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Crystal Bailey leads bowling team to perfect season, page 7

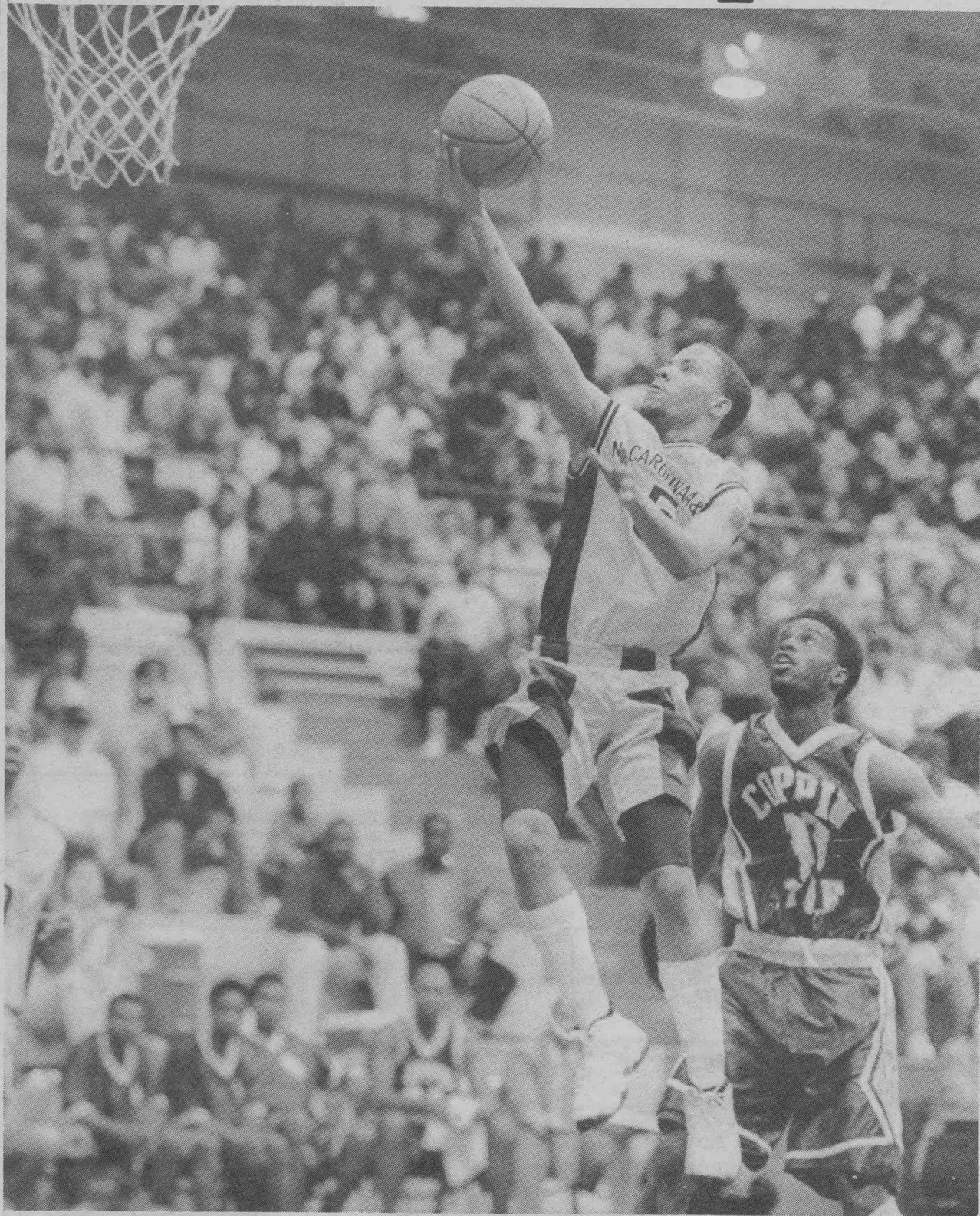
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A fashion faux pas?



Joe Daniels

Jonathan Richmond drives in for a layup against Coppin State during their last home this season against Coppin State. The Aggies' new uniforms have created a controversy around campus.

Views vary on team's new look

By Mitchell Jennings
Staff Writer

Either you like them or you don't, but one thing is for sure, the outcome of the season does not rely on the team uniforms.

A&T's mens basketball team is currently in seventh place in the Mid-Easter Athletic Conference with a record of six wins and nine losses.

