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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.

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

"NCBUSA 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 rivalities 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 Latice Washington 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?"

NCBUSA 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 WMHH-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 requests for comment.

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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 strollled 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.


"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

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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 eager and excited and are very eager to know why.

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 tend 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 Clemens; Miss Couture, Alexandra Delotley; 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 know 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 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 Erick 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 a safe sex drive, we are very involved 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 new new and improved Couture.
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 design, and his work is on exhibit in 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 N. College Street across from Graham Hall.

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 more than just those for four or five (maybe six years) months at 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 the Organizational of the Year.

Tonia Goofe, 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” or “soda.” And it certainly is not called “taboggan.” The correct term is “soda.”

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 Garinger 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 a movie at the office, 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 strives 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.”

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 Game room.

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 Student 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 Taylor YMCA. Special guests include Christopher L. Gray and The North Carolina Mass Choir. Special appearances will be made by Randallmen 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 semi-formal affair 7 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Midterm grades due for fresh-


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.

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


There will be a Sickie 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.

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Campus News

NEWS BRIEFS

Aggie Clubs
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, Birianie Robinson of Durham, Tommy Crump of Hillcrest Heights, Md., and Terre' Gill of Louisville, NC, are the 1997-98 recipients of the Dwight David Eisenhower HCUC Transportation Fellowships. The fellowships provide full tuition and a substantial monthly stipend.

The Eisenhower Fellowship is authorized by Congress through the Intermodal Surface Transportation 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.

The fellowships are awarded based on academic records, work experience, employer endorsements and academic recommendations.

—Joya Wesley
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 our 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 glycerins 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 you 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 commom 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, bring to your student health center will help out learn about the latest in STD prevention and treatment.

LEWIS-THORNTON

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 schooled 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.

Test your knowledge -

1. I can't get a sexually transmitted disease if I don't have intercourse (penetration).
2. All antibiotics 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.
9. Women are at greater risk than men for STDs.
10. You can have only one STD at a time.

Answers next week

from front

"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:

"Don'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!"

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Aggie bred from champions

By Kevin Walker
Staff Writer

Hanner, 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 bulldog 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 many 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 any day. 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

Stephen L. McDaniel, a certified fund-raising executive, has been named acting associate vice chancellor of 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, 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 corporation 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 telephone 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.

Tryor is A&T on-loan exec.

Academic Affairs assistant visits from Lucent Technologies

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

Tryor'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 Re-Search and Technical Services.

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

During his campus assignment, Tryor 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.
- Attract and obtain high-performing A&T graduates for Lucent Technologies positions.
- Mobilize local Lucent employees and corpo-
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 major players in this often humorous drama. For forty years Mother Joe has had Sunday dinner at her house, and 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, much more, the soul of this African food. The Sunday gatherings, among the fussing between Terri and Maxine, are like living history because the food 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 the 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 members 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.").

As Maxine, Vivica Fox exceeds her wonderful performance in "Set It Off." Fox has definitely carved a niche for herself in Hollywood. While Nia Long (Bird) also gave an excellent performance, she has yet to fully develop her talents. Brandon Hammond is nothing short of impression as Ahmad and Mekhi Phifer (Lem) also gave a top-notch performance.

But "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."

Send comments to clarkm@nca.edu

Aggie grad debuts in "How To Be A Player"

By Jacqueline Knoone
Staff Writer

A&T grad Lia 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 Tranice on the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show's radio series "Try Your World." Tom Joyner Morning Show airs in the Triad on WQMG-FM, 97.1, weekdays from 6-10 a.m.

According to 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, WNAAA, 90.1 FM.

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

"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."

-Joye Wesley

TV show aired on channel 55

By Jacqueline Knoone
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, "The students learn what a news package entails and how to go about making one."

