Renowned historian returns to A&T

BY EDWARD MOORE
Register Staff Writer

Colored Negro Black Afro-American, African-American. These are the titles that have evolved over the course of time to describe people of color in the United States.

One man, a historian intellectual on the subject, has seen the evolution from colored to African-American. That man is Dr. John Hope Franklin.

Franklin is a famous historian, educator at Duke University and author of the textbook, "From Slavery to Freedom," which is used in classrooms all across the nation. This textbook has sold millions and is used more than any other textbook in the country.

Franklin taught at N.C. A&T some 62 years ago. On Tuesday, October 26, he gracred the students with his presence at Memorial Student Union.

Franklin appeared as part of the installation of the History Department Honors program as well as to discuss his new book "Runaway Slaves," which he co-authored with Dr. Loken Schweningen of UNCG.

Both Dr. Franklin and Schweningen, discussed the myths that slaves were happy and content. Both agreed that this could not have been further from the truth.

"It is preposterous to think that slaves were happy and content," Franklin said. "Ponder this: you don't promise people freedom when they are happy as slaves.

The turnout was overwhelming, with the student union filled to standing room only. The Aggies were there to listen and learn.

Klan-Nazi shootout revisited

BY RANDY ST-CLAIR
Register Managing Editor

November 3, 1979 came in a year of turmoil. A year that Greensboro and some N.C. A&T faculty would like to just forget about.

The turmoil came the deaths of five members of the Communist Worker's Party after a shootout with the Ku Klux Klan.

Twenty years later, N.C. A&T's SGA, Political Science Society and History Club put together a forum that would give today's students a better understanding of what the Greensboro Massacre was about, and the extreme changes A&T students, at that time, went through.

The forum included members of the 1979 Communist Worker's Party. Among them were Dr. Claude Barnes Jr., Dr. Sally Bermazan and Willena Cannon.

"Our objective tonight isn't to bring to justice what happened 20 years ago, but to put into perspective what happened 20 years," said Dr. Barnes. A native of Greensboro, Barnes grew up in Morningside Homes, the night of the massacre.

The forum's three panelists addressed three different aspects of the massacre.

Dr. Margaret Barrett spoke on "White Racism and the KKK." Barrett was raised in Forest County, Mississippi.

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Almost 400 North Carolina high school students converged on North Carolina A&T Nov. 4 for the Second Annual High School Media Workshop.

High schoolers hit campus in force

BY EDWARD MOORE
Register Staff Writer

Did I bump my head and suddenly wake up on a high school campus? This was probably the question many asked Wednesday, Nov. 4.

The future leaders of tomorrow appeared to have taken over the Memorial Student Union early that morning. High school students from all across the Piedmont were here on campus for the second annual High School Media Workshop.

The Department of Speech, Communications and Theatre Arts welcomed almost 400 high school students and their advisors to the campus. This department hosted the workshop along with the cooperation of N.C. Scholastic Media Association (NCSMA).

This year's theme was "Media Careers in the New Millennium."

Dr. Linda Florence Callihan, chairperson of the department, is responsible for bringing the program to A&T. She had previously worked on it on the campus of Elizabeth City State University and wanted to develop it here in the Piedmont. Dr. Callihan believed it would be a good program, in that it would make high school students more aware of the various media professions.

"The response from teachers and students was overwhelming," said Dr. Callihan. "We knew of the need for the program, such as this to assist high school media education. We are just extremely pleased that our communication programs at A&T is able to help meet the needs."

Registration for the workshop began at 8 a.m. and ended at 9:50 a.m. During the course of registration from 9 to 9:50 a.m., a welcome session was held where newspaper and broadcast professionals led a discussion on the impact of media's coverage of violence and its effect on youth.

The students participated in a question and answer session with these professionals.

The professionals on hand were Denya Martin, anchor at WFMY-TV (Channel 12); Linda Austin, managing editor of the News & Record; Bob Costner, of WSJS-WTQR; and

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Aggies to help Army, minorities tell their story

BY EDWARD MOORE
Register Staff Writer

A union made of money. Picture the United States Army and North Carolina A&T State University coming together to work on a project. Can you say or spell the word money?

