Misconception of what Islam stands for has surfaced since the Sep. 11 attacks. The following questions and answers will put in perspective the purpose and history of Islam.

Q: What is Islam?
A: Islam is not a new religion, but the same truth that God revealed through all His prophets to every people. For a fifth of the world's population, Islam is both a religion and a complete way of life. Muslims follow a religion of peace, mercy, and forgivingness, and the majority have nothing to do with the extremely grave events which have come to be associated with their faith.

Q: Who are the Muslims?
A: One billion people from a vast range of races, nationalities and cultures across the globe—from the southern Phillipines to Nigeria—are united by their common Islamic faith. About 18 percent live in the Arab world; the world's largest Muslim community is in Indonesia; substantial parts of Asia and J of Africa are Muslim, while significant minorities are found in the Soviet Union, China, the Americas and Europe.

Q: What do Muslims believe?
A: Muslims believe in one God, in the angels created by Him, in the prophets through whom His revelations were brought to mankind, in the Day of Judgment, and individual accountability for actions and in God's complete authority over human destiny and in life after death.

Muslims believe in a chain of prophets starting with Adam and including Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Joes, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, Elias, Jesus, John the Baptist and Jesus.

Q: What does Islam mean?
A: The Arabic word "Islam" simply means submission, and is derived from a word meaning peace. In a religious context it means submission to the will of God. Allah is the Arabic name for God, which is used by Arab Muslims and Christians alike.

Q: Why does Islam often seem strange?
A: Islam may seem exotic or even extreme in the modern world. Muslims have religion always uppermost.

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Holiday season brings credit woes

By Shalanta M. Johnston
Regular staff writer.

You better not shout, you better not cry. You've got no money, but Visa will get you by. Credit cards are marking the town.

It's that time again. With little over 30 days left in the holiday shopping season, most jolly shoppers aren't worried about buying their families big and expensive gifts or extravagant holiday meals. They know Visa, Discover, American Express and MasterCard will buy gifts for them.

Tiffany Hughes, senior psychology major, is looking forward to the holiday shopping season.

"I plan on doing a lot of Christmas shopping for family and friends this year," said Hughes. "I estimate spending about $600 while shopping." Hughes went on to say that the purchases would be made with credit. Since she prefers the convenience of credit to cash, Hughes anticipates a merry shopping season. But she isn't the only person looking forward to the precious union of plastic sliding through metallic shafts seeking credit approval.

"We already plan on seeing an increase in our credit card use for the holiday season," said Circuit City employee and A&T psychologist major Kevin Harris. "Most people aren't going to buy a lot of expensive items, but the lowest-priced VCRs and DVDs for Christmas." Harris continued to say that holiday purchasing isn't quite as the increase it will be on the day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year. "I've seen people start lining up at 7 a.m. for holiday shopping," said Harris. "I don't expect this year to be any different."

Clothing and electronic retailers aren't the only markets noticing and preparing for the onslaught of credit-wielding consumers. With Thanksgiving at the corner, some grocery stores are witnessing more and more shoppers piling with plastic.

Scott Haines, store manager of Harris Teeter located at 5710 W. High Point Road, says 35 percent gross revenue is attributed to credit card purchases and that number is expected to increase in coming weeks.

"We expect an increase of credit card purchases around the first weekend in November," said Haines. "Haines also believes consumers are using credit cards more because of a "heightened sense of economy.""

"Most people want to keep their cash around them, so they use their credit cards," said Haines. While the increase of credit card use may be a welcome sight for some, other outliers haven't yet experienced the credit card frenzy.

"This time of year, you can expect to see a credit card use increase. But, here the increase isn't really noticed until close to Christmas," said Mary Dickerson, customer service manager.

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Construction projects on campus have cost students and faculty members parking spaces, but William Cafeterias (left) is on its way to completion, while the Merrick, Crosby complex is in the early stages of its construction. See page two for more about William Cafeterias.

Vets talk dedication at ceremony

By T. J. Moore
News Editor

Veterans, family and friends of the deceased and members of the class of 1947 gathered on Nov. 11 to honor past and present military veterans.

The Veterans Memorial, located outside of the Student Union, was packed with speakers eager to share war experiences that have left them to be who they are today.

The brief ceremony honored those who lost their lives in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

The ceremony opened with remarks by Army ROTC Lt. Col. Larry Burnett. Burnett took a moment to reflect why this particular Veterans Day is important.

"Because of the war on terrorism, this Veterans Day is different from previous," Burnett told the audience. "Since September, people turned to the mil-
Cafeteria in final stages

By Owen Bowser, Jr.

