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Knocking down pins nationally

By Randy McClain

The N.C. A&T women's bowling team is going where no HBCU women's bowling team has gone before: nation ally. This is the first time in A&T women's bowling history that the team has been to the national championships, to be held later this month in Michigan.

It's also the first time any historically black college or university has been to the bowling national championships. This is a fear that first-year coach, Adam Chaskin said he knew his team could accomplish.

"Even though this is my first year, I didn't think that this was an unrealistic goal to achieve," said Chaskin.

Chaskin also expressed his excitement at his girls having this opportunity to compete nationally, but he says it's not a shock to him that they're in this position.

"I'm excited that we're headed to national competition," said Chaskin.

"These girls worked hard and they stuck together, but I knew that they were more than capable of competing on this level."

After finishing in the top four of the sectional competition, the A&T women's bowling team is ready to shock the bowling world. Team leader Crystal Bailey, a senior mechanical engineering major, doesn't feel this is the end of the line for the team.

"It's great that we've got this far and I'm excited about it, but we didn't just want to get to nationals, we want to win nationals," said Bailey. "We have as good a chance as any of the other 15 teams here."

The National Championships will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., from April 18-22.

On Thursday, April 19, the lady Aggies will bowl 32 Baker-style games and receive their seeding. The following day start the double elimination competition where it's the best of seven games to move to the next contender.

The style of play will be Baker style, in which everyone bowls as one. There Please see BOWLING, Page 3

Small Farms Week
brings support to A&T, farm families

By T.J. Moore

Chancellor James Reidik vowed that he was going to put the "A" back in A&T and so far, that's been the case with the help of two new projects that will benefit the School of Agricultural Sciences.

During Small Farms Appreciation Week, the School of Agricultural and Environmental and Allied Sciences made alliances with the John Deere company and the Golden LEAF Foundation, a program to help the state's tobacco communities.

John Deere will give the university's farm complex new equipment that will be a very welcome asset and will improve the complex's operations. Under the contract, A&T will receive tractors, all-terrain vehicles, hay balers and a mower.

The equipment will be loaned for up to 250 hours of use and will be replaced after those hours are up.

The reason for the replacement cycle is just good common business sense. "They (John Deere) can sell and make a good profit on the sell," said Dr. Alan Thompson, dean of the School of Agricultural Sciences.

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Quiz Bowl?

Fast-thinking Aggies head to Orlando contest

By Jason Boyd

Sharp instincts and quick wit are essential when trying to advance in tournament play.

Key ingredients that N.C. A&T Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Quiz Bowl tournament team already knows and relies on.

The team, supervised by Sandra Williamson, associate history professor, Ralph Brown, dean of student development and Dr. Dorothy J. Harris, associate vice chancellor of student development, is gearing up for its tournament appearance April 7-11 in Orlando.

The travel team is composed of team captain and senior, Halle Lindsay, mechanical engineering major; Thaddess Robinson, graduate computer science major; George McFehl, junior, earth science major; Jonathan Rosers, sophomore, laboratory animal science major; and Antoine Harris, sophomore political science major.

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Seminar sparks emotions

Domestic violence discussed at fourth annual seminar

By KEVIN ALSTON

It is all around us and we fail to recognize or talk about it. It’s none of our business what happens in that family next door; or don’t you say anything about the beating you or your kids may some day say.

Domestic violence was the topic on Friday, March 23, in Merrick Hall at the Fourth Annual Domestic Violence Underserved Population Conference.

The Department of Sociology and Social Work at N.C. A&T, directed by Dr. Joyce Dickerson, spearheaded this event that touched the hearts of many audience members.

The audience was startled when suddenly a lady in black with red lace gloves stood up, dramatically saying, “I am Domestic Violence!”

Wambui Bahati proceeded to portray different abuses going through and dealing with domestic violence. Many members of the audience fought back tears or had to walk out or compose themselves.

“My heart is raw out crying,” said Dickerson, head of the Domestic Violence program. She said the student vítima will tell them about my life and current relationship.”

After Bahati’s performance she took questions and told about her life in an abusive relationship.

She said that domestic violence did not have to be physical. She said that her ex-husband would mentally abuse her to the point that she felt and thought she was going crazy. Originally from the Greensboro area, she now resides in New York, with a national career in perpect.

