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## Aggies get it done again

### A&T tops Tennessee State, heads to Youngstown

BY CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Staff Writer

The N.C. A&T football team has been labeled just about everything from lucky to not real contenders. Call em' what you want, but these Aggies get it done week in and week out.

They showed that again on Saturday by dismantling the No. 1-rated Tennessee State Tigers by a score of 24-10.

Despite receiving the 16th and lowest seed in the playoff bracket, the Aggies dominated nearly every aspect of the game as they controlled the ball for almost 42 minutes of the game and held the Tigers high-powered offense to a mere 168 total yards.

This was by far the Tigers' lowest output of the year; they had averaged nearly 38 points per game.

Tigers star quarterback Leon Murray, who has been sidelined for several weeks with a torn knee ligament, had to watch agonizingly from the

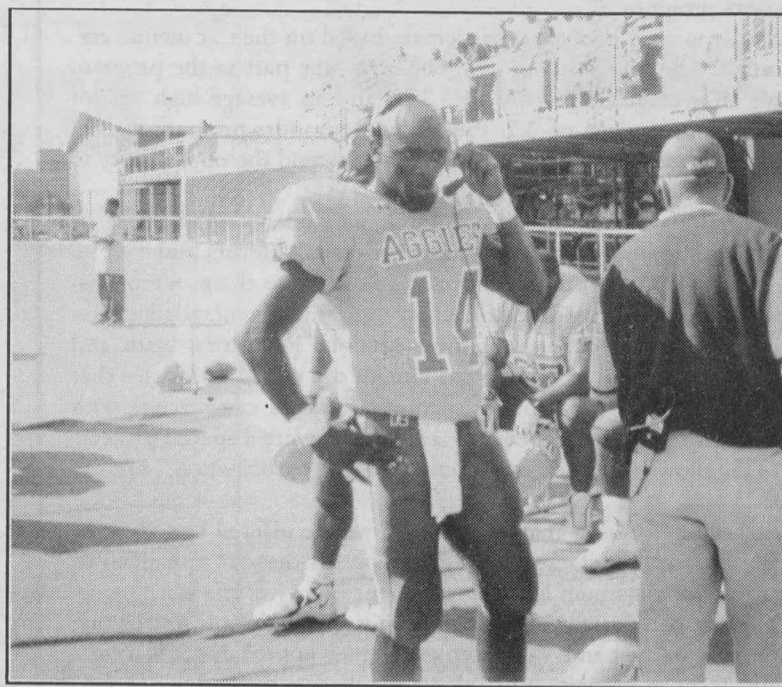
sidelines on crutches as dreams of an unbeaten season and a national championship went down the drain.

Aggie tailbacks Mo Smith and Adrian Parks led the ground game as they rushed for 80 and 77 yards respectively. Early in the second quarter with the score tied at 3, Tiger returner Avion Black put the Tigers ahead with a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, but on the next possession, TSU Quarterback Chris Perkins got injured and the Tigers would not score again.

"I tried to come back after the half, but every throw that I made was real hurtful," Perkins said. "I tried to help this team."

The Aggies' defense stiffened even more and the offense controlled the ball and reeled off 21 unanswered points. The game was put away early in the fourth quarter when defensive back Temel Purkett blocked a Tiger punt and took it in for a touchdown.

TSU was never able to recover. The Tigers were the heavy favorites, but the Aggies put all that aside and silenced all those who didn't



N.C. A&T quarterback Jason Battle helped the Aggies upset top-seeded Tennessee State 24-10.

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## Harold Martin leaves for WSSU

### The vice chancellor for academic affairs leaves A&T to become interim chancellor at Winston-Salem State.

From Staff Reports

Harold Martin, vice chancellor for academic affairs at N.C. A&T, was recently named chancellor of Winston-Salem State University.

The decision was announced Monday Nov. 29.

It is difficult to break away from some of the projects he is involved in at A&T, Martin told the News & Record of Greensboro, but the new job was an ideal opportunity that he had to take advantage of.

A finalist in A&T's search to find a new chancellor, Martin said he was a bit disappointed when he was not appointed to the position of chancellor. After serving A&T for almost 20 years, he said, you take your disappointments, move on and hope you can

learn from them.

The Winston-Salem State University position entitles Martin to deal with problems that he was working on at A&T, including increasing the enrollment of the university, preparing an accreditation review and fundraising.

A&T's Chancellor James Renick said Winston-Salem State's gain was a loss for A&T. Renick also stated that he was not surprised at all at Martin's decision to leave A&T although he does have mixed emotions.

Martin's interim replacement, who was revealed Tuesday afternoon, is Carolyn Meyers, former dean of the School of Engineering at A&T.

Meyers left A&T in 1997 to work as a program officer at the National Science Foundation.

Neither Renick nor Meyers would say how long Meyers' position would remain interim.

Martin was making an annual salary of \$141,480 at A&T. He will be paid \$150,000 at Winston-Salem State.

Meyers' salary at A&T will be \$135,000.

## AN EARLY PRESENT. Ford gives A&T \$3 million grant

BY PATRICE FOUST  
Register Staff Writer

N.C. A&T will receive \$3 million from Ford Motor Company to support educational program, scholarships and student resource facilities.

The funding will be contributed over the next five years and represents the largest corporate gift ever received by A&T.