Being in seventh place has some Aggie fans disappointed. Daphne Lewis, a sophomore engineering major from Winston-Salem, is not convinced that A&T is worthy of wearing the rare Michael Jordan uniforms.

"It seems to me that those uniforms should be worn by a team in the top of its conference, not at the bottom," Lewis said. "I really do not like the new uniforms, simply for the fact that they

are too busy to me."

On the other hand, some students are happy with the new Jordan uniforms. Shakeema North, a sophomore computer science major from Irvington, N.J. is impressed with the new uniforms.

"I like the new style, I think it's phat and up-to-date," North said.

After tinkering with other styles in the past, the Aggies were excited that Michael Jordan himself chose A&T as one of the schools to don his self-styled uniforms. Jordan's roots to the university go back to the days when his brother was a student here.

Along with A&T, St. John's University and the University of Cincinnati are also wear-

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Attacks spur increase in A&T security

By Stacey D. Harris
Staff Writer

A&T is beefing up security after a string of robberies and sexual assaults on Feb. 4 and Feb. 11.

The campus seems to be "crawling with cops" as one student put it. "Everywhere you go, there's police now," said Traci Brown, as senior business management major. It's true. There has been an increase in the number and visibility of university and city police on campus as promised.

Chancellor Fort called an emergency meeting to discuss the recent rash of violence on campus. Harrison Auditorium was packed with students eager to hear what the administration had to say.

Chief of the University Police, John Williams, assured students of the dedication of the police to see that this never happens again. Along with heightening the number of staff, campus police have:

- initiated foot patrols in the assault areas
- increased motorized patrols
- released flyers bearing a description and composite sketch of the perpetrator on campus, in residence halls, on A&T's television station and the internet.

Williams said that in his 20 years at A&T "this is the first incident of this nature to have occurred on

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Q&A

with
Chief Williams

In the wake of the four recent attacks against A&T students, some are still unclear on what really happened. A&T's Chief of Police, John O. Williams, agreed to provide some answers to students' questions concerning the following incidents.

Feb. 4, 6 p.m.

The first victim was walking behind the union (on her way to class) when a man with a gun approached her. She was forced to perform a sexual act and was robbed of her jewelry.

Feb. 11, 9 a.m.

A female student was approached in the stairwell of Crosby Hall by a man with a knife. He made her walk outside, but let her go. She was not sexually assaulted or

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A 25-hour day?

What would you do if there was an extra hour every day?

By Crystal Armour
Staff Writer

How many times have you said to yourself, "There just are not enough hours in a day?" Let's slip into the land of make-believe, the land of 25-hour days. Now that you have an extra hour, what are you going to do?

"I would find some way to make money," said Porshia Woodard, a junior public relations major from Stone Mountain, Ga.

Tifarah Thompson, a sophomore biology major from Raleigh, had another idea. "I would study," she said.

Daniel Vance agreed. "I'm sure I could find something to study," said the freshman business major from Charlotte.

"You can never study too much."

Because of their already hectic schedules, other

students said that extra studying would also be their top priority.

"I would sleep," said Andre Wright, a senior electrical engineering major from Warner Robin, Ga. Of all the answers given, sleep was the most popular.

Another popular answer was reading. Many students feel they have little time to read anything besides their textbooks. Several people said they would use the extra hour to do more recreational reading.

"I would read the Wall Street Journal," said Alexis McClain, a senior biology major from Greenville, S.C.

Senior Karen Douglass, a political science major from Brooklyn, N.Y., said, "I would read lawyer mystery books."

Many people believe that more hours in the day

would be a great blessing.

"I would eat, sleep and study," said Alanda Gaskins, a sophomore economics major from Wilmington. "There's so much I would try to squeeze into my day."

Other people are stumped. They have no clue how they would utilize the extra hour.

LaShayla Starks, a freshman chemistry major from Durham, said, "That's a good question. I have no idea what I would do. I guess I don't need an extra hour."

Joseph Stevens, a junior transportation major from High Point, has a spiritual answer to the question.

"Every minute, every hour, every day I live to see is a blessing from God," he said. "Tomorrow is not promised. I would spend the extra hour enjoying life to the fullest."

A Day in the life of an engineering major

By Latoya Best
Staff Writer

Misty Blue, a senior industrial engineering major from High Point, takes only 15 credit hours, but her average day consists of study sessions, homework that takes over five hours to complete, and a quiz or two.