Williams Cafeteria, which has been closed for 13 months, will reopen in the spring after the renovation project is complete.

The project costs $10.1 million and is managed by Andy Perkins, university engineer.

Williams Cafeteria has served the students and faculty of A&T for the past 30 years. When it first opened in 1970, the enrollment of the university was 4,300. Today, the university enrolls approximately 8,000 students. It has also undergone renovation to meet and serve the needs of all of its students.

“The new Williams Cafeteria will provide an awesome experience for student dining,” said Todd Johnson, director of auxiliary services. “Not only will the new cafeterias serve as a dining hall, it will also serve as a place where students can relax and do many things all at once.”

Johnson believes that the environment is important to the students and where they choose to dine. The new cafeterias will possess a new, wide-open environment, with a balcony overlooking the Holland Bowl. Paintings and photographs will reflect the history of the university.

In addition to a better environment, the new cafeterias will also include data connections for Internet access and retreovis on every level for students and staff.

The main improvements for the new cafeterias will be better food choices and a larger dining area. The revised menus will have two branded concepts, the Chuck Fill-A and Blimpie’s in the Aggie Sit-In, as well as one cafeteria’s dining area and a special dining area for small events such as meetings and receptions.

There will be two levels of dining in the new cafeterias. The upper level will serve as the main dining area for students. The lower level will include the branded concepts and special dining areas. Seating capacity will rise to approximately 1,200, versus 800 in the old Williams Cafeteria. More students will be able to eat in the cafeterias at one time.

The new cafeterias will have five different serving stations. One will be a display cooking station where students can place their dishes and watch them being prepared. Students will be able to choose from pastas to meats at the display cooking station. Other cooking stations will offer pizza and “homestyle” foods, and the remaining two are currently being decided.

“Students will be amazed at all the wonderful choices they will have when the cafeterias reopen,” says Johnson. Johnson and his staff also responded to the different meal plans that students have.

“We are committed to revamping our meal plan system so that we can offer more flexibility in options for students to decide where they want to eat. Student meal plans are a function of the facilities that use them and we think new meal plans will work better in our new facility to accommodate everyone,” says Johnson.

Currently, students are using the same meal plans that were used when eating in the old Williams Cafeterias. Students who live on campus and have a university meal plan are allowed to eat only three times per week in the Aggie Sit-In, while students living in Aggie Suites have the option of declining balance. Meal plans and can eat wherever they want whenever they choose. When the new cafeterias open, new meal plans will allow students more options as to when and where they can eat.

“I think it is unfair that students with a regular university meal plan are only allowed to eat in the Aggie Sit-In three times a week. We should be allowed the same opportunity as students with the declining balance meal plans. We are a university community just as they are,” says Kevin Keene, junior majoring in computer science.

In addition to overseeing the Williams Cafeterias renovation, Johnson also oversees the Aggie Sit-In project in the students’ community. Interested people may contact Auxiliary Services at 334-7876 or email toddjd@ncat.edu.

EYE ON CRIME

Compiled by Tamika Hudson

N.C. A&T University Police reported the following crimes during the period of Oct. 29, Nov. 4.

Oct. 30

Motor Vehicle Accident

Female victim reported motor vehicle accident on Hibbard Street. Vehicle was struck in the left rear as it was turning left onto West Blvd Street from Hibbard Street. Damage estimated $1,500 for both vehicles; no injuries reported.

Oct. 31

Larceny / Breaking and Entering

A female student filed a complaint of breaking and entering her car in Holt Hall and the vandalism.

Vandalism

A male student reported vandalism to his right rear window incident occurred on Salem Street, no items were reported missing.

Prank

Two unknown persons wearing black and white Halloween masks on Halloween victimized a female student. Apparently, they jumped from behind the staircase of Price Hall as she walked by.

Nov. 1

Harassment

A female employee reported verbal harassment by a male employee in the Hodgin Hall parking lot.

Motor Vehicle Accident

A female non-student struck another female vehicle on Nocho Street causing damage to the rear of the car. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 2

Larceny

A male student reported his wallet was taken while guests were leaving his room. Suspects’ names have not been reported. They are believed to be relatives of the Aggie Sit-In.

SGA plans to “Take Back the Night”

By T.J. Moore

The Student Government Association will be participating in the “Take Back the Night” candlelight march and vigil on Monday, Nov. 12, as part of the week-long Campus Safety conference. The march will begin at the Obermyer Parking Area at the Student Union.