Ford has a long relationship with A&T, which includes providing tractors and machinery for agricultural programs.

A&T Chancellor James C. Renick called the latest — and largest — gift a tangible example of how Ford is supporting A&T through student scholarships and campus facilities.

The \$3 million will be divided among 40 scholarships and will support the university's Fitness and Wellness Center. Twenty of the 40 scholarships will go to the

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## This holiday season, protect your lair from thieves

BY SHARON D. ROSEBOROUGH  
Register Staff Writer

The semester is coming to an end and the winter holidays are approaching. We're getting our things ready to visit our friends and family for the Holidays. And whether you're an in-state or out-of-state student, on-campus or off, there are a few things that need to be done to keep your dorm or apartment safe.

For those Aggies who have on-campus housing, the responsibility for keeping the dorm safe is minimal.

"Other than locking up the rooms when they leave and taking all of the high-priced valuables, there isn't that

much that they (students) can do," said John O. Williams, A&T's chief of police. "It's the job of the housing department to make sure the outside (of the dorm) is safe and it's the job of the security officers and maintenance workers to secure the inside."

According to Williams, the Housing Department will use a tried and true — and effective — safety method. Locks on the entrance and exit doors of every dormitory will be changed after all students are out of the dorms. Maintenance workers and security officers will be

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## Honors program opens for frosh

By STORM FOREMAN  
Register Staff Writer

Plans to provide N.C. A&T students with the opportunity for an "enriched education" became reality this semester with the inception of a freshman honors program.

The need for a campus-wide honors program at A&T has long been addressed by the college community. About one year ago, a committee generated by the vice chancellor of academic affairs began taking steps to create a program that would serve academically gifted students.

"Our goal is to provide every student in the program with the best education A&T can provide, said Dr. Pete Meyers, director of the honors program.

Students were invited to participate based on their academic credentials. The 49 freshmen who chose to take part in the program have an average SAT score of 1,137, and an average high school grade-point average of 3.7. Presently, the honors program is only open to freshmen, but there are plans to extend the opportunity to participate to the entire campus.

"Beginning next semester, in March, all students will be able to apply (for admission) to the honors program," Meyers said.

As it stands now, there are four components to the program that students take part in. The first is low enrollment general education courses. Students can take honors sections in history, math and English, each class having an enrollment cap of 20. In classes that are not designated as honors sections, students can arrange with instructors to receive mentoring and to complete a special project.

"This allows for much more active student participation," Meyers said.

As honors students matriculate, they will be offered honors seminars in special courses or in regular courses that are enhanced to provide the maximum learning experience.

The last component of the program is the senior project or thesis, which participants will complete as they approach graduation.

"We want to prepare our students for success beyond undergraduate studies, whether it is admission to graduate school or a career opportunity," Meyers said.

Both the program director and the students' individual advisors will monitor honors students' progress. Since the program operates within all majors, advisors will help ensure that participants are meeting the criteria of the program as well as the criteria of his or her major.

In addition to serving A&T's high achievers, the honors program aims to benefit the campus as a whole through a number of planned cultural enrichment activities. The program recently invited historian John Hope Franklin to A&T, where he gave a public lecture. Future activities will include trips to Charlotte for a theater performance based on the Harlem Renaissance, and to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

## Beware Xmas crime

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the only people with keys.

Aggies living off-campus may have to take a little more personal responsibility for securing their homes or apartments for the winter break.

Martha Rhyne, manager of the Forest Apartments on Montcastle Drive, has a few tips — not only for her residents, but for people who live in any apartment complex.

"Leaving a light on in the apartment, or getting a timer for your lights, is probably the best thing that could be done," Rhyne said. "We also advise that you tell a neighbor or a friend that you trust that you're going out of town so they can pick up your mail and look after your home."

Charles E. Brooks, maintenance director of Bradford Green Apartments, offered a few additional tips.

"Make sure the gas furnace and stove are turned off, make sure the smoke detector is working properly, and lock the windows," Brooks said.

Paying attention to small details is important, Brooks said.

"Be sure to stop the delivery of your newspaper so that you don't have a pile of papers just sitting at the door," he said. "If someone sees a pile of papers at the door they're going to know you're not home."

There are many responsibilities involved when leaving your home or apartment for the holidays. Following the safety tips and preventive methods will help to keep your residence safe over the winter break. Knowing that your belongings left behind are safe will make the holidays more enjoyable.

### HYPertext HEADS FUTURE FOCUS

## Writers look to new medium

By AMELIA OTOVO  
Register Staff Writer

On November 5, the English department held its annual writing conference. Professors lectured on 10 different topics including writing essays, writing business letters, creative writing, and writing poetry.

Dr. Jeffrey Parker gave a very interesting presentation on virtual composition. According to Parker, teachers and students must begin to incorporate technology into the learning process.

One resource that should be utilized, Parker said, is hypertext. Hypertext is a technique for organizing computer databases or documents in a way that facilitates the non-sequential retrieval of information. It also allows multimedia presentations.

By using hypertext, a student can actually experience literature while reading it. Graphics, color, sound, video, and animation can be added to a text to create a realistic environment.

However, there are some critics of virtual composition who are afraid that it will take the place of books. They believe that children will lose some of their imagination and creativity.