Despite the hard work and dedication, Misty is sure that she has chosen the right major. "I've done technical work before in an internship and decided that this is what I want to do," Blue said without hesitation.

With eight engineering programs offered at A&T,

Misty chose industrial engineering, because she was interested in the technical work. "...It deals more with the public than any of the other disciplines of engineering," she said.

She transferred to A&T from High Point University, because of A&T's "...reputation for great black engineers."

To prepare for tests, most of which fall on the same week, she usually meets with at least one other person from her class to compare notes and assumptions. They usually review everything taught in class. "The tests are easier if you achieve an understanding of the material rather than memorizing notes," she said. The pressure and

stress that come with getting an education, can take its toll and cause any student to become discouraged.

"At my old school, I never worked this hard," she said.

"When I get discouraged from school work, I think about those who have been before me and succeeded. I feel that if they could do it, so can I."

After graduation, she will be prepared to enter the corporate world and hopes to seek a managerial position.

Misty advises incoming engineering majors to "...be dedicated to it. You can look forward to sleepless nights and a very short weekend."

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Nationwide appoints A&T grad to vp post

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She will serve on the Enterprise Management Council, the organization's top management group.

James was elected vice president of human resources in 1996 and previously served as administrative officer, associate vi and vice president and assistant to Dimon McFerson, Nationwide's chairman and chief executive officer.

After receiving her B.S. in accounting at A&T, James worked as a staff auditor for Coopers & Lybrand LLP. A certified public accountant and registered securities representative, she began her Nationwide career in 1981

as an accounting specialist. James was promoted to supervisor of accounting operations for tax-sheltered products in 1982, and spent the next 12 years in various management positions in Nationwide's investment products and retirement services operations.

Past chairwoman of the YWCA board of trustees in Columbus; James currently serves on the board of advisors for Howard University and the board of the "I Know I Can" Foundation. A native of Washington, D.C., she now resides in German Village, a Columbus suburb, with her husband Larry. The couple has two sons, Christopher Michael a University of Cincinnati student, and Justin Michael, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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A&T student gets communication scholarship

Jason Peele, a sophomore broadcast production major at A&T, is the recipient of the 1997 National Black Programmers Coalition (NBPC) Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$3,000.

In just under 20 years, the National Black Programmers Coalition has earned a reputation for excellence. It gained this reputation with its dedication to sharing, educating and helping its members and scholarship recipients to succeed. It has done this by disseminating important and up-to-date information via seminars and workshops.

The National Black Programmers Scholarship Program is designed to assist qualified communications majors and others from predominantly black colleges and universities.

Peele, who maintains a 3.9 G.P.A., can be heard on A&T's campus radio station WNAA (90.1 FM), from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. He is a member of numerous organizations including Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the New York/New Jersey Aggie Club.

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What do you want to be when you grow up?

By Raine Patton
 Staff Writer

Every child has dreams of what they want to be when they grow up and the choices range from being a doctor to being a schoolteacher, but how many think about becoming chancellor of a university?

A&T students were given a chance to voice what changes they would make, if any, if they were chancellor for a day. Responses included those about tuition fees, security and personnel.

Some students based their responses on the recent attack on four A&T students by an unarmed man. It is believed that a black male separately attacked four female students on the campus.

"I would increase the hours of the nightly escort service into the early hours of the morning," says Zerek Palmer, a senior accounting student from High Point.

Along the lines of safety included responses about security changes. "I would change the way the police were trained for security purposes," says Jasmin Foster, a freshman broadcast production major from Greensboro.

Stevii Mills, a sophomore public relations major also from Greensboro says, "I would add more security officers to the school."

To further protect students from outsiders, freshman Kameshia Scales, a public relations major from Reidsville says, "I would put up lights, emergency phones and stop extra incoming traffic from non-students."

Among some of the most common answers were those which related to the staff of A&T. "I would get rid of all the personnel in the Dowdy building," says Anitra Yancey, a sophomore speech pathology major.

Sophomore Benita Brown, a psychology major

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from Elizabethtown, agreed with Anitra. Her answer was short and to the point.

"The staff," Brown says, without a moment's hesitation.

Interaction with students proved to be a popular response also. Print journalism major Brian Johnson of Hartford says, "I would spend a vast majority of the day interacting with students in their environment." Johnson also says, "Often administrators are out-of-touch with the student and their needs."