No. 3

Intoxicated and Disorderly

A male student was arrested and charged with resist, obstruct, and delay to a government official and being intoxicated and disruptive after engaging in a verbal confrontation. He also ran from the security officer in the presence of witnesses when questioned about disturbance complaints.

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CORRECTIONS

The name of Dr. Godfrey Uwosike was spelled incorrectly in the Nov. 5 issue.

A headline concerning the Human Rights Medal incorrectly indicated that design were sought. No donations were sought this year. The number of faculty members in the School of Education is 45. The number was incorrect in the Oct. 8 issue due to a typographical error.
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Muslims

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A: The Qur'an is the prime source of
every Muslim's faith and practice. It
deals with all the subjects, which con-
cern human beings: wisdom, doctrine,
worship and love, but its basic theme is
the relationship between God and His
creatures. At the same time it provides
guidance for the right social and proper
human conduct and an equitable eco-
nomic system.

Q: Are Muslims women?
A: Islam sees a woman, whether single
or married, as an individual in her own
right, with the right to own and dispose
of her property and earnings. A mar-
riage dowry is given by the groom to the

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of Harrs Teeter on Summit Avenue.
The lack of credit increase in the Summit Avenue Harris Teeter may be
attributed to its location. Located near
a primary spot for student patronage, the
store's credit use changes as students
arrive and leave the campus.

But are credit cards really the
glitter, glamour and convenience that
consumers think they are? Not always,
according to customer service representa-
tives from Experian College.

Collection representatives say
increased credit card use without proper
guidance and financial management can
lead consumers to maximum limit exhaus-
tion and marks against credit.

While most collection payments are
made right after income tax returns are filed,
there are some accounts that must be
handled immediately.

So what can be done to keep
credit card use from getting the best
of consumers during the holiday
season? And how can consumers rec-
ognize a potential financial problem?

Credit card debt consultants from the
website carddebtconsultants.com offer
several signs of impending financial
credit problems that include being
served notice of a lawsuit, payments
being minimum balance, approaching lim-
its on credit cards and finding it difficult
to pay off the debt.

Avoiding credit card debt isn’t dif-
ficult. Simply figure out names, address-
es, and how much money is owed to each
creditor. Then develop an approved plan
to pay off credit card debts. But
perhaps the best advice for credit card
use is to be smart and use your
credit wisely.

Credit reports can be obtained by call-
ing the three main credit card agencies:

Contact Transunion at 1-800-916-8800,
Experian at 1-800-396-8733, and
Equifax at 1-800-396-8733.

credit generation of cards have those
same principles.

This similarity also paid homage to
the class who earned the monument,
the class of 1947.

On behalf of the class, Dr. Isaac
Barnett gave a few remarks.

"The class of 1947 is extremely proud
to be part of the ceremony today," he
did.

The ceremony closed with the play-
ing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and
"America the Beautiful." The Band of
Virginia Tech played "Taps."

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Evil has many faces

By TAMAJA HUDSON
The era of talk shows has sparked an interest in the African American entertainment industry. Viewing the latest talk shows this past season I can only assume the spark has blown out due to numerous cancellation of talk show hosts by today’s hottest stars.

With the odds against African American sit-coms, movies, singers, rap and film and movie producers it is an understatement to say blacks can make it in the entertainment industry.

The question is how have two of the most influential people of the African American race been able to withstand the continuous changes of the talk show industry? And secondly why have their successors crumbled at the opportunity to succeed in quality entertainment?

Personally, Oprah Winfrey and Montel Williams were at the right place at the right time. During their peak in television not too many faces of color were opened on an everyday basis. Producers in the 90’s probably felt they could take a chance and fill a quota simultaneously and determine their future according to viewers.

One thing that has made these two individuals stand out is their style. Both hosts have gone on to have their own style of show, which has been the case with the style of talk shows has changed, but they have yet to compromise those changes.

Viewing the Montel Williams Show closely, I believe his purpose is to motivate. I hardly ever see Montel provoking a confrontation or hosting a spicy show that would degrade his guest and viewers. It feels as if he never wants to leave a show until all issues have been resolved.

His atmosphere is professional yet warm. Being that he once held a position as a naval marine, police officer and motivational speaker, I believe he has lasted on the air so long because of his personal connection with people. In laymen’s term’s he solves the worlds problems one day at a time.

When I hear the name Oprah I think of dedication. I feel she was destined to reach the heights of her social hearted. Seen by over twenty-six million viewers in the United States and one hundred and twelve other countries, Oprah is the high-est rated talk show in television history.

I love Oprah because she not only reaches out through her show, but she also has a special Angel Network that reaches out to everyday people aside from her regular broadcast. Being that she admires teachers, she continuously awards teachers across the country.