After Bahati’s segment, Dr. Brenda Jarmon, associate professor of N.C. A&T University and Department of Social Work in Tallahassee, Fla., told her story of domestic abuse.

At age 14, she was “in love” with a man much older than she. She ignored the warning of her parents that he was no good for her. She became pregn-

nent at this age with her first child.

She was impregnated by the man again soon after the birth of her first child. Seven months pregnant, her boyfriend struck her, beating her profusely after she refused to go on a rape pre-

posed. She then witnessed how important it was to tell and not hide domestic violence.

She overcame her situation, rais-

ing both her. Her motto to be productive “Men have to be responsible for their own behavior. Instead, many put the blame on the woman when she had nothing to do with their problem.”

Billy Stokes
Domestic violence counselor

member of society. Her son now owns a business, Jarmon Inn, and her daughter is in the military serving in a high position.

During the last session of the three-segmented program, Billy Stokes, who is a domestic violence counselor for Family Service of the Piedmont in Greensboro, outlined other important factors to the audience.

He said 95 percent of the people being abused are women while the other 5 percent are men.

“Men have to be responsible for their own behavior,” he said. “Instead, many put the blame on the woman when she had nothing to do with their problem.”

Agreement flooded the audience as he spoke these words. “If she would have just had my dinner fixed when I got home she wouldn’t have gotten hit. She knew what the deal was, she brought it on herself,” he said, speaking as an abuser may speak.

He gave four signs of a battering per-

sonality. They are jealousy, quick

EYE ON CRIME

Possession of weapon

Police said that Nathaniel Rice, a non-student, was arrested after a complaint that he was brandishing a handgun near the fraternity plots on south campus.

Bike was charged with possession of a weapon on educational property and possession of a weapon by a felon.

Larceny

A member of a sports team reported that someone unknown removed several items from his room while he was at practice. There were no signs of forced entry. There are no suspects at the time.

Larceny

A resident at the A&T Oaks reported that her Dorm was entered and forced her to bend the middle connecting rod of her window and remove her personal safe. There are no suspects at the time.

Larceny

A student reported that person(s) unknown forced open the gas tank cover of her vehicle and poured gas into the tank while it was parked on Eunice Street as a Halloween prank. There are no suspects at the time.

Larceny

A student reported that person(s) unknown forced entry into his 1991 Volkswagen and removed various CDs. Total estimated value of items stolen is $700.
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aren’t any individual scores, just the team scores. This style really favors the Aggies.
“We’ve fared well in Baker-style play,” said Chaskin. “Everyone’s game is counting along and it’s allowing us to be competitive.”
Chaskin says that the team will prepare for competition by bowling at several different bowling alleys.
“We’re trying to make conditions as difficult as possible, so that it won’t be a hard adjustment when we get to the championships,” said Chaskin.

So what has contributed to the Lady Aggies success this year?
Well, Chaskin attributes their success to the team’s togetherness.
“Our success is truly a team effort each and every game,” said Chaskin.

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the School of Agricultural and Environmental and Allied Sciences.
In a second major effort, the Golden LEAF Foundation will give the univers-
ity a $250,000 research grant to help farmers find alternatives to tobacco. The Golden LEAF Foundation project will aid farmers in the North Carolina Piedmont weather the declining tobacco market and eventually, help look for specialty crops that will replace tobacco.

Local greens, organically grown fruits and vegetables, pastured pork and poultry are the most likely crops that will support tobacco in earning power, according to Thompson.
The School of Agriculture is also experimenting with aquaculture. “We had one demonstration at the farm,” Thompson said, “We grew tilapia and we are looking at some other varieties of fish, but we’re undecided.”

Golden LEAF was created two years ago to handle the money from the state’s settlement with Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds and other tobacco companies. Since then, the group has distributed over $5 million in first-round funding.
During the 15th annual celebration of Small Farms Day, Burnice and Bonnie Blanks were honored with 2001 Gilmer L. and Clara V. Dudley Small Farmer of the Year Award.