Billy Johnson, a sophomore broadcast production major, believes that involvement is the key. "I would be more involved with the student body and implement policies to get students more involved in campus issues," says Johnson.

Many students at A&T view the current chancellor as an unseen entity who is looking out for himself and not for the students. Students are expected to meet with SGA President Arthur Smith and voice some of their concerns in the upcoming weeks.

Would you come to A&T, if you had it to do over again?

By Joyce Craig and Lynette Jones
 Staff Writers

Tired of dealing with bad parking, horrible living conditions and lackluster academics, some A&T's students, if given the chance to do it all over again, would not be saying Aggie Pride.

"If I could do it all over again, I would go to Georgia Tech. They have a top-notch engineering program and their standard of living is higher. You also get your money's worth on housing, as opposed to living like pigs and sweating it out with no air all summer in cramped quarters," said Kimberly Reese, a senior mechanical engineering major from Atlanta.

Many of the complaints concerning A&T center around one thing, academics. The students seem to want to attend an institution of higher learning that specifically deals with their major.

"I would attend the MGM Disney School of Design in Orlando, Fla. It has a better design program than A&T and a better guarantee for a job after graduation," said Aaron Hunt, a junior graphic communications major from Pittsburgh.

"Carolina would be the school for me," said Lashonda Stencil, a senior elementary education major from Raleigh. "I feel that at a better known school, a person would have more options, better classes and facilities."

Some students are simply interested in going to a school with a big name and a more culturally diverse area than Greensboro offers.

"I've always been intrigued with the prestige of being a Morehouse man. I like the location better. Atlanta is rich with culture and a good area for a black person to be right now," said Termel Kennion, a sophomore computer science major from Greenville.

And then you have your occasional bitter student who wishes to be anywhere, but A&T.

"I don't know why I'm here. I guess it's for the engineering. A&T does have a decent engineering program, but everything else sucks," said Marcuis Atkinson, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Greenville, S.C.

After hearing all this, one may wonder if there was any Aggie Pride left. A&T is a school with a very rich history. The civil rights movement started right here at A&T. Is there any Aggie Pride left? Apparently there is.

"I think I made a good decision by coming to A&T and majoring in engineering. They have a good and challenging program. I've met some good people that I will be friends with for life. For the most part the environment is good," said Andre Wright, a senior electrical engineering major from Warner Robins, Ga.

"I still would have attended A&T even if I had the option of going elsewhere because this is one of the only schools that offers my major," said Felicia Ivy, a junior occupational safety and health major from Roanoke Rapids.

Alicia Mackey, an advanced sophomore from Indianapolis, Indiana said, "If I had the choice I would go back to Indiana University where I came from. Most of the time I wonder if the staff and professors are really on our side. They need to help the students more and compromise." Mackey transferred to A&T because she wanted to be at an historically black college (HBCU).

Aurelio Whittaker said that he is at A&T for only one course this semester because of poor academic advisement. "The advisors don't care," said Whittaker a senior electronics major from Boston. He said he never received the attention that he deserved.

Individual departmental experiences have weighed heavily on some students contentment with the university. Not everyone is displeased with their professors and many do place a high value on the education they are receiving from A&T.

In addition, the new friends gained and the experience of being at an HBCU have made all the difference. "I met friends that I'll have for a lifetime," said Mike Durant, a senior political science major from Rock Hill, S.C.

Mackey said, "I hate this school, but I love the people." All of "my 19 years in Indiana I've never met people like I have here."

"I felt so at home," said Yasmin Campbell, a sophomore computer science major from Laurinburg. "The first day I came here (for university day) I said 'I have to go here.'"

Harvey Hinton, a sophomore manufacturing systems major from Durham, also enjoys the atmosphere of A&T. Hinton said that he had a choice between several colleges, one being N.C. State. However, A&T had the major he wanted to pursue and give him a satisfactory football scholarship. In addition, Hinton said that A&T is known for putting out proficient graduates.

Familiarity with the Greensboro area is another factor that has affected student contentment with their decision to attend A&T. Kandra Harris, a sophomore child development major, said there is nothing wrong with A&T, but wishes she would have left town. "I've lived in Greensboro all my life," said Harris.

Kenneth Scurry, a junior technology major from Mebane, has been in the Greensboro area for about 20 years and said that he does not regret his decision to attend A&T because of its prestige as an HBCU and the enjoyable social atmosphere.