Parker, however, is confident that this will never happen.

"We will always have books," Parker says. "It will just provide a different medium for learning."

Suz Latham from the Department of Speech, Communication and Theatre was another presenter. Her topic was "Research: Might there be More to it Than Meets the Eye?"

Latham said that research can be very difficult and tedious, but students must keep themselves from falling into what she calls the "gumption trap." The gumption trap is a snag

during research that keeps people from forming more than two solutions to a problem. "We must keep our eyes open and receptive to new solutions," Latham said.

Dr. Robert T. Levine also gave some very useful information. His topic was "The Sentence Completion Question on the Graduate Record Exam."

The GRE is not so difficult, Levine said, for students who will remember to take a logical approach to the questions. The two correct words to complete the sentences will often be synonyms or antonyms, he said, but a substantial vocabulary is nonetheless crucial.

Dr. Audrey Forest Carter gave valuable advice to students writing essays. There are three main downfalls for students, she said: writer's block, writing and revising, and lack of preparation.

In Carter's class, students are required to spend five hours in the writing lab.

Carter closed the conference by saying, "In less than five weeks, we'll welcome in a new millennium. Many of past challenges will be more profound. We must try new and innovative experiences in the classroom to help our students succeed."

Students who attended the conference said that their time was not wasted.

"The conference was very informative," said Lucinda Aikens, a junior professional English major. "There wasn't a big turnout, but I know that I learned a lot today."

Akimme Williams, a junior professional English major, said: "I enjoyed all of the speakers, but I think that Dr. Levine's lecture on the GRE was the most beneficial to me."

Said Quinna White, a senior professional English major: "I really liked it overall. I got a lot of useful information from all of the speakers."

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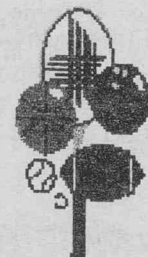
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# City adds parking meters to East Market

The meters could fix campus parking woes

BY SHARON D. ROSEBOROUGH  
Register Staff Writer

The addition of parking meters on East Market Street makes parking a lot less hectic for students at N.C. A&T.

The City of Greensboro Transportation Department installed almost 170 new on-street parking spaces on East Market Street between Benbow Road and Dudley Street, and the response has been

favorable.

The parking meters were placed on East Market Street "as part of a study done by the East Market Street Development Corporation," said Robin Davenport, parking operations manager for the City of Greensboro. "City staff, officials, and merchants decided that East Market Street would be the best place to receive the new parking meters."

Parking will cost 25 cents per hour and the meters will accept quarters, dimes and nickels. However, no time will be recorded until a minimum of 25 cents is inserted.

The new meters allow two-hour parking time limits from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday with no enforcement on Sundays and holidays.

The new meters are conveniently placed among the busiest sections on A&T's campus, in front of Gibbs Hall and the Dowdy Building.

The parking meters are especially a blessing for those students whose vehicles aren't registered for on-campus parking.

"The parking meters are excellent because I don't have to get up at 7:30 a.m. to find a parking space for my 9 a.m. class," said Sharnetta Roseborough, a

sophomore history major from Greensboro. "And 25 cents is not a whole lot to pay for a parking space that close [to Gibbs Hall]."

In the event that a class runs a little longer than normal and time on the parking meter expires, don't fret.

"Normally vehicles [parked at the meters] aren't towed unless they are creating an immediate traffic hazard," says Corporal R.E. Flynt of the Greensboro Police Department Parking Enforcement Division.

"Expired meters are usually ticketed. The tickets are normally \$5.00," he said.

## Junior vying for Miss USA

Texan Portia Lyndell Johnson named state winner

BY KARISTON MCPHERSON  
Register News Editor

A&T's own Portia Lyndell Johnson has been crowned Miss North Carolina USA 2000.

Johnson, 20, received the honor Nov. 28 in Asheville's Thomas Wolfe Auditorium.

"I cried on stage for about five minutes," says Johnson when she described her initial reaction. "My make-up ran, I had tear streaks on my face and everything!"

Johnson was one of 32 women that vied for the crown. 51 young women competed for the Miss Teen North Carolina pageant, which also took place on the same night.

This is Ms. Johnson's second time competing for the crown. In last year's competition, she made it as far as the top 5. But she never thought that she would win.

"The competition was very hard this year. I was told it was the hardest in 20 years," she says.

Here at A&T, Portia is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and a resident assistant at Morrow Hall.

The new Miss North Carolina USA 2000 is a junior from Austin, Texas majoring in Industrial Engineering. She firmly stresses that being the new Miss North Carolina is more than a crown and a sash.

"This title is something that's not given, it's earned. It is a lot of hard work," she says. "Having this title gives me the chance to communicate with people that I wouldn't have otherwise," she explains. "It's all about spreading a positive message. It opens doors to modeling, acting...the opportunities are immeasurable."

The National Association of Breast Cancer sponsors the pageant. With her title, Portia will act as a spokesperson, traveling across the country spreading awareness of breast cancer.



Courtesy Portia Johnson

Portia Lyndell Johnson

With her new title, some young women may now look at Johnson as a role model, a task she is most willing to take. Her words of advice? "Just be yourself. There is nothing wrong with being who you are."