Former national parks director to deliver Gibbs Lecture
Robert Stanton, former director of the National Park Service, will be the 2001 Gibbs Lecturer speaker. He will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in Gibbs Hall. This event is part of the university’s Year in Review and is being co-sponsored with the department of history. It is free and open to the public.
Stanton is a nationally recognized leader in cultural and natural resource management, youth programs, government and interagency relations and diversity in employment and public programs. For three and a half years, he served as the director of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.
He was the 15th person to serve as director and the fastest African American to hold that position since the agency was established by Congressional legis-
lation in August 1916.

They’re extremely competitive and help each other. They understand that without each other they can’t be successful, and you really don’t see that much with other bowling teams.”

Bailey agrees with Chaskin and said that the team’s strength is in their togetherness.

“The closeness of the team, its morale and how we’re able to stick together through anything really contributes to our success,” said Bailey. “We know how to get the job done.”

Bailey says that the team, although thought to be underdogs, has an advan-
tage against other teams.
“We have an advantage because we’re the underdogs,” said Bailey. “And Baker is any man’s game. No one person can lead the team. It’s a total team effort.”
The women’s bowling team has defeated some top-ranked bowling squads in the country such as Florida State, Florida, Nebraska and Wichita State in head-to-head competition.

A&T’s campus.

Students like varsity player Jacinta Simmons, a freshman, economics major, who was fortunate enough to make the trip to Orlando explained that she played on her high school team, and knew she wanted to tryout once she entered college.

Lindsay also had previous quiz bowl experience in high school.
“In 1997 my Dudley High School team scrimmaged A&T, and from that day forward I decided that I wanted to become a member,” Lindsay said.

In life, success sometimes comes at a heavy price, along with being a travel team member comes long hours of additional studying to their regular course load.

Each travel member attends practice and classes in order to prepare with their own set of ques-
tions to ask other members that they have researched on their own time.

Additional practice questions are derived from sources such as The Dictionary of Cultural Literacy, and ones sent directly from Honda.

Robinson comments on the amount of time spent trying to remain competi-
tive.
“Playing on this team is real time con-
suming,” said Robinson. “The key to success is the motivation to achieve our common goal, we want that first place ring.”

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Members of N.C. & A.T Women’s bowling team are heading to Grand Rapids, Mich., for the 2001 Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship.
Affirmative action not a crutch but a bridge

Affirmative action, two words that send some Republicans and Democrats lacking and screaming to the Supreme Court, has carved the body of jurisprudence that gives equal rights to minorities. What is so unconstitutional about wanting equal rights or wanting the same opportunities that white Americans have? I bring this “touchy” topic to your attention because since our new president (who is trying to “bring together” two parties that don’t want to be together) has been in office three lawsuits have been filed by predominantly white businesses or schools seeking to overturn affirmative action.

Their argument is that there isn’t a need for affirmative action and that is unconstitutional. To say that there isn’t a need for affirmative action in order to say that there isn’t a need for a service. No, affirmative action shouldn’t be a crutch for African Americans or other minority groups, and I don’t think it serves as one.

Affirmative action serves as an equal opportunity for a people or persons that don’t have the rights that the majority do. It preserves equal rights and assures that one’s gender or the color of one’s skin doesn’t keep that person from being successful.

Politicians and others who stand against affirmative action need to understand why it was brought to the table to begin with. Why is it always associated with black people? It helps people from many groups. It wasn’t brought up so black men and women could outreach or outdo the “white man.” Affirmative action is not a punishment to those who aren’t a minority.

Affirmative action is simply something that allows and ensures that all who apply for the same job or school get fair treatment.

What will really get Americans of all colors talking is how President Bush is going to handle the recent actions dealing with the cancellation of affirmative action laws. Such as the most recent one dealing with the Colorado contractors, who some say hire too many black and Hispanic people.

The white contractor challenging the federal program is pushing for a strict standard that would allow US government officials to use affirmative action in exceedingly rare situations. Such as: 1. Today.

So what are extremely rare situations? Who determines what a rare situation is?

Don’t tell me who are doing the hiring and firing, and please don’t say the government. Does a rare situation fall under the category, if we can’t find any one else for the job then we’ll look to the minorities?

Rare situations are situations that all minorities encounter today. Whether black, Hispanic, Asian, or in some cases white. A rare situation is one that would be classified as, I need a job. Or, I want to go to your school, will you let me? That is a rare situation.

Once the government walks away from its role of ensuring fair treatment for all, then it creates disparity for the entire country.

