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Q & A

Misconception of what Islam stands for has surfaced since the Sept. 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 forgiveness, 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 Philippines 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 most 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, Job, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, Elias, Jonah, John the Baptist and Jesus.

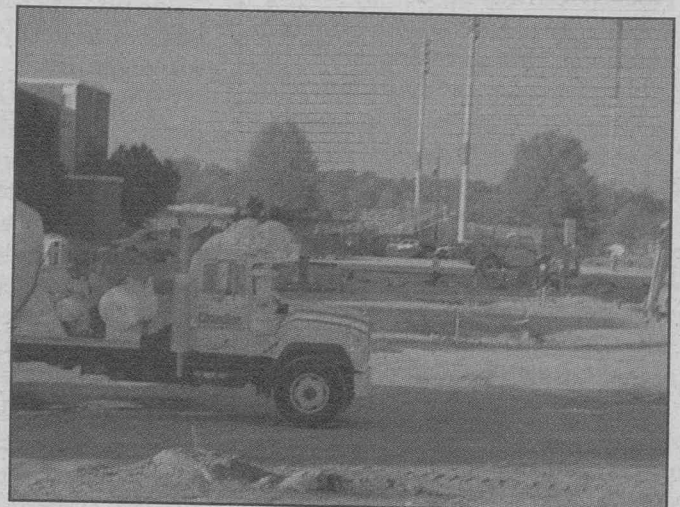
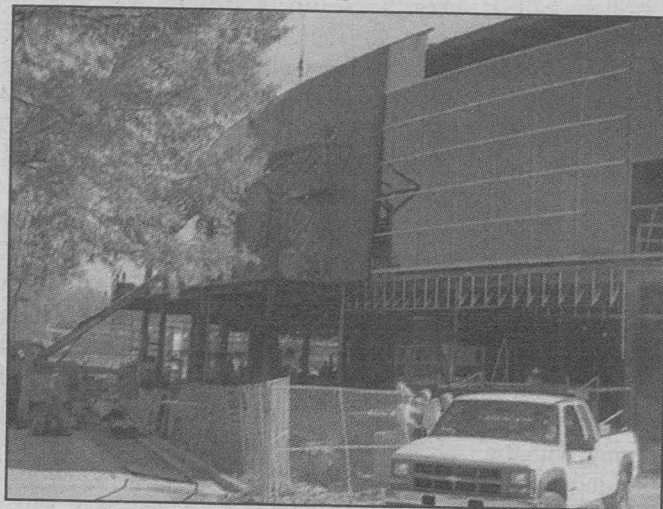
Q: What does Islam mean?

A: The Arabic word 'Islam' simply means submission, and is derived from a word meaning peace. In a religious context it means complete 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 upper-

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Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Construction projects on campus have cost students and faculty members parking spaces, but the Williams Cafeteria (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 Williams Cafeteria.

Holiday season brings credit woes

BY SHAKINTA M. JOHNSTON
Register 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 a little over 50 days left in the holiday shopping season, most jolly shoppers aren't worried about buying their families big and expensive gifts or sumptuous 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 \$650 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 psychology major Kevin Harris. "Most people aren't going to buy a lot of expensive items, but the lower-priced VCRs and DVDs for Christmas."

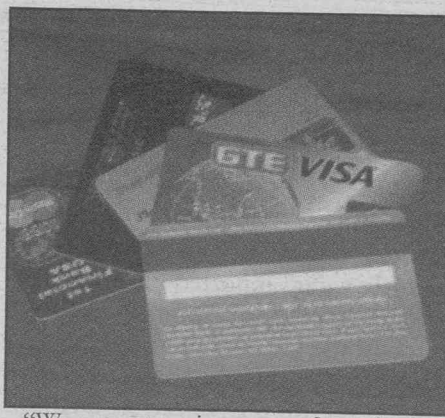
Harris continued to say that holiday purchasing isn't quite at the increase it will be on the day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year.

"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-welding consumers. With Thanksgiving around the corner, some grocery stores are witnessing more and more shoppers paying 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 outlets 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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Military service is honored for Veterans Day.

Vets talk dedication at ceremony

BY T. J. MOORE
News Editor

Veterans, families of the deceased and members of the class of 1947 gathered on Nov. 8 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 led 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 mili-

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IN BRIEF

Top alumni named

Aldea Douglas of the Queen City Alumni Chapter in Charlotte has been named Ms. North Carolina A&T State University Alumni for 2001-2002.