She gives her audience what they want. Starting just seventeen years ago, Oprah has had many opportunities to end her contract, but she feels she must continue because her journey has yet to begin.

Recently, young black icons have found a niche for becoming the next Oprah or Montel. The problem is they have not yet developed enough for their shows to have been on the air for well over ten years. Leaving no room to grow into their own unique voice, today’s hosts feel they must copy others in order to make it. Shows such as the Ananda Lewis Show, the Queen Latifah Show, Trynna, Fugitive and Forget, and Oh Drama are just duplicates of past entertainment. Unfortunately, viewers grow tired of watching the same structure of entertainment.

The purpose of a talk show is to allow people to express themselves, solve problems, and motivate others.

I would rather watch a show that speaks the truth then a show that is unsure of the truth.

Foremost, the show has a variety of topics. I feel a show should have a theme and focus on that theme yearly, it is unorganized to talk about love one day and shooting the next. Final thoughts, African Americans have a powerful voice in this nation.

The only way we will continue to have the voice of speech is if we are prepared physically, mentally and spiritually.

The African-American talk show hosts need a “real” message.

By DEAN ROLLE

1. How many people actually got into the classes that they wanted? Can you say “Thank the Lord for online registration”?
2. How many of us still don’t know who their advisor is and don’t care since we registered online anyway?
3. Which of the following classes seems to always be closed on the first day?
   A. Physical Education
   B. The only section that the “cool professor” teaches
   C. The prerequisite for that class you need to be taking now.
4. Are we going to get those “new and improved” student IDs really?
   Can you say “I need mine before I graduate”?
5. Now that Halloween is long over can we please get rid of the “lawn ghosts” and rotten pumpkins?
6. What was the worst Halloween “treat” you received back in the day?
   A. Canned goods
   B. Household items
   C. Pennies or other loose change
   D. Field peas or a box of raisins

7. Are you glad that Alicia Keys finally dropped a new video?
8. Is it us or is that dude still not cute with the second video either?
9. Ladies...how many of us almost fell out when we heard that Maxwell was coming to Greensboro? (For those that don’t know...Dec. 11 Holla!)
10. What if Maxwell doesn’t show up?
11. Doesn’t your night class seem a little harder to get to since the time went back?
12. Why is the parking lot still packed after classes?
13. Does everybody have a night class this semester or what?
14. Whatever happened to the good Saturday morning cartoons? Can you still say Thunder cats Hoooooooh!
15. Why are those Geico car insurance commercials so hilarious?
16. We know that parking is still bad...but have some people lost their mind parking in reserve spaces like they can’t get towed? (You know wrong for trying to park in the chancellor’s spot.)
17. Why are some of us just now getting’ back from Atlanta? Why don’t they just take the elevator of Crosby since it never works?
18. Which is the best elective for seniors?
   A. Acting for non-theater majors
   B. Anything with the word appreciation in it
   C. That arts and crafts class everybody took last semester.
20. Why is this year almost over...already?

What happened at Auburn is plain and simple, a symbol of hate.

I am not in a fraternity and I am not from Alabama, nor have I ever visited Auburn University, so I do not know why they chose Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. to be included in their Halloween mockery. I can only speculate because it is one of the oldest African-American fraternities in the country, and the organization like all the other African-American fraternities and sororities, has a strong and rich heritage with chapters all across the nation.

The fraternity probably had the strongest influence and exposure at Auburn University, something the people depicted in the photos probably saw as a threat. The chapter at Auburn is the oldest African-American Greek letter organization on their campus, and an incident like this will only make the chapter stronger, and even more powerful than before.

Now that our country is at war, America has fallen into a comfort zone regarding race relations within our own country. People tend to believe that since we are fighting an enemy on the other side Atlantic Ocean that everybody still here in America has the same patriotic aspirations to bond together under the American flag.

Well, I personally viewed the racist pictures on the website “AuburnTiger.com”(a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center), and what I saw was far from a symbol of hate.

I saw a group of barmen (since The Register is affiliated with the university I’ll refrain from using profanity) united together under a different kind of flag. A flag that represented centuries of pain and suffering for African-Americans, a flag that some people thought would be forgotten after the boycott in South Carolina. I saw the Confederate flag I saw a flag that symbolizes hate. A hatred foundation is deeply rooted in the soil of America.

Racism has been around since the beginning, and has never really showed any signs of going away.