Affirmative action, is simply something that gives everyone an equal opportunity and it is a crutch that has been needed. Just as taxes are a means to a goal. Would we argue the need of taxes if it didn’t help those in need?

But, then again we’re dealing with a man that refers to affirmative action as affirmative access, which by the way has no meaning. Which really means that affirmative action may be no more, and the oppression of all minorities will once again arise, because we have a man in office who refuses to think realistically.

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20 QUESTIONS

BY DONALD ROLLE

1. Now that the housing lottery is over, how many people are homeless again this year?
2. Who do you have to know to find an Apartment Guide book around here?
3. Which response did your parents or family use when you told them you didn’t get housing this year?
A. “Well, you know I don’t have any money right?”
B. “Can’t you stay with so and so?”
C. “What do you mean, you don’t have housing?”
D. “Well, you ain’t coming back home, are ya?”
E. “CENSORED”

4. Why is the “Black Planet” website so low?
5. Who are the Summer School books really coming out?
6. Doesn’t it seem like everybody at A&T is a member at the Hayes Taylor YMCA?
7. Don’t some of us wish we had kept our 85 $35 since we don’t have time to work out anymore?
8. Speaking of workin’ out….why do some people wear anything to the gym?
9. When is spring really coming?
10. How many “Angie” related apartments are there?
11. What’s up with M&T getting rid of Tavis Smiley?
12. Did “Oh Drama” get cancelled or what?
13. Why do some “drivers” wanna stop traffic to talk to their friends and then have the nerve to tell everybody behind them to go around? Can you say, “How about you get out the way?”
14. How many more days is it until graduation?
15. When did “white guys” come back to the library?
16. Why do some (not all) of the café workers wanna get smart with you….when you are paying your money to eat in there?
17. Can you say your grill fixed before you talk trash to me?
18. Why do some people have more then one clock in their room but all of them have a different time on them?
19. Once again….what can’t folks turn off their phones while they’re in class? Will they violate their service contract or something if they do?
20. How many of us are not surprised that “Puffy” didn’t go to jail? How many of us didn’t care either way?

Housing process at A&T needs fine tuning (to say the least)

BY KARISTIN MCPHERSON

The time has come and gone for A&T’s housing lottery. By now, most of you know whether you have on-campus housing for the fall or not.

Now this topic is near and dear to my heart because I have gone through the drama of the housing selection process. Fortunately, I am graduating in May and did not have to go through the “druma” this year.

But I feel for the people who do not have housing next semester and haven’t a clue as to what to do. My personal problem with this whole housing selection is that it extremely stinks. It’s hard to explain to the point where if you are an upperclassman, your chance of receiving housing is as slim as a split atom.

Don’t get me wrong, I see the sides that A&T is making to accommodate more students. However, if the new housing accommodations are APARTMENTS in which students have to pay rent. What A&T needs are new DORMS. Every college student know that unless your family has money to burn, the four or so years you spend in college are the most financially restricted years of your life. If you don’t learn anything else in college, you will definitely learn the value of a dollar.

When it comes to housing assignment, upperclassmen are basically second string. Freshmen and transfer students are guaranteed housing, which is understandable. But what about out-of-state students? What about the students who don’t have the luxury of personal transportation?

With the limited amount of space and the growing number of students, many students will be forced in this ugly cycle. Since you don’t have on-campus housing, you need an apartment. To keep an apartment, you need to pay rent. To pay rent, you need a job. Let’s say that you find a job. What if this job is not walking distance? Do you have a car? Or, Gee, how are you going to get to work, pay the rent and keep a roof over your head since you cannot stay on campus?

Out-of-state students really have it bad because home is hundreds of miles away. Even if you are from North Carolina, would you want to commute two hours from Charlotte to spare yourself from worrying about paying rent?

I know some of you are saying, “What’s wrong with working and going to school at the same time?” Absolutely nothing, if you can handle it or if you have no other choice. But when you are 18 or 19 years old and in college, your main goal should be getting your degree and moving on to bigger and better things after you graduate.

That is why you should worry about where your humble abode will be.

And as nunion-paying students, you should have the right to stay on campus if we want. We should not be forced to scrape and scrape to find shelter because our university cannot handle our housing needs. If you can only accommodate me for one year, then don’t take my money and don’t accept my application. I will save my money and my energy for an institution of higher learning that can.