Aggie Pride. Is it still alive? Perhaps Wright

Q&A from front



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robbed.

Feb. 11, 6 p.m.

A student walking near the union was approached by a man with a gun. She was taken to a secluded area where she was forced to perform a sexual act, and was robbed of her jewelry.

Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

A man approached a female student in the stairwell of Merrick Hall with a knife. He walked her away from the building and robbed her. She was not sexually assaulted.

Q. After the Feb. 4 incident, what measures were taken to alert students?

"It was two-fold. There were announcements and meetings were held in the residence halls...We put out a crime alert to notify the students. The Campus Security Act of 1990 require us to alert students of major crimes that occur on campus."

Q. Have you had any leads? Are there any suspects? Is there reason to believe that the culprit is an A&T student?

"No, we don't have any leads. We get a lot of information from students that think they have seen him. We have had half a dozen people say that they have seen him, but in tracking him down; we haven't found the individual yet. We have no way of knowing who it is. He blends in well with the student population. He knows the campus well...two of the attacks happened in buildings [on campus]. He looks and acts the part of a student, but we don't know if he is a student or just someone who comes on campus."

Q. Why didn't you enlist the help of the Greensboro Police Department?

"We did enlist the help of the Greensboro Police Department. We hoped that they would have a profile on him. They searched their database and they had nothing on him. The

Greensboro Police Department helped us with the composite sketch. We also contacted other university police departments. The State Bureau of Investigation is also working with us."

Q. When did the administration decide to hold a forum on this issue? Do you feel that it could have been held sooner?

"Three attacks occurred on Feb. 11 and on Feb. 12 Chancellor Fort and his senior administrative staff and I met. We decided then to let the students know what had happened and to enlist their help. I don't see how it [the forum] could have been held sooner. The first attack was on Feb. 4...we had no way of knowing this guy would do what he did. In the 20 years that I have been here, nothing like this has happened. This type of thing tends to cause panic. We felt that the facts needed to be put out. I don't see how it could have happened sooner than Feb. 12."

Q. What was the nature of the crimes? Did an actual rape occur?

"There was not a rape, but two actual sexual assaults. [The victims were forced to commit a sexual act] There were two actual accosts that involved robbery."

Q. How is the victim dealt with afterwards? Are they in counseling? Were they able to provide police with evidence?

"The victims are receiving counseling, which was also requested by the parents. We were able to get some evidence, but I don't know how valuable it will be."

Q. Some students criticize A&T for not making students aware of campus crime in order to protect the university's image. How do you respond to that?

"I know that that is not the case with us. By law, we have to notify students. Under the risk of federal law, I don't think the administration

SAFETY from front

We will labor tirelessly to assist police and... the SBI...as we seek to find some means to ensure that this act is never again committed on campus

Dr. Edward Fort
Chancellor

this campus to my knowledge...we want to avoid it happening again."

The assaults began Feb. 4, when a female student was robbed, in the afternoon, on her way to class.

On Feb. 11, the crimes continued, including two more robberies, one attempted robbery and a sexual assault near Merrick, Crosby and Marteena Halls, all involving female victims.

Campus police are not the only ones involved in maintaining student safety, however.

Fort informed students that the administration had alerted the city of Greensboro and the State Bureau of Investigation of the situation.

"We will labor tirelessly to assist police and... the SBI...as we seek to find some means to ensure that this act is never again committed on campus," Fort said.

In addition to police assistance, the Aggie Escort service extended its operation to Sunday through Friday, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Implemented in the spring of 1993, this free escort service provides transportation for students who are moving around the campus at night. Students may contact Aggie Escort at 334-7309 or call the police at 334-7675 and the police will then contact the escort service.

"Making you feel as safe on campus as you do in your residence halls will take interaction from you," said Joe Williams, director of housing and residence life.

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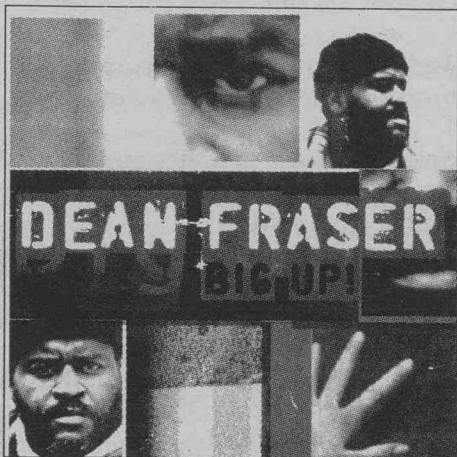
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Women's' basketball



photo by Joe Daniels

The Lady Aggies finished the regular season at home against Coppin State. The Aggies lost in the first round of the MEAC Tournament to end their season.

ing the Jordan uniforms. These three schools are the only schools to have that honor.