A&T has been given the opportunity to work in collaboration with the Army on a project for the National Army Museum. Months ago the school was asked to participate in a program that would better aid in the telling of a story, with regard to African Americans and Indians who have served in the military.

The program was started two years ago with South Carolina A&T. The program is responsible for bringing A&T into the circle is alumni and retired colonel Jim Paige.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the students of this alma mater to show what Aggies can do," Col. Paige said.

On Wednesday October 20, the students who were selected to work on various aspects of the project met with Army officials to show off what they had accomplished since May.

Each department participating had to present the Army with a project that would get them to serve in telling the story of people of color serving in the Army. The task was to show great works that would provide or prove to be beneficial to the new interactive Army museum in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Samuel Hay was, in large part, the liaison between the departments and the army officials. Dr. Hay was enthusiastic and confident that all students would make excellent presentations, and they did.

Jason Washington, who graduated while working on the project back in August, came back for the presentation. The return trip may prove especially worthwhile. Before Washington completed his presentation, Col. Paige asked him a question that caught him off guard. His answer was "So you are living in D.C.?” Paige said. "Well what are you currently doing there."

"Looking for a job,” replied Jason.

"Here take my card and come by my office when you get back,” Col. Paige said.

After the resulting chain reaction, Washington was no longer looking for a big job in Washington – he had one. A group of students from the Department of Speech, Communication & Theatre drew particularly close attention. Anthony Carroll, Natasha Nimmons and Edward Moore unveiled a video regarding the role of the black press and black soldiers serving in World War II.

The Richard B. Harrison Players group, under advisement of Miller Lucky, put on a mini-play about The Battle of Henry Johnson.

In all everyone did an excellent job and the officials were amazed.

"This program is going to be good,” said Dr. Bennett, head of the Army Museum System. "It's gonna be good. I see it as an expanding prototype where minorities can help us take the history of our nation to a one-dimensional position in our system."

"It's gonna be big and in the works is approximately 10 jobs for a period of four years, starting at entry level position.”

"I am excited and proud of the efforts of the fellow A&T students and advisors,” Col. Paige said.

Pembroke State University and South Carolina State will also participate in the program, with A&T as the base school.

The students who made presentations included: Corey Jermaine Moore, Yolanda Stone, Jason Washington, Anthony Carroll, Edward Moore, Natasha Nimmons, Cedric Gerald, Travis Powell, Chris Rollins, Phillip Burgos, Tennis Foist, Veshorny Terry, and Billicia Hines. Their faculty advisors included: Dr. Samuel Hay, Dr. Ethel Taylor, Dr. Samuel Mosley, Dr. Olen Cole, Dr. Thetessa Styles, Gail Wiggins, Larry Bell, Dr. Bonner, Dr. Edgey, Caesar Jackson, and Miller Lucky.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Academic Affairs plans 8 faculty development seminars

The academic affairs division planned eight faculty development activities for this month. Topics under discussion include Web-based instruction, academic advising, online grading, and interactive videoconferencing.

For information on meeting dates, times, location, and facilitators, contact Glenn Dymous-Sylva at dymous@nccsu.edu or 334-7854, ext. 2250.

Richard to head A&T's search for support from foundations

Dr. Naomi Richmond has been named director of the office of prospect research in the division of development and university relations at A&T.

Richmond will be responsible for the development and administration of processes for comprehensive fund raising strategies.

The newly established office of research prospect will be the central office of operation for schools and colleges seeking support from foundations.

Saunders named to key post in technology transfer office

Dr. Ralph B. Saunders II was chosen as director of the new office of technology transfer and commercialization with the division of research at North Carolina A&T.

Saunders received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Howard University. He also received two master's degrees, a degree in urban planning from the University of California Los Angeles and a degree in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The establishment of the technology transfer office and Saunders' appointment as director is due to A&T's growing involvement in the rise of technology and economic development in the Piedmont Triad and the entire state of North Carolina.