As hard as it is to believe, I do not have a personal vendetta against the housing department at A&T. I appreciate my experiences and my education here. But the housing selection is the one thing I will gladly leave behind when I graduate.

Letters to the editor are welcomed by e-mail at register@ncat.edu or by mail to Box E-25, N.C.A&T State University, 1601 E. Market St., Greensboro NC 27411 Letters must be signed and should include address and telephone number.

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**Campus News**

**“Vengeance” is mine says models**

**Review by Trina Logan**

On March 28, students came out to support the fashion show “Vengeance” by Empose Modeling Agency.

Former Verge member Michael Posey starred, directed and produced “Vengeance.” Despite the hour wait, fans sat anxiously to watch “Vengeance.”

The audience applauded the opening, which was done by a screening from a projector. When the projector screen rose, the curtains opened and the models began to perform.

The first scene consisted of the models dancing and modeling to Michael Jackson’s “Remember the Time” with queen costumes and plumes attire. The plume and queen modeled together until her death closed out the scene: “Angel in Disguise” by Brandy led the next scene. The female models performed in various white outfits in which they portrayed angels.

Dance Tech was in the fashion show's intermission. Jocelyn Crawford and Shannita Dambach performed to Everly's “Here's That Girl” before the next scene.

Dance Tech is a newly formed group which performs for various community affairs. Anna Wardell leads their choirs.

In the third scene, “The Mummy's Return,” the special effects were very smoky. The audience had trouble focusing on the models.

“The Secret Garden” was where all the male models received their screams and hollers. The ladies showed their gratitude in scene four, as just about all of the male models came out with nothing but green leaf attire.

Maurice Cazier, one of the models, got onto the floor and ate an apple and the crowd went wild. Then Terrance Hawkins ate grapes in front of the audience and the ladies once again went crazy.

**Models of Empose Modeling Agency walk the runway with a “Vengeance,” the theme of this year’s show, directed and produced by Michael Posey, formerly of Verge.**

**A&T and Dudley High form partnership**

**By Kevin Alston**

N.C. A&T and Dudley High School have formed a partnership in which A&T students tutor and mentor Dudley students during their lunch hour.

This program was started under the School of Education at A&T, with Dean Lelia Vickers and Dr. Andrew Tobias in Hodgon Hall, Interim Assistant Dean Audrey Carter of the College of Arts and Sciences and James Williams, executive director of Communities in Schools (CIS).

Dudley High School was chosen because it is the first African-American high school in Greensboro. It has a long history but is in desperate need of help.

Many of its students are perceived as being pushed through and not really learning anything. Though some students understand the material, there are more who do not, both Vickers and Williams said.

Many of the students are not ready for the end-of-course tests, making it look as if African-Americans cannot learn in a predominantly African-American school.

Dudley's main problem is not its students but a conglomerate of many other factors. One factor is the quality of its staff. With the restructuring, two years ago in Guilford County, many qualified, testing and proficient instructors were transferred to other schools, Williams said.

"Now there is a divide within the student body," said Williams, whose Community in Schools program is helping with the partnership.

He noted that the principal has formed an academy for those students who are doing well and can grasp instructed material quickly, but there is not such a program for the students who have more difficulty grasping the material.

"With A&T's help, Dudley can be back on track as it was years ago," Williams said, adding that right now, Dudley is performing at the bottom 25 percent of schools in Guilford County.

"We must form a systemic plan, meeting working long-term with the school in order to redirect Dudley High School," said Vickers.

The academic problems are administrative staff, lack of committed faculty, lack of enough resources and the new type of students the redistricting brought about both, Vickers and Williams said.

"If the teachers do not care about the students, and the students do not have someone there to help them along academically, the students do not graduate but drop out," said Williams.

Any A&T student who wishes to help is welcomed.

"What the students at Dudley need are interactions with A&T college students, not only as a tutor to help them with their studies, but as a mentor as well. Someone to call them up and help them talk with them and be a big brother or sister to them," said Carter.

If you would like to help Dudley High School with tutoring and mentoring call Tobias or Vickers at 334-7737 in Hodgen Hall, or email Tobias at a-to@ncat.edu.

**A&T accounting students receive scholarships**

Clarence Clayton and Karen Galloway, senior accounting majors, are recipients of KPMG LLP scholarships.