What happened at Auburn was a much-needed wake up call. Maybe now Americans will reopen their eyes to the evil here that face to face, since I think they closed them, or at least squinted a little since the attacks of Sept. 11.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m not saying what happened on Halloween indirectly had a positive effect on America because of tightening awareness.

In my opinion, 500 plus years of oppression should not be easy. Civil Rights Movement of the 60’s is all the eye- opener I’ll ever need. I don’t need a group of Jewels dressed up in offensive costumes to open mine for me.

Auburn is not alone, even with the name change to Montgomery State University, the issues that plague us as students, faculty, and alumni are continuously the same. We need a recognition and we need to fight for it. Who knows what tomorrow will bring. Until next time...

On any other day, I usually don’t bother to express my views on the opinion page. Any other day I usually just sit at front of the computer in The Register office to lay out ads in the newspaper, and handle all the money but last Wednesday was not any other day.

Last Wednesday was the day, while sitting in cool comfort like I always do, I heard of an act so disgusting, that I felt it was worth talking about.

An act I had never felt that I felt it was worth writing about.

Students from two white fraternities at Auburn Sigma Phi and Beta Theta Pi, threw a Halloween party, and during the party they thought it would be cool to take racially offensive pictures. And in some of those pictures the groups of boys were made in blackface and wearing Omega Psi Phi T-shirts.

What happened at Auburn University was more than ignorance. It was more than a cruel prank, one Greek letter organization trying to poke fun at another to cause a little controversy.
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Students find shoppers delight in Plato's Closet

A new clothing store retail chain recently made its way to Greensboro targeting students throughout the Triad

BY CARRINA M. RICHMOND
Editor

Are you tired of spending excessive amounts of money on name-brand clothing? Are you annoyed at all the extra gear in your wardrobe that you no longer wear? Is it a simple solution to your dilemma called Plato's Closet. This particular closet is America's first resale chain targeted specifically for high school and college students.

Plato's Closet was started a few years ago in Columbus, Ohio, and sold to Grow Biz International Inc., the creator of retail chains Once Upon A Child, Play It Again Sports, Monte-Glo Round and Re/Too. Grow Biz wanted a clothing chain that targets mostly teens and young adult consumers. There are now 45 Plato's Closets nationwide.

One of the franchise owners in the Greensboro store, David Farmer, decided on this location because of the high percentage of college students in this area.

"Teens are hip, and they know what's happening, and they are doing most of the buying," said Farmer.

In the Greensboro location there are 20 employees, most high school and college students. The atmosphere has the comfort of a teen / young adult bedroom, with three television screens, tuned to MTV and BET, positioned in front of a leather couch.

"It appeals to college students because most of the employees are in college, and with the the friendly atmosphere of different ages, I look forward to coming to work," said Trea, a 20-year-old employee who is also a GTCC student.

If you are interested in cashing in some of your name-brand clothing, Plato's Closet will pay you on the spot for all items accepted. The amount is determined by the condition, brand, size and design.

Plato's Closet is located on Battleground Avenue behind Your House restaurant and across from Biscuitville and KFC. The store is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

"The idea for this store is great. You can bring in old clothes, get money and shop while you do it," said Stacey Godwin, a senior at NorthWest High School.

Infinity: Tha Ghetto Child is the newest rapper on Never So Deep/MCA Records. His single "In the Ghetto" is getting airplay in the Carolinas, and his debut album "Pain" will be released in the spring.

Aggie Essence works hard on new moves, new image

BY TINA LOGAN
Staff Writer

When you think about school spirit and entertainment, you think of cheerleaders, the A&T Marching Machine and Golden Delight.

Do we really ever notice our own dancing troupe "Aggie Essence," which presents our entertainment during school events?

Do we realize the average training day that goes into performing? Do we realize the community service that they do to support different causes?

Aggie Essence has been a part of A&T's scene for many years. The group combines hip-hop moves with classic dance routines. However, Aggie Essence has not always had a good reputation.

"Each year Aggie Essence has endured a lot of negative feedback," said Ebou Davis, a junior broadcast news major and the captain of Aggie Essence. "I am optimistic in believing that the students of A&T will critique us for skill and creativity rather than stereotypes of the past."

"I feel that it is not important for us to prove anyone stereotypic to be wrong. But it is important to do our personal best and if our personal best is our best then it is what everyone will notice," said Gianina Hayes, a senior broadcast production major and assistant advisor.

Aggie Essence members dance five days a week for two hours. They work out two days during the week for an hour, running and climbing the Moore Gym stairs. At Tuesday and Thursday work outs, they receive outside help. Their personal trainer does cardio with the group for 20 minutes. Then the group is divided into upper and lower body strength training.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, they work on the routines themselves.