According to the North Carolina Technology Development Authority, A&T has the fourth largest engineering and science research and development program amongst both public and private universities in North Carolina.

Pomp and Circumstance: Winter grads will walk Dec. 18

North Carolina A&T will hold its first winter commencement on Saturday, December 18 in Corbett Sports Center.

The winter commencement is for students who completed graduation requirements in the summer or fall semesters and need their degree to enter graduate school or for employment.

About 459 students are expected to march down the aisle in December. The procession will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program will begin at 10 a.m.

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Cedric, Cedric, Cedric: Terry tuning up to lead band

A&T sophomore Cedric Terry may not have to wait much longer to fulfill his dream

BY EDWARD MOORE

The year was 1999. The place, a packed home game at Aggie Stadium. Marching into the stands came the members of North Carolina A&T State University's band.

Three awesome drum majors led them.

Wait. One of them appears to be a new. Just who is he? The girls began to scream. You hear the name: Cedric, Cedric, Cedric.

Over the summer, an opportunity to lead was given. The recipient, a 19-year-old sophomore, OSHA major named Cedric Terry.

Terry is a humble, modest, and very spiritual young man who rose to the occasion that was presented to him by Dr. Hodge, the band's director of 19 years. Leading the band, as with anything else, requires a lot of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication. Terry brings these elements with him and he gives God the credit.

"Through Christ I can do all things," said Terry.

"This very spiritual young man comes from a spiritual family. The youngest of three children, Terry credits his achievements to his belief in God and the support of his parents, Reverend Robert Perry and Yvonna Terry. As a young boy, Terry realized that he wanted to be a member of the band. By 7th grade, he dreamed of becoming a drum major.

Practice, apparently, made perfect.

Terry began coming up to A&T's symphonic band camps at the age of 12. It was there that he envisioned coming to A&T, playing in the band, and possibly leading it.

"I played the saxophone and drum camp taught me things I needed to know about the horn, about being a better musician and the discipline needed," Terry said.

"At the time, drum major Anthony Ciss was our counselor and we watched a lot of tapes of the band. It was then that I knew.

The appointment over the summer as a shock to Terry.

"It was kind of emotional," Terry chuckled. "I didn't cry, though.

EDWARD MOORE for the Register

Cedric Terry, a sophomore OSHA major, may soon be the band's top drum major.

"Doc (Hodge) called me in and told me."

It was emotional because the head drum major at the time, Chris Goom, was stepping down.

"It was actually Chris who put the whistle around my neck and I have the utmost respect for Chris," Terry said.

"He's been like a big brother to me."

With seniors Kellye Worth and Blufford Thompson in front of him, it appears Terry is being groomed for the head drum major's role. Nonetheless, he remains humble and modest over his prospects.

"Yeah it's possible because of my experience," Terry said - and he'll learn as much as he can this year to ensure that the role becomes his.

"His being drum major now does not necessarily guarantee the role," Hodge said, "but it's very likely because of the things I look for in a drum major.

"I look for playing ability, loyalty, attitude and dedication. Another key is the respect their peers have for them. This is a must on a student will fail. Cedric has acquired this. This young man strives to be the best that he can be. He strives for perfection and wants the band to be No 1 as well as give the crowd a respectable band that will pump them up.

"I met both Cedric and Kellye back in 1993 when they were in middle school coming up for band camps. Cedric was a really good student back then in my opinion exemplify in both school and band. He is a serious student, a perfectionist.

"He has the desire, drive and ability in addition to the fact that he soaks up ideas, listens attentively, which enables him to execute smoothly. That is what I want in a drum major."

Terry has a plan for making the band even better.

"My plan is to listen to what Doc instructs me to do, which will make me a more effective leader and to incite more peer more discipline in our program," Terry said. "I will assist Dr. Hodge, who I feel is a brilliant man, in any way I can."