The scholarships were presented to them by Dr. Mark Kirk, accounting department chairman, and Dr. Ida Reardon-Baekkon, chapter faculty advisor, at a recent Beta Alpha Psi-Zeta Sigma Chapter luncheon.

Beta Alpha Psi is a national honor society for accounting and information systems majors.

The purpose of the honor society is to encourage and give recognition to students who have demonstrated and professional excellence in the business information field.

Clayton is from Henrico, N.C. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence J. Clayton and president of the Zeta Sigma Chapter.

Galloway hails from Garysburg, N.C.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toney Clark and reporting secretary for the chapter.

The recipients of the scholarships are listed in the 2003 “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” and both of them are members of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society.

The professional services firm, KPMG LLP, awards annually $1,000 to chapters that achieve superior status. Superior status, the highest rating for chapters, is based on chapter-sponsored activities such as professional seminars, workshops and community service.

The chapter has received superior recognition for the last 16 years. The Zeta Sigma Chapter selects the recipient of the scholarships based on character.
Cuban violinist inspires A&T

As part of the University Lyceum Series, Jaime Jorge visited A&T with the hope to enlighten others with the inspirational sounds of his videos.

Students, faculty and members of the community filled the Webb Hall auditorium on March 27 to hear the concert. With background music provided by the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra, Jorge performed a variety of tunes including works by Saint Saens, Anka and Kiesler.

"I have a group of arrangers that help me to formulate my music and put it with the works of other artists," said Jorge. Jorge makes no hesitation when describing the impact of God in his life and in his work. "I know that I was given this talent by God in order to share with others," said Jorge. "I classify my music as inspirational. I use tools of classical and gospel music to inspire people."

"He did a great job and if he came back, I would come to see him perform again," said sophomore accounting major Robert Peterkin.

"I am always motivated and excited about sharing talent wherever I go. I want others to gain an appreciation for good music, and I want them to get excited and motivated to use their talents to the best of their ability," said Jorge.

Since 1988, Jorge has performed in 25 countries on five different continents, including South America, Europe and Australia. He has also had the opportunity to perform in Carnegie Hall and for the king of Norway.

"Jorge gave an outstanding performance of sharing his talents as a violinist. It was well received by the A&T Aggie family," said Dr. Nita Dewberry, chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages, who co-hosted the event along with Dr. Michael Caldwell, chairperson of the Music Department.

"I thought it was very well carried out, in particular for this campus, by exposing us to different issues and world views," commented junior history major Tonetta Lindsa.

Jorge has released five albums, with his last release in 1999 entitled "Christmas in the Air. All five albums have also won the Angel Award for Instrumental Religious Album of the Year. Jorge is now headed for gospel concert performances in California.
Johnson hopes to shine at WNBA pre-draft camp

By Regina Patterson
Register Staff Writer

Proving people wrong. That is what Malvanean Johnson has been doing since the day she tore her ACL in high school and was told she would never play basketball again.

Johnson’s all-time career performance at A&T has earned her an invitation to the 2001 WNBA pre-draft camp.

The camp, by invitation only, will be April 5-7 in Chicago. This camp will give Johnson, as well as other seniors, international players and veterans with prior professional experience an opportunity to display her skills for WNBA coaches and general managers.

Since the first WNBA pre-draft camp in 1997, an average of 82 females have been invited to the camp. Just as in the past, all athletes invited to the camp signed a contract.

“I was excited and I couldn’t believe it that it was there in front of me. After I started smiling really big, I went outside to holley,” Johnson said. Which could be expected from someone who can see her dreams about to come true.

The camp usually consists of physical examinations on the first day followed by drills and scrimmages on the second day. The final day concludes with the camp. All participants are eligible for the April 21 draft, as well as local tryouts the first week of May.

“Seeing that I cannot lose a lot of weight or gain a great deal of muscle mass in two weeks,” Johnson said, she has been running, lifting weights, swimming and playing basketball to prepare for the camp.

Johnson hopes that her performance at A&T will be the groundwork needed to make it to the next level. Her career marks include: all-time scoring and rebounding leader at A&T, the NCAA shot blocking leader (2000-2001), 2001 MEAC All-Tournament Team, MEAC First-Team performer (1999-2001), MEAC Player-of-the-Year (1998-1999) and MVP of women’s basketball all four years.