Douglas earned the title by raising the most money in the Ms. Alumni Contest, which was co-sponsored by the National Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Association. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships at N.C. A&T.

The 1997 graduate has a B.S. degree in earth and environmental science. She also has a master's degree in geography and urban planning from UNC-Charlotte. She is employed as a community development planner.

First runner-up is Erica Lowery '87 of Gate City Chapter (Greensboro), and second runner-up is Shannon Morrow Davis '96 of the Atlanta Chapter.

Takes part in panel

Dr. Millicent Ellison Brown, an assistant professor in the history department at A&T, participated in the 3rd Biannual "System of Care" Conference hosted by the North Carolina Center for Mental Health Services.

Brown joined fellow panelists in addressing the concerns of minority populations regarding mental health service delivery.

In August, Brown was appointed to the Education Programming Advisory Board for the North Carolina Museum of History (Raleigh, N.C.) for 2001-2004.

Publishes paper

Dr. Shih-Liang (Sid) Wang, an associate professor of mechanical engineering, published a paper entitled "Motion Simulation with Working Model 2D and MSC.visualNastran 4D" in the Journal of Computing and Information Science in Engineering (JCISE).

A professional engineer, Wang serves as the graduate program coordinator in A&T's department of mechanical engineering. He received

Project studies A.I.

his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Researchers at N.C. A&T have begun a project to improve the capacity of artificial intelligence systems.

The project, "Investigating an Artificially Intelligent Complex Adaptive System Proof-of-Concept Design to Aid the Intelligence Analyst," is led by Dr. Gary Leiby of N.C. A&T's Department of Electrical Engineering, and has been awarded \$160,000 from the National Security Agency.

For more information, contact

Rashid contributes

Leiby at 334-7274.

Dr. Judy Rashid, student program director at A&T, has been invited to be a contributing author for a textbook titled, "Diversity in America: Visions of the future-Real issues about people."

The text will be published by Kendall-Hunt Publishing Co. in January 2002.

In addition, she was asked by Allyn & Bacon Publishers to review a text

Cafeteria in final stages

By OSEN BOWSER, JR.
Register Contributor

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

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

Williams Cafeteria has served the students of N.C. A&T for the past 30 years. When it first opened in 1971, the enrollment of the university was 4,300. Today, the university enrolls approximately 8,000 students. It has 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 cafeteria 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 cafeteria 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 cafeteria will also include data connections for Internet access and restrooms on every level for students and staff.

The main improvements for the new cafeteria will be better food choices and a larger dining area. The renovated cafeteria will have two branded concepts, such as the Chick-Fil-A and Blimpie's in the Aggie Sit-In, as well as a chancellor'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 cafeteria. 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, so more students will be able to eat in the cafeteria at one time.

There will be five different serving stations. One will be a display cooking station where students can place their order and watch it being prepared. Students will be able to choose from pasta 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 cafeteria reopens," 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 Cafeteria. 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 a declining balance meal plan and can eat wherever they want whenever they choose. When the new cafeteria opens, 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 part of the university just as they are," says Kevin Keene, a junior majoring in computer science.

In addition to overseeing the Williams cafeteria renovation, Johnson also oversaw the Aggie Sit-In project in the student union.

"Students have responded well to the new Aggie Sit-In. They told us what they wanted to see and we responded," says Johnson.

The Aggie Sit-In serves approximately 1,200 students daily. The peak times are 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. for dinner.

Changes are being made in the Aggie Sit-In to better serve students. Two computers have been installed on the south wall in the Sit-In for students to access the Internet and there will be more checkout lines in the future.

"We want students to feel as if the Sit-In is a 'classroom' away from the classroom. We want to provide a real sense of the sit-in movement for A&T students. We want them to feel the rich history of the university in the Sit-In," says Johnson.

Johnson says that the students decided the types of foods they wanted to see in the Sit-In as a result of surveys. The two branded concepts in the new cafeteria will be decided the same way.

Auxiliary Services would like for students to participate on the food services committee. Interested people may contact Auxiliary Services at 334-7876 or email toddj@ncat.edu.

EYE ON CRIME

COMPILED BY TAMIKA HUDSON

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

Oct. 30

Motor Vehicle Accident

Female victim reported motor vehicle accident on Bluford Street. Vehicle was struck in the left rear as it was turning left onto westbound Bluford Street from Obermeyer Street. Damage totalled \$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 lot and removing her personal property.

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 Hodgkin Hall parking lot.