The sky being the limit and having a good group of peers will greatly aid this current and future leader. Terry leads by example and maintains a 3.0 grade-point average, while practicing and finding time for the NAACP and his church, The Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Aggie Pride is an essential element and motivational tool for this young man.

"To me Aggie Pride is deeper than chanting at a game," Terry said. "It is knowing and having a pure love for A&T. It cannot be learned or taught. It is inside.

"True Aggie Pride is supporting your school functions, organizations, giving while in school and giving back when you leave.

"I plan to give back by giving a little of myself and not just in the band. One way is simply by going out and representing our school the way a leader should."

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From SHOOTING on Page
where the county itself was named after Ku Klux Klan member Robert Forest.
Barrett also spoke about the rise of the KKK and what people thought about them at the time.
"The Klan was thought to be a group of whites that were ignorant, poor, unemployed and uneducated," Barrett said.
They were thought to be harmless, but as time went by we saw that they were a form of "white terrorism," which is a form of expression.
Barrett also went on to say that the Klan was just a means of maintaining white supremacy - even after the civil war.
A video of the tragedy followed. It was graphic, said and it really caught the attention of those watching.
"To see the severity of this massacre and the bravery that these people showed really makes you think, and it makes you want to stand up for what you believe in," said Courtney Taylor.
Dr. Sally Bermazan was a member of the CPP and was actually there at the accident. Her husband was shot and is now paralyzed on his left side.
"It was a bad thing that happened but we had to let the (Klan) know that we weren't just going to back down from them," said Dr. Bermazan.
To A&T students, Dr. Bermazan issued a challenge.
"You as students must make the government responsible for protecting all people, and that's something the government did not do 20 years ago," she said.
The first question from the crowd came from A&T student government president Kendra Hill.
"Why didn't the boycott of the mall fail last year?" she said. "We had involvement of the one of the students but not from any of the faculty. How can we get them to support us?" Williamson Cannon, once an Aggie and a longtime community activist, answered.
"The students in 1961 are the same in 1999," Cannon said. "We didn't have faculty support then and you won't have it now.
"If you want something done don't go chasing the people here at school about it. Have them chasing you. You as students must pick up the struggle we went through.
Many added on to Cannon's response by saying that students need to stay on top of things. As Charlotte Butler put it, the best ammunition for war is knowledge.
Williamson House A&T's history club vice president, said students need to be deeply rooted in their school.
There were faculty members on hand, such as political science professor Dr. Mosely.
This was one of the positive things that have happened in a long time and I'm glad that the students came out here to learn and to get extra credit," he said. "But I'm glad that even though some were here for extra credit they stayed through the whole thing.
"I've been to many forums and I have to say that this has been one of the best."
A&T students were also impressed by the forum.
"The forum was really informative and influential," said Andre Robinson, a senior.
"I really enjoyed seeing the passion that each panelist spoke with."
The forum concluded with remarks by Dr. James Sterling.
He said society needs to change the communication of concern to communities of action.

Speech, Communication & Theatre chair Linda Florence Callahan (center), with help from student Tamara Hill (right) made the media workshop a huge hit.

Media workshop attracts hundreds

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Courtney Hardee, education reporter at the News & Record, Chris Rung, producer/seth at WXII-TV (Channel 45); and Robin Adams Chatley, director of University News Service at UNC-G.
Like chowder, the next item on the agenda began at 10 a.m. The students would attend three 50-minute workshop sessions. The workshops included Online Information Gathering, Photo Journalism, Television, Editing and Layout, Public Relations, Newswriting, Radio, Yearbook, and a session for advisors.
"The sessions were run really nice and precise," said Natasha Clark, a sophomore from Glen High School.
I came to the workshop because I am interested in being a newspaper editor. The workshop was informative, but the speaker on photojournalism could have been a little more interesting," said 17 year old Wallace Mack of Gangster High School.
Kay Phillips, director of NCMA, praised A&T for hosting such a well run and organized workshop.
"North Carolina A&T has been an excellent host. I believe the students have gained so much and having worked with Dr. Callahan before I knew it would turn out great.
After the sessions were over, the students returned to the union where they received a lunch and got a chance to meet and greet anchor woman for WXII-TV (Channel 12) news, Mrs. Wanda Stoffer.
Stokes gave them a very valuable information and told them whether or not they should pursue a career in the media, make sure you love what you do.