Portia Johnson wishes to thank everyone at North Carolina A&T for their support and hospitality and also giving her the chance to represent North Carolina.

Johnson will go on to compete for Miss USA which will air on February 4 on CBS at 9 p.m.

## On campus, police pedal during patrol

Cyclists are quiet, efficient and cost-effective

BY VALARIE CAMPBELL  
Register Staff Writer

The N.C. A&T Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit was established in August 1996. It's a special unit, and the officers are highly trained.

They must pass courses in effective cycling, maintenance officer certification and emergency medical services bicycle operation certification before they are set loose on campus.

These courses help the police cyclists know about safe riding, police tactics on mountain bikes, maintenance, emergency skills, and legal issues. The police cyclists must be physically fit and remain that way in order to continue riding.

"The unit provides visibility, quick response to all situations and the university's community needs, and has built a positive interaction between the officers and students," said Major Richetta Slade, campus police patrol commander. These officers work during what Slade calls "peak hours" — from 3 p.m. until 2 a.m., if needed. They ride in pairs and under reasonable weather but, lest they be confused with postal carriers, never in sleet or snow.

Officer Trevor McAdoo, one of A&T's most experienced bicycle patrolmen, says that most arrests at A&T are due to drug and liquor use on campus — and that the sight of a cop on a bike has caught many students by surprise.

A typical day for McAdoo starts with an equipment check. A long ride from 1020 Wendover Avenue to campus follows. Then it's on to routine checks of major activities on campus, and a ride-by of department buildings and cars to prevent burglaries.

From there, the cyclists survey the campus and community and serve as assist teams to patrol cars.

Supervisor Shawn Harvin hopes one day "to have a full bicycle patrol unit soon of at least eight to 12 officers." The reason, she said, is simple: "This unit is certainly more cost effective and assessable than the patrol car units."

These officers can and do arrest students and give tickets for such things as noise violations, drug and alcohol possession, aggravated assaults and motor vehicle theft.

And for those still struggling to take the concept seriously, Officer McAdoo offers words of advice: "Even though you don't see one, just know we are still there."

## Ford invests \$3 mil in A&T

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College of Engineering, and the rest will be divided among the Biosystems Engineering Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, the School of Business and Economics, the School of Technology and the School of Nursing.

One of Ford's contributions to A&T is an annual career fair, and each one since 1993 has seen the return of Aggie graduate Kofi Kpeglo.

Kpeglo is a Ford manager in Plymouth, Mich.

He received his undergraduate degree in agricultural engineering and his master's in mechanical engineering — both from A&T.

According to Kpeglo, Ford looks for students who know that they are capable and will provide a return on the compa-

ny's investment.

"I enjoy going to the career fair because I can describe some experiences to students, and pass on some things to them to help them to be better prepared," Kpeglo said.

The recruitment has gone on for 50 years, Kpeglo said, and meets crucial needs for scholarships at A&T.

"We want to contribute to the community," he said, "so one of the first things we did was to decide which departments needed the money the most."

Money invested in campus laboratories has its own returns, Kpeglo said.

"Teamwork are the skills needed to keep the ground running," he said. "It helps students to plan and organize, because lab work enforces teamwork. Your drive and abilities to cope with pressures are improved."

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# All-America safety saves best for last

Sacrifice, discipline make Klugh a major player in MEAC

BY SEMAJ MARSH  
Register Staff Writer

It seemed fitting that Darryl Klugh would save his best game of the season for N.C. A&T's biggest game in years.

As an All-America free safety and the team's vocal leader, Klugh has made a habit of playing big when it counts most.

So when Florida A&M rolled into Greensboro on Nov. 13, with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship and a playoff berth up for grabs, it wasn't surprising that he made his presence felt in a major way.

In what was touted as the showdown between FAMU's prolific "Gulf Coast" offense and A&T's punishing "Blue Death" defense, it was Klugh who delivered the fatal blows.

All Klugh did was compile eight tackles, five pass breakups, an interception in the end zone and a 67-yard fumble return that set up A&T's second score.

"I just made up my mind that I was going to guard the goal line with my life," said Klugh, whose heroics propelled the Aggies to a 30-15 win and their first MEAC title since 1992.

Another play that didn't end up in the box score — but was probably equally important — was the teeth-jarring hit that Klugh laid on FAMU's leading receiver, Jacquay Nunnally, early in the second quarter.

That hit, which ignited the Aggie bench and cheering sections, sent a clear message to the Rattlers' much heralded wide receiver: Not in our house.

"After that play they didn't have that same swagger when they went over the middle," Klugh said.

For his efforts, Klugh was recognized as the MEAC defensive player of the week. The following week, he had to clear out more room in his trophy case after being one of five Aggies named as first team All-MEAC.

"I'm having a great time right now," said Klugh, who has started in the secondary since his freshman year. "It's as if four years of hard work have finally paid off."

And if the personal accolades weren't enough, Klugh's Aggies continued their

remarkable Cinderella season last Saturday by upsetting No. 1-seeded Tennessee State 24-10 in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. For A&T, it was the first-ever playoff win in school history.

Afterward, Klugh admitted that even he is surprised by all the success he's been a part of this season.

"You go into every year hoping that you win the championship, that's your goal," Klugh said. "But it wasn't until the Bethune-Cookman game that we started to realize this could really be a special year."