Nagatha Jokin, 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, Furgan Washington, Paula Anthony, Julius Parker, Mike Nabiitt, and Hugh Hunter as videographers. The show will air every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

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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

Game 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-Cookman 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
8/31 W. State W 27-7
9/13 Open
9/20 Hampton L 2-7
9/27 Open
10/4 Tiffin W 27-14
10/11 Florida A&M W 49-37
10/18 at Morgan St.
10/25 Howard Univ. (HC)
11/1 at Bethune-Cookman
11/8 Delaware St.
11/15 at Grambling
11/22 S. C. State

By Marq King
Sports Editor

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

The Aggies took the victory in the school's
21st meeting of two of the schools in the
greatest classic in the
14th annual Circle City Classic in
Indianapolis' RCA Dome. This game
held special importance for the
Aggies, who have conference cham-
ionship hopes as well as NCAA B-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 com-
pany, Hayes' team was able to con-
dently run all over Tenn. St.

A&T scored on its first possession when it took a missed Tigers punt
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 yards.

The next two series would prove
disastrous for the unsuspecting Ti-
gers. On the first, Chris „Mack
McNeil created the first of his two
turnovers when he mashed the Tiger
QB, Leon Murray, which led to an
Aggie touchdown. The ensuing kick-
off 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 unc
Mo” (momentum) had moved to the
Aggie side. McNeil squashed another
turnover when he stripped Murray
away with his ball and recovered his
property. A&T was ready to put the
Tigers to bed when quarterback Murray
went „naked” (momentum) and decided to
wander over by Tenn. St.

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
third down. On the third play from scrim-
mage, Murray executed a perfect middle
cross screen on the overanxious de-
fense 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 failure, Murray hit
Tyrome Butterfly for a 46-yard scor-
ing strike. This knotted the score at
21-21, and the Aggies were wonder-
ing 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, „Naked Mo”
showed up beside the Gatorade
cooler. The Aggies pushed the ball
down the throat of the Tic „ole unc Mo”
deciding to wander over by Tenn. St.
properly.

For the next Tenn. St. offensive series, de-
densive linemen Chris Pelslak popped
Murray, and James „Big Daddy”
Chyburn picked up the pieces. A&T
scored six from the Tiger seven two
plays later 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 unc Mo”
on either side. Temell Perkott 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 Ti-
gers, which resulted in a blocked field
goal for A&T. Josh Rodgers inter-
cepted Murray's next pass and A&T
CB Ben Garrett ran a „naked” boot-
leg in for the Aggies' seventh score.
A&T was up 49-31.

On the Tiger's final drive, the wind-
est play of the season took place.
Jerome Knight intercepted a pass in
the Tiger zone and raced 40 yards to
celebrate as if time had expired. Juan
Hall alertly stripped Knight and
re-
covered the fumble for a touchdown.
The Tigers missed the extra point and
the Aggies ran out the clock to retain
the 49-37 victory.

A&T shine in Circle City Classic

Lady Aggies endure hardships

By Marq King
Sports Editor

The A&T women's volleyball team has
not met the optimistic expecta-
tions created at the beginning of the
1997 season. The „Golden Storm”
has slipped to a distasteful 8-11 record
after despite displaying signs of pro-
ductive dominance.

Consistency seems to be at the heart
of the problems for a young Aggie
team. This years squad does not even
boast one senior. Another cause for the
“ups and downs” start may be growing
pains. Growing pains from facing
stiffer competition. Pain's from elevat-
ing the level of team execution to an
uncustomized 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 Routballe 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 im-
proved recruiting, morale and the ex-
ercise of teamwork.

These improvements can be seen in
the beatings the „Golden Storm” ad-
ministers to traditional foes. Norfolk
State was the first victim of the furious
„Storm.” A&T routed the Spartans in
consecutive games to open the sea-
son with a convincing win. Con-
versely, A&T has lost six matches to
schools who have stronger traditions
in women's volleyball.

The Lady Aggies have 12 games remain-
ing to achieve the promise which so
far has eluded them. Although the Lady
Aggies have not achieved success a few
players have rose to the occasion.
Junior, Leslie Armistead leads the
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 sopho-
more, leads the team in blocks (pre-
venting a score). Sophomore, Maria
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-
existant fan support. All sports fan-
and/or true Aggies would do well by
supporting the efforts of the volley-
ball team through attending their
remaining home games. Makes 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

This Aggie is preparing another spike.