Franklin comes back

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acquire knowledge, as well as see the authority figure of their culture.
When asked why they decided to write the new book, "Runaway Slaves," both authors jumped at the chance to answer.
"Writers don't make much money."
JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

"Research has shown that slaves did not always run North as we are led to believe," Schwartzman said. "Many slaves often ran away alone, many ran nearby to cities to hire themselves out."
Franklin reiterated the stance that the Constitution - as the late US Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall would describe it - was from the beginning a flawed document. He also pointed out that in 1776, when Thomas Jefferson declared that all men were created equal, he was not referring to the slaves at Monticello.
Dr. Olen Cole, interim chair of the history department, was one of the many on hand. Dr. Cole spoke of his admiration for Dr. Franklin and his shock that A&T was able to have him for a day, given his busy schedule.
"Just how much have you made off of your new books?" Cole said. Franklin was quick with a reply.
"Let's just say I struggled to pay my utility bill the other day to keep my lights on," he said.
"Writers don't make much money."

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SIFE is not just for business students.

BY KARISTON MCPHERSON
Register Staff Writer

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an organization that consists of college stu-
dents who try to make a difference on campus, within the community, and inter-
nationally by teaching free enterprise.

SIFE was formed in the early 1980s. N.C. A&T's division of SIFE was devel-
oped in 1992. There are over 700 SIFE teams worldwide.

Annualy, each SIFE team participates in a competition within their region and, if successful, internationally.

N.C. A&T's SIFE team has won six con-
secutive regional championships over the past six years. It is also one of the most
active HBCU SIFE chapters in the organiza-
tion.

SIFE is a non-profit organization and
any money raised by the organization goes
towards the campus, the community, or
competition travel expenses.

"Right now, we plan to work with
the children at Windsor Community Center," says Ninhaha Askew, the director of mass
media and public relations for SIFE.

"SIFE has donated computers to the
community center and we are going to
reach the children how to use the Internet,
and the dangers and benefits of the
Internet as well," Frye said.

According to Askew, another goal of
SIFE is to teach children the aspects of
running, planning, and eventually owning
their own businesses.

SIFE also plans to act as consultants to
the small businesses in the community to
help them expand. They are also develop-
ing a Visa Program to advise college stu-
dents before they plunge into the tempta-
tion of credit cards.

"One of the biggest goals is to
spread awareness about SIFE throughout
A&T's campus.

"Although the organization has been
around for seven years, Askew has noticed
that not a lot of students know about
SIFE.

"We have so many resources yet we
don't use them," she says. "But this year,
we are really working hard and make ourselves known," she said.

SIFE is also a source of networking for
future career opportunities including
internships, co-ops, and permanent place-
ment.

Although SIFE is an organization that
deals heavily with many aspects of busi-
ess, it is not strictly for business majors.

All majors are eligible to join.

"SIFE is not a business organization, it is
a student organization," said Askew.

SIFE meets every other Monday or
Wednesday in Merrick Hall.

For more information or to join SIFE
contact the advisor, Dr. Chi Archibong at
334-7656.

Alumnus Henry Frye hits
another North Carolina first

BY VONETTA LILLY
Register Staff Writer

When it comes to describing Justice
Hazel E. Frye, the best phrase to use is
"The First."

A 1953 A&T graduate, Frye has been
judging, and he retired as the first
North Carolina legal arena late last
summer.

On August 2, Governor Jim Hunt
named Justice Frye North Carolina's 29th
chief justice. On September 7, Frye took
his oath and became the first African
American to hold the position.

"Justice Frye's experience in the judicial
system runs far and deep," said Gov.
Hunt.