In that game, it seemed as if the Aggies might witness a replay of last year's Homecoming loss, in which they got off to an early lead, only to watch Bethune come back and win in the final minutes.

This time, however, the Aggies stepped up when they had to, blocking a field goal late in the fourth quarter that eventually led to the game-winning scoring drive. The Aggies would win the game 19-18 on a last-second field goal, staying undefeated in conference play and keeping their title hopes alive.

"Championship teams are unique in that they are able to make the plays when they have to," Klugh said. "They just find a way to win."

Led by Klugh, the Aggies finished 11-1 during the regular season and boasted the top-rated defense in the MEAC. Nationally, the "Blue Death" ranked third among all Division I-AA school in both points allowed (13.7 per game) and total defense (259.4 yards per game).

Klugh led the Aggies with three interceptions and was tied for third with 57 tackles. He also blocked two punts, one of which was returned for a touchdown in the Aggies' win over Howard.

Though Klugh's numbers were slightly

down from 1998, when he finished with a MEAC leading six interceptions and had 20 pass breakups, Klugh said as long as the team keeps winning he couldn't be happier.

"If I don't make any plays and we win, I'll be elated," Klugh said. "But if I have a great game and we still lose, then I'm going to be (upset). I'll trade the personal honors for team success any day."

That type of unselfish attitude is why Klugh was an easy choice for senior captain this preseason and one of the reasons why he's arguably the strongest presence in the Aggies' locker room.

A&T coach Bill Hayes remembers that before the FAMU game, Klugh pulled aside all the defensive players and demanded that they stay mentally focused.

"He told all the younger players to 'keep your heads in the game and be ready, because there's going to be a time when coach is going to call on you,'" Hayes said. "That's just the type of leader Darryl is."

As a free safety, leadership ability is a virtual necessity, since the position acts as the field general for the entire defense.

Not only is Klugh responsible for relaying the plays sent in from the sideline, but he also serves as the team's last line of defense.

If by chance someone gets past his tackle, it usually means six points for the opposition.

With that type of pressure, it's not surprising the job requires a wealth of self-confidence.

"You certainly have to have a short memory," Klugh said, referring to the rare times he gives up a big play.

Wayne Hicks, A&T's defensive coordinator, said Klugh's main strength is his mental toughness.

"He possess an internal strength most people don't have," Hicks said. "He just

*"If you really want something you're going to have to make a sacrifice, Sacrifice and discipline, that's part of life. I know many people who have an infinite amount of ability but didn't make enough sacrifices and therefore weren't successful."*

— DARRYL KLUGH

## 8 Aggies named to all-conference

BY CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Staff Writer

N.C. A&T head coach Bill Hayes and eight of his players were rewarded this week with All-Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference honors.

Hayes, who led the Aggies to the MEAC title and into the second round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs, was named conference coach of the year.

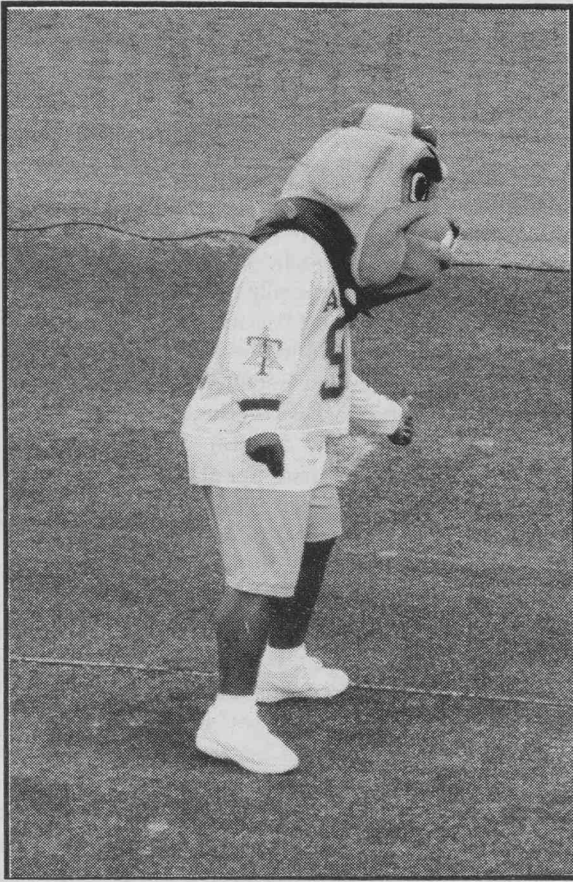
Senior free safety Darryl Klugh was one of five Aggies named to the All-MEAC first team. Klugh led all defensive backs in voting and finished second in defensive player of the year voting behind Hampton's Deon Hunt.

Joining Klugh on the first team for the Aggies were senior tailback Mo Smith, senior offensive lineman Chad Mann, junior linebacker B.J. Little, and senior offensive lineman Jon Hall.

Second-team All-MEAC honors went to senior defensive end Shawn Paylor, junior defensive tackle Robert Williams, and junior offensive lineman Victor Marte.



As A&T hits the playoffs, Aggie Pride is running higher than ever.



The Aggie mascot (LEFT) is still growling, and the band is still jammin' as the A&T football team prepares to head to Ohio for a second-round NCAA playoff game.

