund-raising Executives, McDaniel has a certificate in managing institutional advancement from the University of Chicago. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

## Pryor is A&T on-loan exec.

Academic Affairs assistant visits  
from Lucent Technologies

John R. Pryor, an executive with Lucent Technologies Inc., is visiting A&T under his company's corporate executive loan program.

Pryor's appointment as a special assistant to Dr. Harold Martin, vice chancellor for academic affairs, was made under the sponsorship of Joseph S. Colson Jr., a member of A&T's Board of Trustees. Colson also is president of Lucent Technologies International Regions and Professional Services.

Pryor, executive assistant to the president at Lucent Technologies headquarters in Warren, N.J., will assist Martin with strategic planning, policy formation and deployment, and special projects.

During his campus assignment, Pryor also will strengthen ties between Lucent Technologies and A&T by working with the Division of Development and University relations to:

- Serve as a catalyst for his corporation's philanthropic support for A&T, which includes monetary donations, equipment and furniture donations, Lucent Foundation grants, and student internships.
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## Movie Review

"...One finger pointing the blame, don't make no impact. But you ball up all them fingers into a mighty fist and you can strike a mighty blow. Now this family got to be that fist."

If this line from the new movie "Soul Food" doesn't move you, or at least give you something to think about, check your pulse to ensure that you are alive. Mother Joe's analogy is just one of the many insightful thoughts so brilliantly presented in George Tillman's story about an African-American family. A wonderful thing about this film is that in essence, the Joseph family can be any family, not just an African-American family.

Mother Joe, daughters Terri, Maxine, Bird, and grandson, Ahmad are the main players in this often humorous drama. For forty years Mother Joe has had Sunday dinner at her house, always serving (what else) soul food. The full menu: fried chicken, candied yams, butter beans, cornbread, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, etc.

Sounds good, doesn't it? But there is more going on here than physical food. The Sunday gatherings, amid the fussing between Terri and Maxine, are filled with love. The film drives home the point that loving others and knowing that you are loved is the best

kind of food in the world. For it is that type of food that feeds the soul. What would we do without it? Unfortunately, the Joseph family shows what it is like to go without "food for the soul."

The difficulties in loving others and leaving yourself open to love became real in "Soul Food" as the conflicts mounted and family members became less willing to compromise. There appears to be little hope that they will ever again be able to get along. However, they are able to get it together and stop "pointing the finger of blame." Their reconciliation does not happen "just like that," or over a piece of sweet potato pie, though it does begin at dinner. Some feelings are hurt, a lot of dirty laundry is aired and it takes time.

Like "Love Jones," another recently released popular African-American film, "Soul Food," didn't include drugs, there was no shooting (but, there was a minimal amount of violence) and the Josephs weren't from the "hood."

While admittedly, these things do exist in African-American life, they are not constants that we want to see every time there is a movie about "us." The lack of drugs, shooting and ghetto scenery was indeed refreshing.

The performances by the cast mem-

bers were terrific. Vanessa Williams (Teri) and Michael Beach (Miles) were true to life as the Buppie couple with brewing marital problems. Hopefully, they will not be typecast in these two roles, especially Beach, who has played the cheating husband before ("Waiting to Exhale" and "ER").

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Photo by Chuck Rhodes, Twentieth Century Fox

Vivica Fox as "Maxine" (l), Nia Long as "Bird" and Vanessa Williams as "Teri" discuss troubling family business in the R-rated "Soul Food."

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and Mekhi Phifer (Lem) also gave a top-notch performance.

Put "Soul Food" on the menu and take the family to see this film. A word of advice, though, there are two sexually explicit scenes and the language is a little strong at times (hence the "R" rating). Again, however, these two items are nothing in comparison to what usually accompanies the recent slew of African-American films. In my opinion, "Soul Food," can be dubbed the "best African-American film of the decade."

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## Aggie grad debuts in "How To Be A Player"

A&T grad Licia Shearer has parlayed her A&T education and the acting and broadcasting experience she gained here into a successful entertainment career.

A radio personality on the Los Angeles station KACE, where she spins classic R&B oldies, Shearer recently made her big-screen debut in "How To Be A Player," a hip-hop comedy starring MTV host and comedian Bill Bellamy.

She also can be heard playing the multiple roles of Sarah and Traniece on the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show's radio soap opera, "It's Your World." The Tom Joyner Morning Show airs in the Triad on WQMG-FM, 97.1, weekdays from 6-10 a.m.

While at A&T, where she studied communication, music and dance, Shearer was a member of the award-winning Richard B. Harrison Players. She co-starred in campus productions such as "Christmas Comin' Uptown," "Ain't Misbehavin'," and "The Me Nobody Knows." The Cincinnati native also was an air personality on the campus station, WNAA, 90.1 FM.

In addition, she sang in the University choir, was a member of the University's dance company and ran track.

"How To Be A Player" is her first film role, but she has appeared in stage productions including "For Colored Girls..." and "Little Shop of Horrors," and appeared on television on Patti La Belle's "Comin' Home" and "Robert Townsend's Comedy Jam."