Frye, 66, has been on the North
Carolina Supreme Court bench since 1983.
Prior to being named to the state's
highest appellate court, he was a state
judge from Greensboro.

In 1968, Frye became the first African
American elected to the N.C. House of
Representatives this century.

Frye is active in numerous civic activities and
professional organizations including the
Institute of Judicial Administration, the
N.C. Association of Black Lawyers, the
Frye, Jr., whose community relations director
is Greensboro, and Harlan, who is director of
personnel for the N.C. Department of
Environment and Natural Resources.

Frye is the graduate of the North
Carolina School of Law. He holds
honorary Doctor of Law degrees from
N.C. A&T and Shaw University.

Anchor Starke gives advice
for building a TV career

BY EDWARD MOORE
Register Staff Writer

Flexibility, hardwork, ambition, and a
passion for what do you do are the keys
to success.

Local celebrities, Wanda Starke gave this
device to over 400 high school students
that attended North Carolina's A&T's
High School Media Day.

Starke is anchor of the noon news and
correspondent of the five o'clock news on
channel 12 (WXXI). Her professionalism
has earned her many awards. Among
those awards are The North Carolina
Associated Press Broadcasters Award,
The Los Angeles YWCA Achievement
Award, The Southern Christian
Leadership Conference Award (Buffalo,
NY Chapter) and the National Women of
Achievement Award.

"Education is the key to your success.
Learn all you can. Listening and participat-
ing in a hands-on atmosphere is essential.
Intern as much as possible," said Starke.

She is not just speaking because Starke is
a graduate of the University of
Richmond, where she received her BA in
journalism and speech communication.
She furthered her education by pursuing a
graduate degree in Political Science and
African studies at the prestigious Howard
University.

Starke began her career at a
radio station in Augusta, Georgia. It was
owned by James Brown, "The Godfather of
Soul."

Later she moved to a television station in
Buffalo, New York. As she talked about
Buffalo it was clear that this was a
stepping stone that she did not like.

"Sometimes you may have to go some-
where or work somewhere you do not like
in order to get ahead," Starke said. "It is
important that you like what you do, but
sometimes you must go to a place you
don't like. I hated Buffalo." she said.

"I was there four years, but it was a step-
ing stone needed for me to succeed. It
was ironic because the station manager in
Buffalo ended up in Winston-Salem and
knew what I could do and hired me."

Making a name for yourself through your
performance can get you in the door and
who you know does not hurt either
was another piece of advice she gave.

"Being flexible, having a hard work ethic
and a passion for what you do will take you
far in the business," said Starke. "I love
to tell stories, to write. I also love the
idea that I may be the first person to
tell people about something important that
affects their lives."

Over and over again she stressed that it
was all about interning and making sure
you love what you do. The money may
not be there in the beginning, but it will
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Not Too Late

World oh world you better recognize
'Cause good jobs out here
Are hard to find
Respect yourself and realize
Before it's too late
When I was young
Growing up in Eastside
I never let anyone take advantage of me
And my pride
I spoke the truth, overcame my youth
And realized that time was passing me by
I am older now but never did I know
That men and women
Out here struggling
Trying to do things
No one else took time to do
Growing up and envisioning it all
Not to mention having a ball
It's not too late
The topics of life are
Black and White
And our differentiality
I, myself, am in love with a mixture
Of things between Black, White, and Asian
Just about anything, as long as they are men
I only see what God blessed people with
The ability to love
So it's still not too late
To love, demonstrate peace, and show happiness
This is my ultimate goal
World oh world if you only knew
That people need to recognize that
Things are getting harder
Respect yourself, have morals and create dreams
This should be the focus of the youth today
Not guns, sex, and fighting
Because it's not too late

— Valerie Campbell

Now I See

When I first met you
I thought you were going to be
Just another play toy for me,
But now I see
You're all I need and more
Much more
I can't believe
That I am deserving you
Caring for you
Talking to you
Even making love to you
One day soon
That cow will jump across the moon
And all these dreams
Wished within will come true
Life is but a mystery to me
And it's time for people to
Just take control
Turn things into gold
Share a common gift
Of love, peace, and happiness!