## Youngstown no youngster to playoffs

BY CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Staff Writer

After an offseason of hard work and dedication, the N.C. A&T Aggie football team entered the 1999 football season poised and ready for battle. They finished their regular season by winning eight consecutive games to finish 10-1 and captured the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship. Now they are headed to the second round of the NCAA Division 1-AA playoffs to play a tough Youngstown State team.

After dismantling the top-rated Tennessee State Tigers in the first round of the playoffs 24-10, the Aggies don't want to be overconfident when they travel to Ohio to face Youngstown State on Saturday, December 4.

Not to worry, said senior free safety Darryl Klugh.

"Naaaah, no way we're overconfident," Klugh said. "We're still very hungry."

"As a team, we haven't really done any celebrating. We want to stick to business until our ultimate goal is achieved. Winning the national championship would be a nice way to finish."

Youngstown State has captured the Division 1-AA national championship four times this decade while advancing to the playoffs six times. They are one of the better programs in the nation and Aggie head coach Bill Hayes respects their abilities.

"When I look at them on film, I see our team in many ways," Hayes said. "They're where we want to be one day."

"This is going to be a 12-round fight between two heavy weights."

The key in this game will be whether the Aggies can stop the Penguins' potent offense. A&T would appear to be up to the task.

The Aggies have answered every challenge that offenses

have thrown at them, shutting down teams such as Florida A&M and Tennessee State. They were the MEAC's top defense and one of the nation's best, and earned the name: "School of Hard Knocks."

The Penguins' offense is led by the terrific trio of quarterback Jeff Ryan, tailback Adrian Brown and wideout Elliott Giles.

Ryan, a sophomore, is one of the conference's top players as he has amassed nearly 3,000 yards of total offense and produced 20 touchdowns. Brown, a senior, leads the Penguin ground game with 1,300 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns.

Giles has caught 55 passes for a staggering 1,112 yards and seven touchdowns in only 10 games.

Youngstown head coach Jim Tressel knows that facing the Aggies will be a tough task. The Aggies counter with a suffocating defense led by senior free safety Darryl Klugh and junior linebacker B.J. Little. Both were named to the All-MEAC first team.

Also, the Aggies possess a ball control offense led by All-MEAC running back Maurice "Mo" Smith, who has rushed for nearly 1,000 yards, an offense line that is very good, and quarterback Jason Battle.

The Aggies feel like they have just as good a chance as anyone to win it all.

"It gives us a good feeling that we can compete and win against the best in Division I-AA," said Aggie defensive back Dwaine Carpenter. "Now that it's playoff time, our goal is to keep raising our level of play. If we continue to do that, there's no telling how things might turn out."

No matter what happens on Saturday, the Aggies and the Penguins have had extraordinary seasons.

## Aggies top Tenn. State

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believe in them.

"I felt like I was in a war and the enemy was coming and I had a gun," Tiger head coach L.C. Cole said. "The only problem was that there was no bullets in it."

The Aggies also got solid play from quarterback Jason Battle, who has now led this team to a conference high nine straight wins and an 11-1 overall record.

Aggie head coach Bill Hayes was especially pleased with his defense.

"Our D has been the backbone of our team this season," Hayes said. "Today, they came out and dominated from start to finish."

In the first quarter, kicker Darren Dawkins put the Aggies up 3-0 with a field goal. After the Tigers led 10-3, tailback Parks took a toss from Battle and scampered in from 7 yards out to tie the score at 10.

Late in the third quarter, the Aggies went up for good on a 15-yard pass play from Battle to tight end Marcus Bryson.

Early in the fourth quarter, Purkett blocked a Tiger punt and scored the touchdown to seal the 24-10 victory.

The win moves the Aggies to the second round of the Division 1-AA playoffs, where they will face a tough Youngstown State squad in Ohio this Saturday.

## AGGIE FOOTBALL RECAP

vs. N.C. Central (in Raleigh)	W, 20-7
at Winston-Salem State	Win 20-7
at Elon College	Loss 40-7
at Norfolk State	Win 28-14
vs. Hampton	Win 41-24
at Morgan State	Win 30-6
vs. Howard (Homecoming)	Win 51-0
at Bethune Cookman	Win 19-18
vs. Delaware State	Win 24-13
vs. Florida A&M	Win 30-15
vs. S.C. State (in Charlotte)	Win 27-7

10-1 overall; 8-0 conference

### Division 1-AA Playoffs

at Tennessee State	Win 24-10
at Youngstown State	Saturday

## A&T defeats S. Carolina State

BY CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — The A&T Aggies football team finished up a great regular season by dominating S.C. State 27-7 in the Battle of the Carolinas on Nov. 20.

The Aggies used a dominating defense to stop the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's top rusher, Derek O'Neill, and the offense controlled the ball for most of the contest at the Carolina Panthers' Ericsson Stadium.

Junior wide-out and kick returner Romando North led the Aggies as he caught a touchdown pass in the first half and returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a touchdown.

That was all the Aggies would need as their defense took total control of the contest.

"A&T has a good team and their defense played well today," S.C. State head coach Willie Jeffries said. "We just didn't play well."