-Joya Wesley

## TV show aired on channel 55

By Jacqueline Koonce  
Staff Writer

In the spring of 1997, the A&T communications department began a TV show entitled "A&T Update." Formerly, they had a magazine program that included commercials and many feature stories. However, because they were short-staffed, a 10-minute news show was formed. The purpose of the news show, according to advisor Chris Ndingwan, is "to give students experience on campus before entering their careers." He continues, "students learn what a news package entails and how to go about making one." Nagatha Tonkins, also an advisor to the TV show adds, "The TV show enhances what the students are learning in the classroom and enhances the students' portfolios and resume tapes." The equipment used for the students is also professional. According to Mr. Ndingwan, the same equipment is used in control rooms of regular TV stations. Both advisors

agree that "A&T Update" is extremely beneficial to students interested in broadcast journalism.

Moreover, the advisors agree that "A&T Update" is beneficial to the student body because it informs students of campus-related activities, national events, weather, and sports.

When asked what the student body can expect this year, producer Kevin Sturdivant states, "The student body can expect the show to air this year." Sturdivant also adds, "We're really trying to step up the show a notch and work out the kinks." Anchor Kelli McLean agrees, "The group this year is more organized and determined than it was last year." She also states, "I hope that students will get more involved in the show."

Other members of the staff include Gail Wiggins, advisor; Erika Hillard, producer; and Cynthia Adams, Furqan Washington, Paula Anthony, Julius Parker, Mike Nabinett, and Hugh Hunter as videographers. The show will air every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

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# A&T shine in Circle City Classic

By Marq King  
Sports Editor

The Aggies routed the Tigers of Tennessee State 49-37 in their second appearance in the Circle City Classic; the biggest event in Black College sports. Behind a menacing running three-headed juggernaut, the Aggies of A&T steamrolled the doomed Tigers in front of assemblage of 59,000.

The Aggies took the victory in the schools' 21st meeting of the two schools in the grandest showcase; the 14th annual Circle City Classic in Indianapolis' RCA Dome. This game held special importance for the Aggies, who have conference championship hopes as well as NCAA II-A playoff hopes, while the Tigers were fighting for mere survival like the "dangerous" injured animal.

A&T coach Bill Hayes had stated earlier that week, "We have to have confidence in what we do best." And thanks to Michael Basnight and company, Hayes' team was able to confidently run all over Tenn. St.

A&T scored on its first possession when Basnight caught the Tigers blitzing and "got loose" on third and seven

for a 42-yard touchdown run. Tenn. St. responded with a 41-yard "bomb" that set up a matching score.

Now that both teams had taken a blow, they seemed prepared to battle it out. A&T was forced to punt on its next possession. The momentum seemed to flow toward the Tigers, who had just displayed the ability to pass and catch for huge yardage.

The next two series would prove disastrous for the unsuspecting Tigers. On the first, Chris "C-Mack" McNeil created the first of his two fumbles when he mashed the Tiger QB, Leon Murray, which led to an Aggie touchdown. The ensuing kickoff was just as wretched as the Tigers fumbled a second time resulting in a Reggie Shuford 38-yard TD run.

The Aggies were comfortable, up 21-7, and running well; and "ole uncle Mo" (momentum) had moved to the Aggie side. McNeil squashed another Tiger back who was attempting to run away with his ball and recovered his property. A&T was ready to put the game to bed when "ole uncle Mo" decided to wander over by Tenn. St. property.

At the start of the second quarter,

the Aggie drive stalled on the Tiger 37 yardline because of a holding penalty and turned the ball over on downs. On the third play from scrimmage, Murray executed a perfect middle screen on the overanxious defense to Juan Hall, who raced 57 yards for six.

A&T attempted to pass and stalled once again. Tenn. St. drove to A&T's 12 yardline and were forced to attempt a field goal. Tori Coston blocked the attempt for A&T.

But the Tigers were not done. After A&T's third drive failed, Murray hit Tyrone Butterfield for a 86-yard scoring strike. This knotted the score at 21-21, and the Aggies were wondering what had happened?

The second half mirrored the first with a turnover resulting in a score for the opposing team, only this time the Tigers scored to go up 28-21.

But just when things were about to go sour for the Aggies, "ole uncle Mo" showed up beside the Gatorade cooler. The Aggies pushed the ball down the throat of the Tigers on a 9:40 scoring drive of 70 yards on 17 plays. This exercise in power was characterized by A&T rushing 16 times. On the

next Tenn. St. offensive series, defensive lineman Chris Pelshak popped Murray, and James "Big Daddy" Clyburn picked up the pieces. A&T scored six from the Tiger seven two plays after the fumble recovery. A&T was up 35-28 in a manner of 110 sec.

Tenn. St. kicked a field goal to draw close at 35-31 on their next possession. And no one could find "ole uncle Mo" on either side. Temell Purkett put the Aggies up for good on a one play, 65-yard run to end the third quarter.