Motor Vehicle Accident

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

Nov. 2

Larceny

Two female Vanstory Hall residents reported personal property stolen from their room. There is presently one suspect.

Nov. 3

Intoxicated and Disruptive

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 Aggie Suites when questioned about disturbance complaints.

Nov. 4

Larceny

A male student reported his wallet was taken while guests were leaving his room. Suspects' names have not been provided but they are believed to be residents of the Aggie Suites.

CORRECTIONS

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

A headline concerning the Human Rights Medal incorrectly indicated that designs were sought. Nominations are being sought for this year's award.

The number of faculty members in the School of Education is 43. The number was incorrect in the Oct. 8 issue due to a typographical error.

Khabril Allen, a sophomore marketing major, was incorrectly identified in a photo in the Oct. 8 issue.

SGA plans to "Take Back the Night"

By T.J. MOORE
News Editor

Union.

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 Obermeyer Parking lot and end at the Student

Other SGA events coming soon:

Nov. 14 - Senate meeting, 7 p.m.
Nov. 26 - SGA full body meeting, 7 p.m.

Dec. 5 - Christmas Cantata

Dec. 10 - Finals begin

Jan. 14 - Classes begin

Q&A

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most in their minds, and make no division between secular and sacred. They believe that the Divine Law, the Shari'a, should be taken very seriously, which is why issues related to religion are still so important.

Q: What is the Quran?

A: The Quran is what Muslims believe to be exact words revealed by God through the Angel Gabriel to the prophet Muhammad. It was memorized by Muhammad, dictated to his Companions and written down by scribes, who cross-checked it during his lifetime.

Q: What is the Quran about?

A: The Quran is the prime source of every Muslim's faith and practice. It deals with all the subjects, which concern human beings: wisdom, doctrine, worship and law, but its basic theme is the relationship between God and His creatures. At the same time it provides guidelines for a just society, proper human conduct and an equitable economic system.

Q: What about Muslim 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 marriage dowry is given by the groom to the

bride for her own personal use, and she keeps her own family name rather than taking her husband's. Both men and women are expected to dress in a way which is modest and dignified; the traditions of female dress found in some Muslim countries are often the expression of local customs.

Q: How do Muslims view death?

A: Muslims believe that the present life is only a trial preparation for the next realm of existence. When a Muslim dies, he or she is washed, usually by a family member, wrapped in a clean white cloth, and buried with a simple prayer preferably the same day. Muslims consider this one of the final services they can do for their relatives, and an opportunity to remember their own brief existence here on earth.

Q: What does Islam say about war?

A: Islam permits fighting in self-defense, in defense of religion, or on the part of those who have been expelled forcibly from their homes. It lays down strict rules of combat which include prohibitions against harming civilians and against destroying crops, trees and livestock. War, therefore, is the last resort. The term jihad literally means struggle, and Muslims believe that there are two kinds of jihad. The other jihad is the inner struggle, which everyone wages against egotistic desires, for the sake of attaining inner peace.

The encyclopedia of Botanica and the www.Islam.com contributed to this report.

season? And how can consumers recognize a potential financial problem?

Credit card debt consultants from the website creditcarddebtsolutions.com offer several signs of impending financial credit problems that include being continually late making payments, paying minimum balance, approaching limits on credit cards and finding it difficult to save money.

Avoiding credit card debt isn't difficult. Simply figure out names, addresses, and how much money is owed to creditors. Then develop an approved plan to pay off credit card debts. But perhaps the best advice for credit card use can be summed up with good common sense. Don't buy what's wanted. Buy what's needed. Don't live beyond your means. And remember all that glitters isn't gold.

Credit reports can be obtained by calling the three major credit card agencies. Contact Transunion at www.transunion.com or (800) 916-8800, Experian at www.experian.com or (888) 397-3742 and Equifax at www.equifax.com or (800) 685-1111.

rent generation of cadets have those same principles.

This ceremony also paid homage to the class who erected the monument, the class of 1947.

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

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

The ceremony closed with the placing of a red, white and blue wreath near the granite monument to the sound of "Taps."

International Education Week offers a world of learning

U. S. International Education Week 2001 will be held Nov. 12-16 at N.C. A&T. The theme of the week is "The World: Learn it, Live it, Lead it."

Events include:

Monday, Nov. 12

4-6 p.m., opening in the Memorial Union, featuring the E. Gwynn Dancers.

6-8 p.m., panel on Racial & Ethnic Profiling, Stallings Ballroom at MSU.