Unfortunately for Aggie fans, A&T is not faring as well as St. John's University and Cincinnati, who are both in second place in their respective conferences, just one game short of 20 wins.

However, some students are not concerned with wins and losses. "I really like them because it shows that not only the top schools in the nation are able to have style and class, but also the smaller schools," said Angela Greene, a senior accounting major from Durham.

Basketball is one thing, but style is another. One constant among those critiquing the style is the stripes. "I don't like the uniforms because they remind me of the Harlem Globe trotters," said Gary George, a freshman broadcast production major from Fayetteville. "There are too many stripes and the sleeves are cut for girls.

On the other hand there are those who can live with the style, but can find other faults in the uniforms. Damon Blanchard, a junior communication major from Lexington said, "I like

The uniforms are all right. They could be better. I like the old ones better.

Mike Looney
senior architectural engineering major from Plainfield, N.J

the overall scheme of the style and I like the sleeveless shirts, but I don't like those stripes on the uniforms.

"The uniforms are all right. They could be better," said Mike Looney, a senior architectural engineering major from Plainfield, N.J. "I like the old ones better."

Whether you like the uniforms or not, the fact remains that they are merely the outside cover to the team. There will be no games won because of the style of the uniforms.

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Life in the fast lane

Bailey leads team to undefeated season

By Semaj Marsh
Staff Writer

For whatever reasons, some individuals (such as Rodney Dangerfield, Aretha Franklin and who can forget Mayberry's own Barney Phife) never quite seem to garner the respect their merits deserved.

Now you can add A&T freshman, Crystal Bailey to that esteemed list. This season Bailey amassed a team best average of 212, while gaining the accolades of her head coach-if not the A&T student body. After leading the A&T women's bowling team to an undefeated record and their second consecutive MEAC title, the Detroit native still is not afforded the respect of being a college athlete.

"People ask me what sport I play for A&T and when I say 'bowling' they start laughing," Bailey said. "Everybody keeps saying bowling is not a sport and I just don't understand why. How is bowling not a sport? You see it on TV, just like golf and you can also make money doing it."

"She's the Michael Jordan of bowling," said Vern Stallings, who has coached the men's and women's bowling program for 19 years. "It's very seldom you see a kid come in who's got everything going for them. She has a very positive attitude, she's focused and she's just a tremendous leader."

Those leadership qualities became clearly evident in this year's conference tournaments as Bailey spearheaded the Aggies to a 10-0 sweep of their MEAC opponents. Stallings said his star freshman would sometimes act like an additional coach during big matches.

"She does as much coaching to the other people on our team as I do," said Stallings. Bailey has enough expertise to offer helpful suggestions when she notices a teammate struggling.