Aggie Essence also does numerous volunteer activities in the community. They put together the "Little Miss Aggie Essence Pageant" in which they mentor to little girls. On Dec. 1 they will be participating in the Winter Walk for AIDS.

Aggie Essence seems to be starting off with the right tactics to have a promising year.

"Our new members seem to be very dedicated & talented because all of them have had previous experience," Hayes said.

"Our overall objective is to perform at halftime during basketball season," said Davis. "The future plans are to get the girls conditioned so that the girls can go to camp this summer in order to be in competition squad 2003-2002."

OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS

Verge modeling show Nov. 15 in Harrison Auditorium.
Couture's show "MC Battle" Nov. 29.
Grand Christmas Celebration Dec. 6.
The organization will also be doing clothing and food drive throughout the semester.

"Society wants all action to act the same," explained Zerbe, "I think art, particularly theater, is not about how an actor adds somebody else, but how they are as individuals."

He went on to touch on race within theater and film and how it has evolved and changed over the years.

"There is a certain energy about African-American actors that should not be ignored," said Zerbe.

Theatre majors were able to hear firsthand about auditioning and the feel of filming a motion picture, as well as the importance of building a career in the theater.

"The Matrix" is my favorite film, and as an actor, to hear him was truly an inspiration. He has inspired me to get deeper in theater rather than film. He makes reality come closer to me by just hearing him," said senior class president and professional theater major Shanya Thompson.

Zerbe also shed light on the sudden death of hip-hop star and actress Aaliyah, who was to star in the sequel.

"I am not sure if they have filled her part in the sequel, but I did attend a table meeting for the movie in which she also attended. I don't know how they could replace her; she is Aaliyah," he added.

As he closed the seminar, Zerbe left students with encouraging words for their future quest for success.

"As you take one step toward a part [role], it will take 10 steps towards you," said Zerbe.

Zerbe's appearance was planned through his publicist and co-executive director of the theater department, Frankie Day Greenlee, who arranged for him to meet with students.

He [Zerbe] is a seasoned, professional actor of both theater and film/television. I wanted the students to have the opportunity to get firsthand knowledge from a veteran actor and about what it takes to be in the business of show business.

Next year Zerbe will teach at the N. C. School of Arts in Winston-Salem.
Men's basketball scrimmage against St. Augustine, 6 p.m. Nov. 13 in Corbett Sports Center.

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Injury sidelines Hicks for rest of season

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Magazine Sports Editor

Just as things were peaking for the Aggies of N.C. A&T, they received a huge jolt in their journey for MEAC supremacy.

Exactly one month after setting the Division I-AA single game rushing record, Head Coach Bill Hayes confirmed that junior back Maurice Hicks, is indeed dnr for the year and his collegiate career.

Hicks suffered a complete tear of his anterior cruciate ligament and a torn meniscus in his left knee during the Jackson State game on Nov. 22.

"I am very saddened by this loss," it's a devastating blow to the program," said a distraught Hayes. "Hicks is not only one of the best here, but he has plans for the next level as well. This is tough news for all of us.

Hicks rushed for 81 yards prior to his injury, breaking the all-time A&T record previously held by James White (1990-1993). The Aggies will now have to rely on a trio of tailbacks who have had little experience, other than Adrian Parker.

Percy Michaux, Hollingsworth, who replaced Hicks in the game and rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown, will apparently be the starter, but this team will need his contributions from everywhere.

"We do have capable backups that will step up and be counted on. Michaux Hollinsworth played very well last week when Hicks went down and Cordellia Gay is another big time player," said Hayes. "The character of this team is very strong. We are very quiet, but have deep emotion and are motivated to do what we have to do. But they do not quit and that's all I ask for.

The Aggies, who rely heavily on their running game, will now have to look to open up their passing attack, which is vastly improved thus in previous years. Quarterback Damion Phillip will have to step up big along with Jamal Jones and Steve Shipp, the Aggies top two receivers.

"All of us have to step up and make positive things happen now that Maurice is down. We have to pull together even more as a team," said Phillips. "I'm convinced that we have enough offensive weapons to do what needs to be done."

Hicks, a native of Emporia, Va., will finish the 2001 campaign with 1,325 yards rushing, 15 touchdowns, and a 7.2 yards per carry average, all of which rank second in the nation. Most of all, Hicks was a huge part in helping to open up an offensive attack which has averaged a healthy 40 points per game this season.