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# You can't always get what you want at Christmas

Special to the Register

It's that time of the year again y'all. The malls are full of shoppers, fake Santas, and money hungry merchants as far as the eye can see. The pressure is on to get everyone you know or at least consider a friend a decent Christmas present.

I have been appointed to bless you all with my knowledge of some of this year's best Christmas gifts to give to your loved ones, friends, or enemies if you please. Hey after all... we might as well keep it real. This may very well be your last Christmas anyway if this Y2K thing actually wipes everybody out. So you gotta come straight this year.

Let's start with the enemies. These "haters" spend their time all in your business anyway tryin' to steal your shine, so why not show them how much you appreciate the attention, and send them an autographed picture of yourself. Or you can always give them the time-honored favorite ... absolutely nothing. Hey they weren't expecting anything anyway and the best part is this gift is absolutely free!!!! Let's face it, at least these alternatives will prevent you from winding up in a jail cell

Now for those who are in a relationship

and are going crazy with trying to figure out what they should get their mate. First off let's address the fellas real quick. No matter how much your girl or "girls" (can't exclude the playas out there) say that they don't want anything, you know they lyin' man!!!! Don't listen unless you wanna find "Yo self by Yo self" this Christmas. My suggestion is a gift certificate from her favorite store. All those shopping trips you were dragged on and the many waiting rooms you found yourself asleep in actually paid off in the long run. Hint: Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works are always a plus for you and her. Please stay away from the cheap perfume counter easily found in your local Wal-Mart or Dollar General because you will get your feelings hurt son.

Now ladies ... we have been known to give bad gifts as well. A gift fit for your daddy may not work as well for your man. Example: Why are you goin' to buy him a tie when he probably doesn't even go to church? Girl, you knew he was a heathen when you met him.

Instead give him something he can use, good socks and underwear. He can be Tommy down from head to toe literally. Besides ... he can never have too many

pairs. There is another gift that can be given as well ladies, but since I enjoy working here at the Register, I'ma leave that one alone but I think y'all get the picture.

The next group you need to buy for is your friends. They're there for you year-round and believe it or not friends do deserve a lil' somethin' this time of year. I suggest that you come correct or face the prospect of chillin' on the strip or in the café by your lonesome. If your pockets are kinda slim, I'm sure your homies will understand and some may even be glad to lend you a few dollars. Hey ... it's for a worthy cause ... them. Another suggestion: Return everything you've borrowed within the past year, but this time throw it in a box and slap some shiny wrapping paper on it. They'll love it ...especially since it's already theirs anyway.

Last but definitely not least, your parents should definitely be recipients of your goodwill and generosity. If no one else gets a gift, your parents should, especially since they're the ones who have been lookin' out for you since day one. They've always had your back so why not hook 'em up? Everybody's parents are different.

So my first suggestion is to try cleaning the house, taking out the trash, or paying for your own long distance phone calls when you go home without them asking you to. They really will think it's Christmas then. If you plan on actually buying them something, don't be cheap. You know you don't shop at Super Ten for your clothes, so what makes you think they do? Well ... even if they do, you still shouldn't play them like that. Remember your parents used to be cool a long time ago ... even if it was when dinosaurs ruled the Earth.

Well I hope y'all take these few suggestions to heart because nobody likes bad Christmas gifts. Keep in mind that everybody readin' this should be over the age of 12 and know that there is no such thing as Santa Claus (if you didn't...oh well). So unless you're a big balla like that, somebody's going to be buying you a Christmas present and you don't want no mess do ya? The moral here is: Look out for others and you won't regret it come Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas Everyone

Love,  
MizRolle

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## Alumni dropping the ball?

Student takes old Aggies to task

BY BRIAN JOHNSON  
 Special to the Register

Every college student dreams of the day when they take a step into the spotlight and walk across the stage to receive the degrees which they have spent at least four laborious years working on. However, who will they be after they have gotten their sheepskins? True, some go into their fields of study and others continue their education. Yet, there is one thing that is common of all graduates: They are all alumni of their respective universities.

Likewise, being such comes with responsibility. Many institutions of higher learning depend on alumni to recruit students for the university. Alumni are also asked to head various boards for their universities.

The role of an alumnus is very diverse when you think about it. An active alumnus role is the most important position that a graduate will take in contributing to his or her university. Nevertheless, some alumni contribute little or nothing to their universities.

Look at A&T. Count the number of times that notable alumni like Jesse Jackson has come to the university for one reason other than Homecoming. How often does he come to speak about

various subject matter? How often have we heard first-hand accounts of demonstrations led by him?

We see the Reverend Mr. Jackson keeping hope alive in Decatur, Illinois for the Decatur Nine.

For years now students within the city of Greensboro have complained about unfair treatment from local merchants and other establishments in Greensboro. How many times have students complained about what some may deem substandard living conditions in dorms and even shortages thereof at times?

Fortunately, as the sands of time have changed we are now under the leadership of a new chancellor who seems to be making some effort at speaking with students and addressing some concerns of students, but where were our alumni in the interim?

There are many other alumni of this university than Jesse Jackson (we see most of them at Homecoming). But when the weekend is over, they are gone, along with their potential support, it seems.

So I would urge all future alumni of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to become involved once the spotlight has cast their shadow away.