“I’ve been really blessed because God chose me to take A&T’s women’s basketball to the next level. It just goes to show that it doesn’t matter what school you go to, with God all things are possible,” she said.

Aggies nab two dozen signees

By Chris Wallace
Register Staff Writer

Spring practice on the gridiron has already begun and the Aggies look to improve on an 8-3 record from last season.

Here are the 2001 football signees for the Aggies:

Quint Battle — DB
Jarron Bennett — TE/FB
Marcus Bland — RB
Lester Brown — RB
Ivan Butler — DL
Junie Coston — OI
Reggie Davila — LB
Domonique Dixon — LB

James Francis — LB
Edardo Freeman — DB
Note Goodson — DL
Thomas Holmes — LB
Alan Jones — RB
Terry Jones — LB
Patrick Jordan — TE
John Kato — OL
Josh King — DE
Anthony McLeod — DB
Ronnie Lee — OL
Kenny Perry — WR
Randall Ranskins — QB
Parish Reindhardt — DB
Sherril Ryan — DL
Maurice Weaver — DB

While former playersprecation and many accolades in college, she still works to prove nay-sayers wrong.

Johnson first proved people wrong when her doctor told her she would never play basketball again because of the ACL injury her sophomore year of high school.

While some major college coaches stopped recruiting her because of her surgery, she did not give up on her dream of playing college basketball.

Some people even told Johnson that her dreams of playing professional basketball in the states went out the door when she committed to playing at an HBCU.

But over the past four years she has given herself a chance to make it to the next level and once again prove others wrong.

Although only one player has been drafted from an HBCU, Demique Graves from Howard University in the inaugural season, Johnson plans to become the second from an HBCU and the first from A&T.

Unlike Graves, who did not last the year, Johnson plans on making a career out of playing professional basketball. Of course in doing this, she will have to overcome the history of the HBCU players who have been invited to WNBA pre-draft camps, but have not had what it takes to play in the league.

“I have favor,” Johnson said. “While other players from HBCU’s in the past have played well, it is my faith and God’s will for my life that will give me the edge.”

This camp will have Johnson competing against much taller and quicker post players, but she believes her experience playing with Athletes In Action during her sophomore summer will be beneficial.

AIA is a Christian organization whose purpose is to spread the love of Christ through sports. Overseas, she played with other college players from the US, against university and club teams in Brazil and Bolivia.

Johnson’s coaches and teammates are not only excited about her invitation to the camp, but they believe that she can do it as long as she does her best and works hard.

“This (WNBA) is what we’ve been waiting for,” said Head Coach Tame Johnson.

Not only would Johnson’s draft be a notable individual accomplishment, but it could also wonders for recruiting women’s basketball players.

Johnson has also been invited to participate in the Black College All-Star Game, April 21 at Morgan State.

She will graduate in May from the College of Engineering.

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Admissions hosts open house April 7

The Office of Admissions is having its first Spring Open House, 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 7.

"This historical event will mark a milestone for the university," said Harry Williams, interim director of the Admissions Office.

The Spring Open House is part of the university's Family Weekend, which is being hosted by the Alumni Affairs Office.

For additional information, call 334-7946 or 1-800-443-8964.

Research program open to high school students

The School of Agricultural and Environmental and Allied Sciences at A&T is seeking applicants for the Research Apprenticeship Program, scheduled for June 24-Aug. 3 on the A&T campus.

RAP is a six-week residential program for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Its main objective is to stimulate interest in careers in natural resource management, and the food, agricultural and environmental sciences.

Through the program, students will conduct research projects, ranging from landscape architecture and pesticide studies to air quality and international trade, under the direction of the School of Agriculture's research scientists.

A stipend is included for those accepted to RAP, and the program pays all expenses, including room and board. To qualify for RAP, students must show an interest in natural resource management, and the food, agricultural and environmental sciences, and in pursuing a college education in these areas; have an overall GPA of 2.5 or better; rank in the first 25th percentile of his/her class; be a citizen of the US; and agree to abide by university and program rules and regulations.

Applications are due by April 6.

For more information, contact Azell Reeves at 334-7041. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and N.C. A&T cosponsor RAP.