He was picked to play in the Hula Bowl in February and a candidate for the Walter Payton Award. Along with all of his other accolades, Hicks owns the NCAA Division I-AA single game rushing record as he rum- ped for 437 yards against Morgan State on Oct. 6. Hicks' injury is not uncommon among athletes. ACL is short for the anterior cruciate ligament, which is located in the center of the knee. It is a primary stabilizer of the knee joint, which is frequently injured by twisting or pivoting movement.

With his future NFL status now in jeopardy, Hicks will go through an intense rehabilitation program that could take from 12 to 18 months to heal his injured knee.

He finishes his stellar two year Aggie career as the all-time leading rusher (2,612 yards) and 30 touchdowns in only 19 games.

Hicks could not be reached for comment due to sur- gery that was performed Nov. 23.

"There's not much I can say about Maurice not being out there," said Aggie linebacker and punt returner Curtis Davesworth. "He have other backs we have to depend on now to get things done so we're looking at the bright side of this."

Aggies win shootout over Jackson State, 42-35

BY CHRIS WALLACE
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ATLANTA - Offense and defense are usually the most important aspects of the football game. In this instance, however, the Aggies, sparked by great special teams play, were able to defeat the high-powered Tigers of Jackson State in the inaugural Peach State Classic by a score of 42-35.

"We had a total team effort against probably the best offensive football team we've ever faced," said Head Coach Bill Hayes. "Their quarterback Robert Kent and receiver J.C. Taylor did an outstanding job of setting up and third efforts for us to get this win.

A&T corner back and punt return special- ists Curtis Davesworth, who leads the nation in punt returns, took a 79-yard punt and did what he does best and returned it for a touchdown. He also took five of five Tiger interceptions and returned it 61 yards for another touch- down.

Linebacker Marsay Winder (42) closes in on a Jackson State runner.

"He is an outstanding athlete that had a great game on Saturday breaking off. Please see JACKSON, Page 8"

The A&T volleyball team defeated Samford University 3-0 (30- 27, 30-21,30-23) on Sunday, Nov. 4, breaking the A&T record of 19 victories in a season.

Amanda Padilla had 15 kills to lead the Lady Aggies. Danesha Taylor had 10 kills and 12 digs, while Judith Bal added eight kills and 12 digs.

Whitney Miller totalled seven kills and seven digs to lead the Bulldogs, who fall to 11-16 on the season.

This record-setting victory came on the heels of a loss in Tallahassee, Fla., to Florida A&M. The Lady Aggies were defeated by the Rattlers' squad, 3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-17).

The Rattlers (21-2, 13-0 MEAC South) were led by Shante Haymore, who had a game-high 14 kills. Florella Alta June added 14 digs to go along with her 10 kills.

Florida A&M dominated the match, as they out-killed the Lady Aggies 45-30, and out-dug them 81-42.

Padilla, Taylor and Chiandra Washington paced N.C. A&T (19- 13, 10-3) with seven kills apiece.

Ball led the defensive effort for the Lady Aggies with a total of 13 digs.

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The greatest series ever? Let's count the ways!

If the 2001 World Series didn't convince you that baseball is back, then I don't know what will.

The 2001 Series between the then three-time defending champion New York Yankees and the new champion Arizona Diamondbacks took baseball to new heights. This series, in many opinion, may have been the best ever. Of course you have the '91 Series between the Twins and Braves, but this series featured pitching and heroes like you've never seen.

Diamondbacks hurlers Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson struck MVP hon- ors while Yankee aces Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina and Andy Pettitte watched in agony.

Five of the seven games were decid- ed by one run, including three improbable wins that will go down in history as three of the greatest games ever.

It's start with game 4.

With the Yankees trailing 3-1 with two outs in the ninth inning and the D'Backs threatening to go up three games to one in the series, Tim Martinez hit a game tying two-run home run to tie the game and send it to extra innings. Then one inning later, Derek Jeter hit a walk-off homerun to win the game, tying the series at two.

Game 5 featured similar heroes. The Yankees trailed 2-0 in the bottom of the ninth before Scott Boras' swing of the bat produced a game-tying two-run homerun to send it to extra innings. In the 11th inning, rookie sen- ior Alfonso Sorieno's hit scored Chuck Knoblauch and a 3-2 series lead for the Yankees.

In Game 7, the Yankees seemed to require a fourth consecutive title, but boy, how things change.

With a chance to clinch of the greatest closers of all-time, Mariano Rivera, the Yankees were clinging to a one-run lead. But after a run, hit, error and walk, D'Backs slugger Luis Gonzalez hit a broken-bat single just over the head of Derek Jeter to score the game- clinching run, ending the Yankees' domination.

