A&T tops Tennessee State, heads to Youngstown

**BY CHRIS WALLACE**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The N.C. A&T football team has been labeled just about everything from lucky to not really good, but they do have a history of beating Tennessee State this weekend. The Aggies face the Tigers for the first time since 1994, when A&T emerged victorious.

Despite being 8-0 this season and making the NCAA playoffs, the Aggies have been overlooked by many. However, coach Patrice Meyers says the team is focused on the task at hand.

**AN EARLY PRESENT:**

**Ford gives A&T $3 million grant

**BY PATRICE FOUSS**  
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. A&T will receive $3 million from Ford Motor Company to support educational programs, scholarships and student-athletic facilities. The money will be divided among 40 scholarships and will support the university's Fitness and Wellness Center.

This holiday season, protect your lair from thieves

**BY SHARON D. ROSEBOROUGH**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The semester is coming to an end and the winter holidays are approaching. While students are getting things ready to visit friends and family for the holidays, they should be aware of some potential safety concerns.

While the campus is safe, students should be sure to keep their dorms or apartments safe.

“A student should make sure all of their dorms and apartments are secure,” said John O. Williams, A&T’s chief of police. “We want students to be safe and make sure the dorms are secure.”

The Housing Department will also be working hard to ensure the dorms are safe for students.

“Each dorm will be checked regularly to ensure the dorms are secure,” said Williams. “We will be working closely with the dorms to make sure they are secure.”

This holiday season, students should be aware of potential safety concerns and take steps to ensure their safety on and off campus.
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Honors program opens for freshmen

By Storm Foreman

Plans to provide N.C. A&T students with the opportunity for an "enriched education" became reality this semester with the inception of a freshmen 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 sponsored 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. Perc 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 open only to freshmen, but there are plans to extend the opportunity to participate to the entire campus.

"Beginning in the fall, 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 can take part in. The first is a course, in addition to 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 as special courses or in regular classes that are enhanced to provide the maximum learning experience.

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

"We would like for success in 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 include trips to Charleston for a theater performance based on the Harlem Renaissance, and to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Hypertext Heads Future Focus

By Amelia Otovo

SPOONY'S

Writers look to new medium

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 in 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 said. "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 singing 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 subtotal vocabulary is nonetheless crucial.

Dr. Audrey Forest Carter gave valuable advice to students writing essays. There are three main downfall for students, she said: writer's block, writing and rewriting, 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 there time was not wasted.

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

Akimm 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 Quinn 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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The meters can 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 Davreporte, 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.

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 gives her the chance to represent North Carolina.

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

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 tried on stage for about five minutes," says Johnson when she described her initial reaction. "My make-up ran, I had tears 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 talked to 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 Black Cancer sponsors the pageant. With her title, Portia will act as a spokesperson, traveling across the country spreading awareness of breast cancer.

Ford invests $3 mil in A&T

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College of Engineering, and the rest will be divided among the Biostatistics 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 Aggregate 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 company'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 says, "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 return, Kpeglo said. "Teamwork are the skills needed to keep the ground running," he said. "It helps students to plan and organize, because lab work reinforces teamwork. Your drive and abilities to cope with pressures are improved."

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 will assist the police department when needed but, lest they be confused with postal carriers, never in alert or campus.

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 equip meat check. A long ride from 1030 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 of at least eight to 12 officers." The reason, she said, is simple: "This unit is certainly more cost effective and less stressful than the regular 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 cost seriously, Officer McAdoo also offers words of advice: "Even though you don't see one, just know we are still there."
Sacrifice, discipline

make Klugh a major

player in MEAC

By SEMAJ MARSH

Super 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 a leader 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 on the table 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 "Gold Coast" offense and A&T's pounding "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 don't think in terms that I was going to guard the goal line with my life," said Klugh, whose heroic propellted the Aggies to a 10-5 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 Hayes, 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 on 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've been a great time right now," said Klugh, who has started in the secondary since his freshman year. "It's as if four years have never 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 was surprised by all the success he's been a part of over the past three seasons.

"You go into every year hoping that you win the championship, that's your goal," Klugh said in the "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 their last-second field goal, setting up unde- feated in confer- ence 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 schools in both points allowed (15.7 per game) and total defense (259.4 yards per game).

Klugh's defense was selected for the full-season All-American team.

And while the Aggies were fourth in the nation with three interceptions and tied for third with 57 tackles, he also blocked two punts, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

"He's an important strength on our team," Klugh's head coach said. "But he's also a team player 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 delaying 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 tack- le, it usually means six points for the opponent.

With that type of pressure, it's not surpris- ing the job requires a wealth of self-confi- dence.

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

• has a tremendous belief in himself. He's probably one of the strongest-minded people I've ever met."

That mental toughness has also been evident in the classroom, where Klugh has achieved top academic honors. He currently ranks as an academic all-American with a 3.5 grade-point average in electrical engineering — an accomplishment he credits to a strong work ethic and a will ingness to go through some tough times.

"If you really want something you're going to have to make a sacrifice," said Klugh, recalling the many times he had to pass up social gatherings in order to hit the books.