— Valerie Campbell

That Special Place

When you are not around and I need you here
I think of that special place and you feel so near
I sometimes wonder when will I see you again,
But I think of that special place and it heals my pain
When I'm down and out and you are nowhere to be found
I look for that special place and peace, love and comfort is around
Just listen to my voice and you will know
Where that special place so you can go
If you promise to keep it a secret then I will tell you
Where to find it because it's just within and just for two
You and I can share this place to the ends of time
It will be our special place yours and mine
Look deep inside yourself to find that special place
So when we're apart we can meet face to face
No one else must know because it's rare
For lovers to share a special place in their minds; are you there?

— Valerie Campbell
Basketball team looks to fly high with Hunter

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After a mediocre 1998-99 season, the N.C. A&T basketball team is looking to turn things around under a new head coach who is looking to bring discipline and excellence to the Aggies. Curtis Hunter, a native of Durham and former North Carolina Tar Heel, is the Aggies' new coach.

Hunter came to Chapel Hill in 1982, year of the Tar-Heels' national championship, and played with Michael Jordan and 12 other All-Americans before graduating in 1986. He played professionally for the Denver Nuggets and later went overseas to play for Greece and Italy.

Tired of the travel and moving, Hunter decided to retire and teach the game he had loved. He coached at Fayetteville State University and chapel Hill High School before coming to A&T as assistant coach.

"A&T has a lot of great history and a really great program," Hunter said. "You can't go anywhere in North Carolina and not hear about A&T. "Whether it's band or academics, everyone knows about A&T, and I want it to be a part of that," Hunter said.

Along with A&T's rich tradition, Hunter looks at this as being an opportunity of a lifetime.

"Not many people get to coach a Division I school, and this has been a dream of mine for a while so I am taking advantage of my opportunity," said Hunter.

Expectations run high for the Aggies again this year. "This schedule is one of the toughest they have had in years. Their nonconference schedule includes Texas A&M and Baylor University, American University, and perennial power Duke. We do have a tough schedule, but I expect us to win every game we play no matter what the reputation of the other team has," Hunter said.

"The Texas teams we play because of recognition but like I said before I will expect our team to win."

Hunter's goal for this season is to simply have his team play together. He has eight returning players and five newcomers, and expects great things of all of them.

"The great thing about this team is that there isn't any one player that just stands out from the rest," Hunter said. "Each player has the potential to be the leader of this team."

As playing style goes, look for the Aggies to shoot more — and score more. A&T held its annual intrasquad scrimmage on Nov. 6. A home exhibition against the Sports Crusader is scheduled for Nov. 12, with the season opener on the road at American on Nov. 26.

FAMU, AE tangle for title

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Florida A&M Rattlers (7-2 overall, 6-0 conference) vs. N.C. A&T Aggies (8-1 overall, 6-0 conference)

On Saturday afternoon at Aggie Stadium, the Florida A&M Rattlers and the N.C. A&T Aggies will be vying for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship.

Everything is on the line in this game and both teams will be poised and ready for the contest. The Rattlers come in with the MEAC's most prolific offense, averaging 46.7 points per game, and come off a dominating 65-18 thumping of Southern. The Aggies, meanwhile, are the MEAC's top defense and have reeled off an impressive six consecutive wins since an early season loss to Elon. There is no secret about the importance of this contest and both teams know that the winner will be a top seed in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

"This is as big as it gets," A&T coach Bill Hayes said. "It's for the conference title and we're going to play hard to get it."

FAMU quarterback JaJuan Seidler is the league's top offensive player, with more than 3,400 passing yards, 20 touchdowns and only one interception. A dangerous runner as well, Seidler has rushed for 335 yards and eight more touchdowns.