The fourth quarter started with a botched fake punt attempt by the Tigers, which resulted in a blocked field goal for A&T. Josh Rodgers intercepted Murray's next pass and A&T QB Ben Garrett ran a "naked" bootleg in for the Aggies' seventh score. A&T was up 49-31.

On the Tiger's final drive, the weirdest play of the season took place. Jerome Knight intercepted a pass in the Tiger end zone and began to celebrate as if time had expired. Juan Hall alertly stripped Knight and recovered the fumble for a touchdown. The Tigers missed the extra point and the Aggies ran out the clock to retain the 49-37 victory.

## In The Numbers

### NCAA Div. I Black College Poll

(Thru Oct. 6)

1. Hampton Univ.	4-1
2. Southern Univ.	5-0
3. Florida A&M	4-1
4. Jackson St	5-1
5. S.C. State	4-0
6. Arkansas-PB	4-2
7. N. C. A&T	3-1
8. Alabama A&M	4-1
9. Delaware State	3-2
10. Norfolk State	2-3

### Current MEAC Standings

	Conf	Overall
Hampton	3-0	4-1
S.C. State	1-0	4-0
Delaware St.	1-0	3-2
Florida A&M	1-1	4-1
Morgan State	1-1	2-3
N.C. A&T	0-1	3-1
Bethune-C	0-2	3-2
Howard Univ.	0-2	1-3
Norfolk State	**	2-3

\*\*not eligible

### A&T Football Schedule

8/30	N.C. Central	W 36-7
9/6	W-S State	W 27-7
9/13	Open	
9/20	Hampton	L 2-7
9/27	Open	
10/4	Tenn. St.	W 49-37
10/11	Florida A&M	
10/18	at Morgan St.	
10/25	Howard Univ. (HC)	
11/1	at Bethune-C	
11/8	Delaware St.	
11/15	at Grambling	
11/22	S.C. State	

## Lady Aggies endure hardships

By Marq King  
Sports Editor

The A&T women's volleyball team has not met the optimistic expectations created at the beginning of the 1997 season. The "Golden Storm" has slipped to a distasteful 8-11 record despite displaying signs of potential dominance.

Consistency seems to be at the heart of the problem for a young Aggie team. This years squad does not even boast one senior. Another cause for the "unbrilliant" start may be growing pains. Growing pains from facing stiffer competition. Pains from elevating the level of team execution to an unaccustomed level. The pain of learning that some will not be able to "step up" and achieve. These are the growing pains of a program which is trying to ascend to a higher level.

Head Coach Kathy Roulhac has transformed the volleyball program into a contending force by instituting a serious work ethic combined with unwavering commitment. Her fingerprints can be seen all over the program. She has tremendously improved recruiting, morale and the exercise of teamwork.

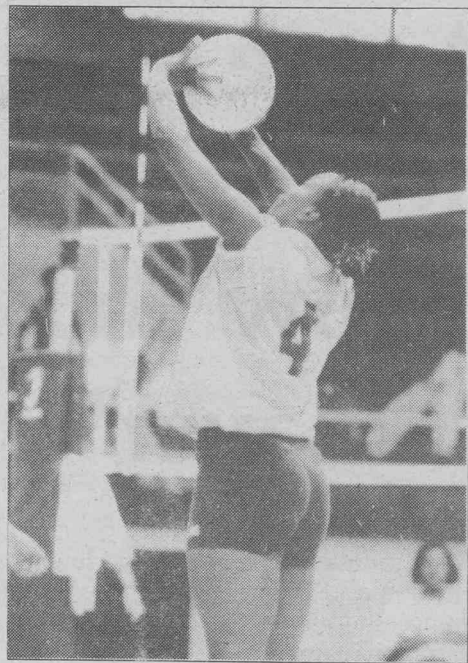
These improvements can be seen in the beatings the "Golden Storm" administers to traditional foes. Norfolk State was the first victim of the furious "Storm". A&T routed the Spartans in consecutive games to open the season with a convincing win. Conversely, A&T has lost six matches to schools who have stronger traditions in women's volleyball.

The Lady Aggies have 12 games remaining to achieve the promise which so far has alluded them. Although the team has not achieved team success a few players have rose to the occasion. Junior, Leslie Armistad leads the Lady Aggies in assists (pass to a scoring teammate) at a rate of at least eight per game. Brandee Byrd, a sopho-

more, is a leader in kills (unreturnable shots) and digs (returns of shots). Monique Stokes, who is also a sophomore, leads the team in blocks (preventing a score). Sophomore, Mara Davis is "Big

Mama" when it comes to offense averaging a team high three kills a game. The ladies of the "Golden Storm" have acquitted themselves well this season with sparse to non-existent fan support. All sports fans and/or true Aggies would do well by supporting the efforts of the volleyball team through attending their remaining home games. Make plans to attend on the following dates:

Oct. 18 vs. Furman  
Oct. 20 vs. Appalachian State  
Oct. 27 vs. Florida A&M  
Oct. 29 vs. Bethune Cookman  
Nov. 10 vs. South Carolina State  
Nov. 17 vs. UNC Greensboro



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