"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."

Much of the discipline Klugh now exemplifies came, he says, from his father, Darryl Sr., who is a devout Muslim.

From his dad's example, Klugh learned early the benefits of living a positive lifestyle, eating right and expanding one's intellect.

"When I was younger I used to joke him a lot, but now I find that I'm becoming just like him," Klugh said. "He didn't have the social status of a politician or a lawyer, but he's definitely the smartest person I know."

Though his memorable stint in the Blue and Gold will conclude after this season, Klugh might be continuing his football career next year on Saturdays. With a 6-foot-2, 190 pound frame and 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash, Klugh is regarded by many as a legitimate NFL prospect.

For now, however, he says his chief con- cerns are preparing for Youngstown State this weekend and leading his club to the I- AA championship. After that, he'll focus on whatever challenges lie ahead.

"You accomplish goals and then you make more goals," he said. "At first I wanted to become an All-American and I've achieved that. Then I wanted to get the academic honors and I got that. Now, what's next?

"I feel you've got to make more goals or you're stagnated. And if you're not getting better, then you're going to get worse.

8 Aggies named to all-conference

By CHRIS WALLACE

Super Staff Writer

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

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

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

Joining him on the first team for the Aggies were senior linebacker Mo Smith, senior defensive 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 jun- ior offensive lineman Victor Marte.

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

All-America safety saves best for last

December 3, 1999
Youngstown no youngster to playoffs

By Chris Wallace

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 I-AA playoffs to play a tough Youngstown State team.

After dismantling the top-rated Tennessee State Tigers in the first round of the playoffs 24-18, 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 I-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 a 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 heavyweights.”

The key to 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 and he has amassed nearly 3,300 yards of total offense and produced 20 touchdowns. Brown, a senior, leads the Penguins 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 stout 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 Dwayne 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.

A&T defeats S. Carolina State

By Chris Wallace

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.”

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

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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 D.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.

“One 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 I-AA playoffs, where they will face a tough Youngstown State squad in Ohio this Saturday.

AGGIE FOOTBALL RECAP

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at Winston-Salem State W 20-7

at Elon College L 40-7

at Norfolk State W 28-14

vs. Hampton W 41-24

at Morgan State W 30-6

vs. Howard (Homecoming) W 51-0

at Bethune Cookman W 19-18

vs. Delaware State W 24-13

vs. Florida A&M W 30-15


10-1 overall; 8-0 conference

Division 1-AA Playoffs

at Tennessee State W 24-10

at Youngstown State Saturday
You can’t always get what you want at Christmas

Special to the Register

It’s that time of the year again y’alls. The malls are full of shoppers, fake Santas, and money hungry merchants as far as the eye can see. The premise is 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 in all of 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-honoured 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 jail.

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 females real quick. No matter how much your gift or “gifts” (can’t exclude the plays out there) say that they don’t want anything, you know they have to use it!!!! 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 we 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 counters easily found in your local Wal-Mart or Dollar General because you will get your feelings hurt.

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 going to buy him a tie when he probably doesn’t even go to church? Gift, you knew he was a heathen when you married 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’m leaving that one alone but I think you’ll get the picture.

The next group you need to buy for is your friends. They’re there for you year-round and help you out or not friends do deserve a little something this time of year. I suggest that you come correct or face the prospect of “chill” on the street or in the café by your lonesome. If your pockets are kinds slim, I’m sure your homies will understand they 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 a 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 or you really will think it’s Christmas. Then if you plan on actually buying them something, don’t be cheap. You know you can’t get a deal at Best. Remember your parents used to be a cool long time ago... even if it was when dinosaurs ruled the Earth.

I hope you’re still reading these few suggestions to hear because nobody likes bad Christmas gifts. Keep in mind that everybody reads 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 fan like that, someone’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,
Mirzolle

Alumni dropping the ball?
Student takes old Aggies to task

By Brian Johnson

Every college student dreams of the day when they’ll step into the spotlight and walk across the stage to receive the degree they have spent at least four laborious years working on. However, will they be the ones who actually get their degrees? Some students have to work with relative ease to stay in school, and others have to fight to keep afloat.

The role of an alumnus is very diverse when you think about it. Active alumni, a role that can include anything from inquiring about the university’s reputation. Alumni are also asked to head up various boards for their 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 fund various boards for their universities.

Look at A&T. Count the number of times that Alumni names like Jesse Jackson has come to the university for an important other than Homecoming. How often does he come to speak about various subject matters? How often have you heard first-hand accounts of demonstrations led by him? He is 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 you heard complaints about what some may deem standard living conditions in dorms and efforts to improve those conditions at times?

Fortunately, as the sands of time have changed, we are now under the leadership of a new chancellor who seems to be in 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 that may be the name you (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 they set the table at the children’s table again this year?
5. Why is it that the person, who can’t cook, forces you to eat at the most terrible restaurants?
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?
12. Is the elevator in Crosby possession 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 middle area of the front of the year that bit 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?
16. If you would like to submit any questions to our 20 questions, please send e-mail to Mirzolle@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

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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