## Twenty Questions

1. Did any of your relatives show off this Thanksgiving?
2. Were people chillin' in your house that you had never seen before in your life?
3. Aren't we glad we only see certain relatives once a year?
4. Even though you're in college now, did you still have to sit at the children's table again this year?
5. Why is it that the person, who can't cook, always brings the most food?
6. Are you still happily eatin' Thanksgiving leftovers from home?
7. Have your jeans started fittin' just a

- little too tight since Thanksgiving?
8. Aren't we proud of this year's football team?
9. Why does everybody have a "VIC" card on their keychain?
10. Why is it so hard to drink just one Capri Sun?
11. Why are we forever eatin' off paper plates in the cafeteria?
12. Is the elevator in Crosby possessed or what?
13. Is the only time your roommate ever leaves the room, is to go to the bathroom?
14. What channel is the WB on, and

- aren't we tired of missin' the Steve Harvey Show?
15. Why is the stamp machine in the mailroom always out of order?
16. Can you remember the last time you even checked your mail other than check day?
17. Is the only reason why we listen to Puff Daddy's song "Satisfy you", is because it reminds us of "I Got Five on it" by the Lunies?
18. Why is "The Best Man" so good?
19. Are there any other churches in Greensboro besides Mount Zion?
20. Which of the following do you

hope that Y2K will erase from your records; that bad check you wrote to pay for summer school, your transcript from Freshman year, that bill from financial aid you never paid, the \$250 dollars you owe in parking tickets, your Academic Probation notice, or the real amount you're supposed to get back from your refund check?

If you would like to submit any questions to our 20 questions, please send e-mail to [MIZROLLE@hotmail.com](mailto:MIZROLLE@hotmail.com)

## Definition

Spread love as respect,  
 Do unto those without charm,  
 Expressed is your own intellect,  
 Be tidy and stand at arms.  
 The thought of compassion,  
 Can make you ill from the lust,  
 No limit to what we can imagine,  
 Violence is so unjust.  
 My name is just a title,  
 My body is a common state,  
 Acquire information from the Bible,  
 Why should there be any debate?  
 Can you ask yourself  
 What makes pain hurt?  
 Look at your life as a common wealth,  
 And what conclusions did you exert.  
 Expert to this knowledge,  
 You can never know too much,  
 Unto the Lord, pay homage,  
 Or be damned with fire, at just a touch.  
 Walking on this ledge  
 Just barely staying alive,  
 As I look over the edge,  
 I know only to strive.  
 Why do people fail,  
 Some head don't believe,  
 Believe in God and you will prevail,  
 He promises to achieve.  
 In this on going war,  
 The odds begin to change,  
 What exactly are you looking for?  
 Your label must be in range.  
 This is for those,  
 Adult and youth,  
 Don't be a brown nose,  
 Acquire God and know the truth.  
*Rashawn Jenkins*

## What He's Thinking

She is a woman.  
 The perfection of myself.  
 What she holds in her light  
 Is far beyond my touch.  
 The grace of every word is found in her voice.  
 She...breathing the poetry of her femininity.  
 Whispering love across her lips.  
 Her kiss...divine.  
 I watch her from my seat.  
 Appreciating what she is.  
 The way she moves,  
 Her delicate smile.  
 Even the way she looks for everything to see.  
 She...is beauty in her light.  
 The grace upon my soul.  
 I watch her lying beside me,  
 Sleeping, dreaming whatever angels dream.  
 The softest touch when I kissed her last.  
 One more time in her perfection.  
 I hold her close to my heart,  
 And close my eyes, knowing...  
 That I love her.

*Scott R. Moore*

# Poetry

*Good Day, my name is Eric Wooten.  
 Today I will be doing a monologue from a thing called Afterlife,  
 character Eric Wooten*

This morning I passed away  
 I didn't even have a chance to see the day or say good-bye  
 Maybe it's for the best  
 body was tired anyway, I needed the rest  
 No more worry, no more stress  
 Standing over my vehicle I used during my stay  
 I'll be with you in a moment Lord,  
 I just have some last words to say  
 I remember the first day I moved in my new skin  
 Plotting on how I could charm everyone with  
 my thick eyebrows and my sinister grin  
 Some say now I was wise beyond my years  
 Surprisingly, I was respected by all of my peers  
 Most of the time haunted by my fears  
 Too stubborn to let anyone see my tears  
 Some might go as far to call me weird  
 I wish I could stay to hear what everyone would say  
 But the Lord just ask me- ME to direct my first play  
 I've been around Dr. Hay for so long,  
 I feel a couple of rewrites coming on  
 Oh God, I just got an idea for the play  
 Excuse me I just took the Lord's name in vain  
 Sorry, sweet cakes  
 I hope he understands that was a good thing  
 I think it's time I be on my way, tomorrow is the start of forever  
 Now don't cry, don't be sad, and don't worry about me  
 The Lord said I was stressed and  
 he thought it would be best  
 if he put a tired body to rest  
 As long as I'm in your heart and in your mind you can talk to me  
 anytime  
 So let me wipe off my soul, got some dirt on it along the way  
 you can understand, no where near a perfect man  
 I wonder if he'll let me take my glasses with me  
 don't really need them  
 just want to make a good impression  
 let them stare and envy me  
 Because I will always be a Richard B. Harrison Player  
 and the after life is my stage.

*Maronzio "ZO" Vance*





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