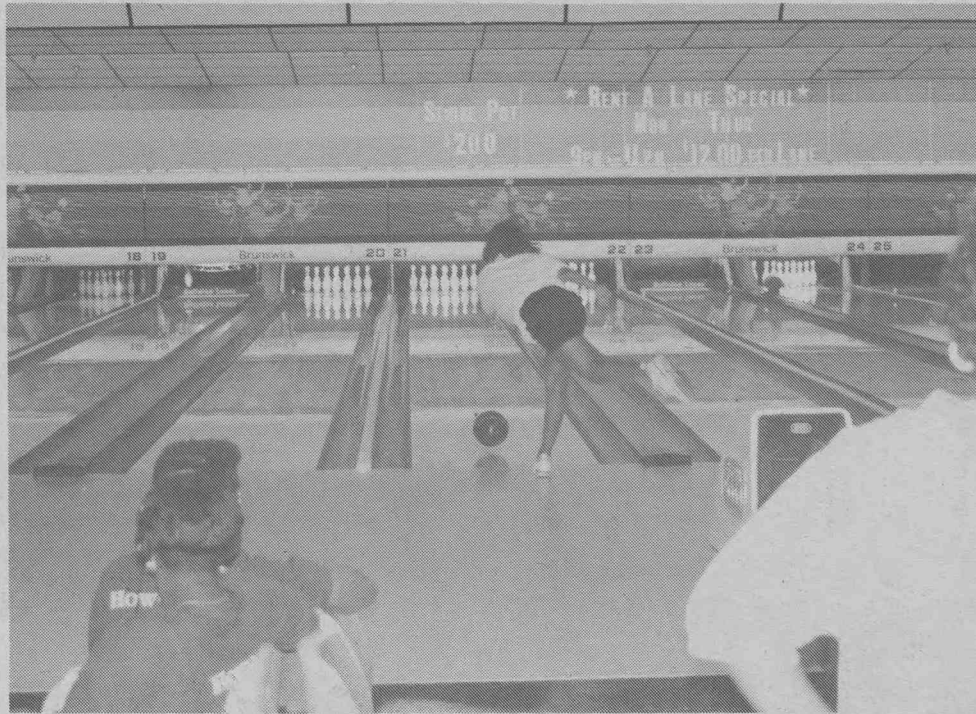


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A&T Crystal Bailey spearheaded the Aggies' bowling team to a 10-0 sweep of their MEAC opponents.

"What I basically try to do is keep (the momentum) going through the whole game," Bailey said. "If I see that we're maybe falling short in like the fifth or sixth frame then I'd say 'hey, we need to come over here and talk real quick, try to regroup and get some stuff together.'"

"I don't think I would give anybody any bad advice," said Bailey. As for herself, Bailey says she tries to stay focused and avoids becoming too emotionally charged when she's competing.

"I'm real talkative and energetic, but as for my bowling, I try to stay calm and mellow," she said. "The team tries to get me hype, but I'll be like 'yeah, whatever.' I just bow and go sit down because I know myself. If I got really boosted, it would mess me up."

Bailey had her best overall performance during the season's first con-

ference tournament this year. In that outing she accumulated a staggering average of 710 over two matches. Still, with all of her success, Bailey continues to struggle to gain respect from those who aren't familiar with the sport. However, once they learn just how seriously she takes the game, her accomplishments usually win them over.

"People ask me what my average is, and the conversation is over," said Bailey referring to how she silences critics. "Then they say 'maybe you can teach me how to bowl, but that's basically all you get from them.'"

Despite encountering some naysayers, Bailey's love for her sport remains intact. She says bowling has been an enduring passion since she was a little girl.

"My parents used to take me bowling on Saturdays and I started to really like it," she said. "They signed

me up for a little kids league when I was about nine or ten. Then they bought me a ball and some shoes, and I was good to go from there."

Crediting her parents for introducing her to the sport, Bailey actually says she received her most beneficial instruction from outside sources.

"I think (my skills) came from watching people. I would just go to the bowling alley and just sit there watching people bowl just to see what they were doing.

As a good female bowler, Bailey said men stared looking at her and saying 'hey, she's got potential', and would offer to help her.

"When I was in high school...my mother was like 'you need to just give up bowling and (concentrate) on basketball.' I was playing basketball but I really wasn't totally focused on it because, you know, I bowled on Saturdays. I was like 'I'm not giving up bowling.'"

Coach Stallings is glad she made that decision. With Bailey and a cast of talented underclassmen returning next year, the Aggie's bowling guru projects to have a dominate team for years to come.

"I've been very fortunate. In addition to having a good team this year, we are equally distributed class-wise," Stallings said.

"I have another freshman sensation, Stephanie Norris; a sophomore, Danice Turner; and two juniors, Monette Frederick and Chaundra Smith. I only have one senior leaving, Veronica Faison. This is a really young team."

This time the Aggies are expected to face stiffer competition from schools, such as Texas A&M, Florida State and Kentucky.

For Bailey, it will be another opportunity to display her talents on the lanes and maybe finally get some R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

Former alumni affairs director joins Board of Trustees

Dr. Velma Speight, former director of Alumni Affairs at North Carolina A&T State University, was sworn in Wednesday as the newest member of the university's Board of Trustees.

Speight, who retired from the university in December, is an A&T alumnus who has devoted much of her life to her alma matter.

A professional educator for more than 40 years, she became director of Alumni Affairs in 1993. In 1997, she was named Administrator of the Year.

Before becoming director, Speight chaired the education department and coordinated the graduate program in guidance and counseling at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. She also has taught at Johns Hopkins University, Loyola College and the University of Maryland-College Park.