8 p.m., Candlelight Vigil/ Walk for Peace, starting in the Obermeyer Lot.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

10 a.m., International Perspective on Terrorism, Webb Hall Auditorium.

12-1:30 p.m., A&T's first Student Delegation to South Africa, Webb Hall Auditorium.

2-4 p.m., Discover China through N.C. A&T, CH Moore A-8/Lawn & A-16, featuring Tai Chi, piano and calligraphy.

5:30-7p.m., Doing Business Overseas, CH Moore A-8.

6:30 p.m., Film Festival: Special Latin American presentation of "Nueba Yo!" (subtitled) in McNair Auditorium.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., African Caribbean/African American cultural explosion, Stallings Ballroom at MSU.

10:30 a.m.-Noon, E. Gwynn International Dance Workshop, Dance Studio.

12-1 p.m., Department of Sociology & Social Work brown bag luncheon teach-in.

1:30-3 p.m., A&T/ALCOA Ghana

Exchange Program and mini-Baja project, Webb Hall Auditorium.

3-4 p.m., A Postcard from A&T: What International Students Write Home; Reflections from International Students on the Experience at A&T, Webb Hall Auditorium.

6:30 p.m., Reception: Africa in the Heart of the U.S. Virgin Islands, an art exhibit with guest artist Maude Pierre-Charles, Stallings Ballroom at MSU.

Thursday, Nov. 15

12 p.m., in honor of U.S. International Education Week the Center for Student Success Presents the Hon. Mel Watts, U.S. representative, Harrison Auditorium.

1 p.m., International Cuisine Tasting, Exhibit Hall Lobby at MSU.

2-2:45 p.m., A Semester in Tanzania, reflection on the experience, Memorial Room 101.

2-5 p.m., Global Village: Tour the World in Three Hours, Memorial Union Square/Front of Merrick Hall (outdoor) Smith Hall Lobby (in case of rain).

Friday, Nov. 16

8:30 -10:30 a.m., OIP Open House: Fantastic Friday/ International Coffee House, CH Moore, A-16 International Coffee House.

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Grits, Greens, and Garri, an interactive cross-cultural workshop, Library second-floor Conference Room.

1-3 p.m., Band-Aids, Bagels, and Bandanas: Culture Shock, A Nursing Process Perspective, third floor of Noble Hall.

New vice chancellor for Institutional Research

Dr. Janice Gilyard Brewington has been named interim associate vice chancellor for institutional research.

"Dr. Brewington is an accomplished researcher, a seasoned academic administrator who served the school of nursing and the university with brilliance," said Dr. Carolyn Meyers, provost and

vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Brewington is returning to A&T after serving as director of the Center for Women and Health Women's Leadership Institute at Bennett College.

From 1989 to 1997 the Greensboro native served A&T in several positions including interim dean.

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of Harris Teeter on Summit Avenue.

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

But are credit cards really the glitz, glamour and convenience that consumers think they are? Not always, according to customer service representatives from Encore Collections.

Collection representatives say increased credit card use without proper payment can result in phone calls, letters 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 measures can be taken to keep credit card use from getting the best of consumers during the holiday

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tary for national strength."

The second speaker was the professor of aerospace studies, Air Force ROTC Lt. Col. Thomas Sinclair. In his speech, Sinclair talked about the themes of devotion and dedication to duty, and the self-sacrifice that the 17 men made to their country in those times of war.

Sinclair also mentioned that the cur-

Students receive recognition at conference

Three N.C. A&T students participated in the 31st Annual Conference of the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The conference was held Oct. 11 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

The students, all sophomores, are Laveda Casterlow, Howard Conyers and Roy Melton. They presented their

freshman calculus research projects, which were conducted last year under the direction of Dr. Gilbert Casterlow Jr., an A&T mathematics professor.

The research projects provided the students an early introduction to undergraduate research in mathematics as related to various other disciplines. Technology support was provided by a fourth student, Kambale Musavuli.

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20 QUESTIONSBY **DIJON 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. Personal Health
 - B. The only section that the "cool professor" teaches.
 - C. The prerequisite for that class you need to be taking now.
4. When are we going to get those "new and improved" student IDs...really? Can you say "I need mine before I graduate please."
5. Now that Halloween is long over can we please get rid of the "lawn ghosts" and rotten pumpkins?
6. What was the worse 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. Aren't we glad that Alicia Keys finally dropped a new video?
8. Is it just us or is that dude still not cute in 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 5 p.m.?
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 Hooooooooo!
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 spots like they can't get towed? (You know you wrong for tryin' to park in the chancellor's spot).
17. Why are some of us just now gettin' back from Atlanta?
18. Why don't they just take the elevator out of Crosby since it never works?
19. 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?