The D'Backs are the champs because they dethroned the champs. It was a series to remember...the greatest ever? Probably.
A&T senior has dreams of martial arts stardom

BY WANDA SAUNDERS

For those who are fans of karate legends such as Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris and Jackie Chan, there's a martial arts champion right here on campus.

Matthew Boney, a senior business management major here at N.C. A&T, is determined to be the next Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris and Jackie Chan of karate.

Boney, who is a martial arts student of Jay Bell's Triad Karate Team, recently traveled to Atlanta in September earning the Professional Karate Association Championship Title in the men's advanced middleweight division.

After training with Bell for 18 months, Boney credits Bell, his brother, and his father with his accomplishments in martial arts.

Boney's brother Malcolm, who is a recent graduate of A&T, was featured in last year's News & Record for winning two world championships in karate.

"What I want to accomplish in karate is that I want to change the standards. By doing that I then want to be known as the next Michael Jordan of karate," Boney says. "It takes self-esteem, a sense of self-respect and confidence to be motivated at being the best."

Coach Bell says that karate is not just a technique to fight and to attack. "To be creative with karate is to be productive and humble. You first have to define it, perform it, and then translate it in order for it to benefit you," he says.

The style of martial arts Boney practices under Bell is a Japanese form, (Zanzan Kai Gaju Ryu, (Zanzan = Total, Awareness, Kai = Group, Gaju Ryu = Hard Soft Style). Boney is currently a brown belt.

When asked about his future goals in this sport, Boney said that he wants to attain his first NKL (National Black Belt League) World Title in December.

The Super Grand World Games of martial arts will be held in Hollywood, Calif, and will feature a number of elite fighters from around the world.

After the Super Grand World Games, Boney plans to continue fighting even if he wins the black belt or not.

Graduating in 2002, Boney plans to expand his own business in taiping around the Triad area.

"Mr. Joe Dudley of Dudley hair care products, is an inspiration to me because he has motivated me to take charge of achieving my future goals in dealing with taxes," Boney says.

"Hopefully, by the time I turn 23 years old, I will be a millionaire."

His advice for those with high expectations in life similar to his: "Whatever goals that you have, write those goals down and everyday you should do something around that goal," he says.

Safety conference opens with Kemba Smith speech

Kemba Smith, a former college student who was pardoned by former U.S. President Bill Clinton last December after serving six years in prison, will open the 2001 National Safety Conference on Campus Safety. The conference will be Nov. 12-13 in the Memorial Union.

The event is being sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, Student Government Association (SGA) and Campus Police Administration. The theme for this year's conference is "Changing Your Perception...An Introspection of Campus Safety."

Smith will address the 2001 conference at 9 a.m. Monday.

In 1995, Smith, then a 24-year-old junior at Hampton University, became involved in a relationship with a violent abuser. Her friend was the ringleader of a $4 million drug operation that was in business years before he met her. The judge held her responsible for all the drugs covered by the indictment after her friend was murdered in Seattle.

In that basis, the judge sentenced Smith to 24 years in prison. She now travels around the country telling her story to college and university students.

At 10:45 a.m., a forum on "How Residence Life Professionals Can Meet the Challenge of Violence on Campus" will be held. A luncheon at 12:15 p.m. will feature Attorney Kimberly Bullock-Gatling, a 1996 A&T graduate and former SGA Attorney General, on "Perspectives on Campus Safety."

Following the luncheon at 1:30 p.m., A&T graduate William A. Dudley, chief deputy secretary at North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety will conduct a seminar on Drugs and Alcohol: Roles in Crime in North Carolina.

A seminar on "Diversity and Hate Crimes" will be held at 2:45 p.m. At 7 p.m. there will be a candlelight vigil followed by sessions on "Take Back the Night and Our Global Village," coordinated by Jeonelle Fenster, Miss A&T, and "Sexual Offenders: Who Are They and What Do They Look Like on Campus?" Events continue on Tuesday.

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two big plays," says Hayes of Deloroch. "Big-time players make big-time plays in big games. He was MVP of the Classic."

Freshman Michael Hulingsworth led all rushers with 87 yards, including a 38-yard touchdown run. He replaced All-American tailback Maurice Hicks who injured his left knee in the third quarter after rushing for 81 yards.

The Aggies (7-1 overall, 4-1 MEAC) sit atop atop the MEAC with three games remaining.

"We are now in the stretch run of the season with three conference games remaining," says Hayes. "It's about stay- ing focused and taking it one day and one game at a time. We want to win the MEAC, and we control our own destiny, which is all we asked for at the beginning of the season."