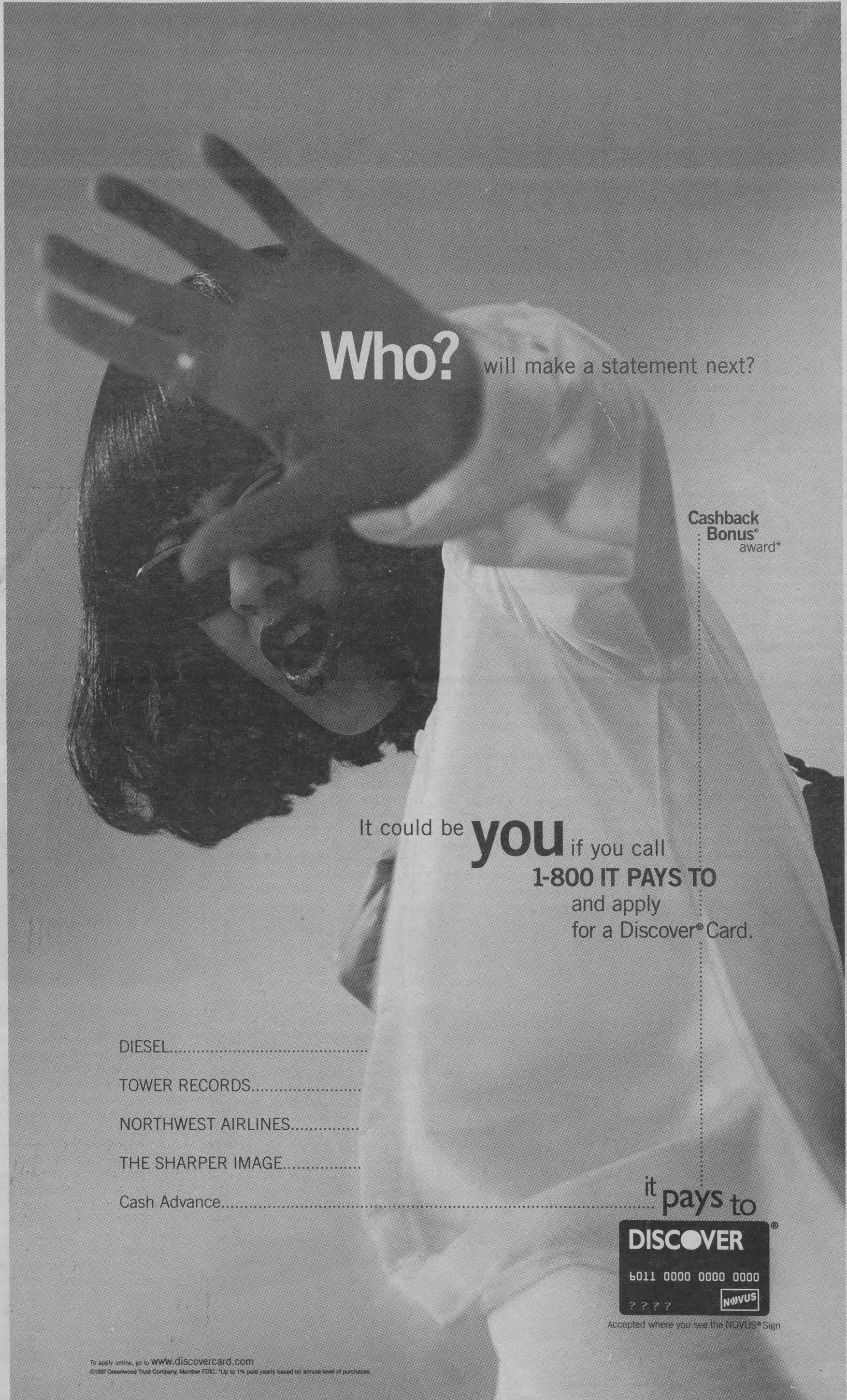
Additionally, she served as chair of the Department of Counseling and Adult Education at East Carolina University.

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This season A&T freshman Crystal Bailey amassed a team best average of 212, while gaining the accolades of her head coach Vern Stallings.



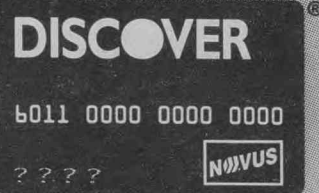
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