Jacqay Nunnally and Cainh Lion, with more than 100 receptions and 16 touchdowns between them, give FAMU the league's top receiving duo. A&T counters with a ground game led by Mo-Smith, who ranks second in the conference with 729 yards and five touchdowns in eight games. Smith set out the Delaware State game last week, but he's ready for FAMU, and the quarter back spot has solidified since Jason Battle took the starting job at midseason.

The Aggies live and die, however, with defense. Darryl Kugh, Dewayne Carpenter, Josh Rogers, and VonKeith Spencer lead a talented secondary that could challenge FAMU. And as if the conference title isn't enough motivation, A&T has last year to consider. FAMU had rolled up a 51-12 lead in that game, but the Rattlers called a timeout with 29 seconds remaining to set up a pass play for another score.

Aggie head coach Bill Hayes downplayed the incident.

"I can't worry about things I can't control," Hayes said. "Their coach is a good guy and a long-time friend."

"We're ready to get back to work," Hayes said. "Nothing to it."

"A&T ranked #6 in Division IAA poll. NCAT ranked #24 in Division I. FAMU has MEAC's top offense. NCAT has MEAC's top defense."

Players to watch
Florida A&M University
QB — JaJuan Seidler
WRs — Jacqay Nunnally and Cainh Lion
LB — Grover Fields
North Carolina A&T University
RB — Mo Smith
QB — Jason Battle
DBs — Kluh, Spencer, Rogers, and Carpenter

Late kick kept Aggies’ hopes alive in win over Bethune

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If anyone would have guessed that the N.C. A&T football team would be unbeaten in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and ranked among Division I-AA’s elite teams at this point in the season, they’d be a genius now. The Aggies improved to 7-1 overall, October 30 and remained in first place as they edged Bethune-Cookman on a late field goal by a score of 19-18.

This victory intensified throughout the game and even after the game as there were several alterations among coaches and players.

On a day the Aggies seemed to be struggling and out-numbered at times, senior tailback Maurice "Mo" Smith picked up the slack as he rushed for a team high 143 yards, including a 28-yard run late in the fourth quarter to set up the decisive field goal.

The game wasn't always this close as they Aggies took control early and led 16-6 at the half. After a couple of Aggie breakdowns, the Wildcats mounted a rally and took an 18-16 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

After another Aggie turnover, the Wildcats got the ball back again and faced a tied Aggie Defense. Up 18-16, the Wildcats attempted a field goal that would have forced the Aggies to score a touchdown to win, but it was blocked by A&T's Arthur Wilson.

Given new life, A&T took over on its own 37 with only 4:31 remaining.

The Aggies survived an incomplete pass on fourth-and-three when Bethune-Cookman was penalized for pass interference. Two plays later, Smith broke free for the game-winning kick.

The Aggies will close out the regular season vs. Delaware State University on Friday, November 12, with the season opener on the road at American on Nov. 26.

A&T's strong finish dumps Delaware St.

Win clinches postseason berth, spot in MEAC championship game

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North Carolina A&T State University struggled without its top offensive threat for three quarters, but it picked up late in the third quarter as it finished the game with 71-18 to win over Delaware State University in the final regular-season game.

Without running back Mo Smith sidelined with a strained ankle, A&T turned to sophomore tailback Adrian Parks, who picked up the slack with 93 yards on 18 carries.

The Aggies trailed 7-0 early in the first quarter, but after a Horne fumble, junior returner Romando North electrified the crowd with his 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

An even bigger play came with just under six minutes remaining in the third quarter and the Hornets leading 13-10. Delaware State tailback Kevin Hanks was running in for what seemed to be a sure touchdown, but the Aggies forced a fumble that resulted in a touchdown.

An Aggie touchdown followed, and A&T (8-1, 6-0 MEAC) was on its way to the win that assured the Aggies a postseason appearance.

A&T's win coupled with Florida A&M's 65-18 victory over Southern sets up the MEAC title game on Saturday, November 13 at Aggie Stadium.

"This is as big as it gets!" A&T coach Bill Hayes said. "It's going to be something to watch."