African-American talk show hosts need a "real" messageBY **TAMIKA 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 host by today's hottest icons.

With the odds against African American sit-coms, movies, singers, rappers 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 viewed on an everyday bases. Producers probably felt they could take a chance and fill a quota simultaneously and determine their future according to viewers.

The one thing that has made these two solid is individuality. Years have gone by and 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 sleazy 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 intelligence officer and motivational speaker, I believe he has lasted on the air so long because of his personal connection with people. In laymen's terms 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 touch the lives of the weak hearted. Seen by over twenty-six million viewers in the United States and one hundred and twelve countries, Oprah is the highest 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 start by mirroring these talk shows that have been on the air for well over ten years. Leaving no room to grow into their own unique vibe, today's beginning hosts feel they must copy others in order to make it. Shows such as the Ananda Lewis Show, the Queen Latifah Show, Iyanla, Forgive and Forget, and Oh Drama are just duplicates of past and well-established talk shows.

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 than 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 about strippers the next. Final thoughts: I believe African Americans have a powerful voice in this nation.

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

Evil has many faces

On any other day, I usually don't bother to express my views on the opinion page. Any other day I usually just sit in 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 front of the computer like I always do, I heard of an act so disgusting, that I felt it was worth talking about. An act so ignorant, that I felt it was worth writing about.

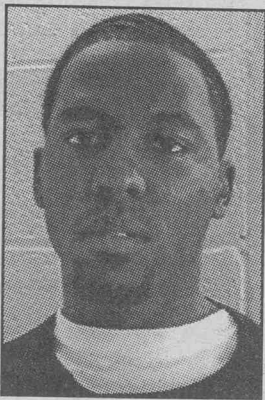
Students from two white fraternities at Auburn University, Delta Sigma Phi and Beta Theta Pi, threw a Halloween party, and during the party they thought it would be cool to take racially offensive pictures. And in some of those pictures the groups of boys were made up in blackface and wearing Omega Psi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

What happened at Auburn University was 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 peo-

**Jason Boyd**

ple 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 www.Tolerance.org (a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center), and what I saw was far from a symbol of patriotism.

I saw a group of bammas (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 whose foundation is deeply rooted in the soil of America.

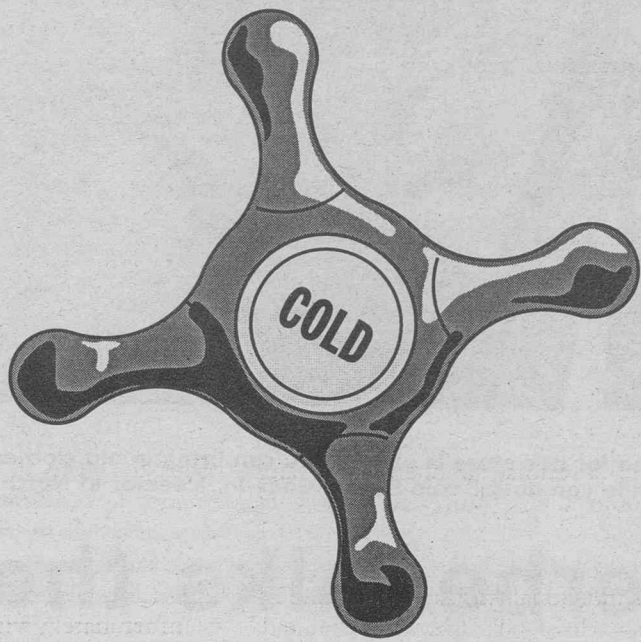
Racism has been around since the beginning, and has never really showed any signs of going away.

What happened at Auburn was a much-needed wakeup call. Maybe now Americans will reopen their eyes to the evil here next door to us, 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 it heightened our social awareness.

In my opinion, 300-plus years of oppression and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s is all the eye-opener I'll ever need. I don't need a group of jerks dressed up in offensive costumes to open mine for me.

Life is hard without balance.



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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**
 Register Contributor

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?

There is 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 creators of retail chains Once Upon A Child, Play it Again Sports, Music-Go-Round and Retool. 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 televisions, 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 the with 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.

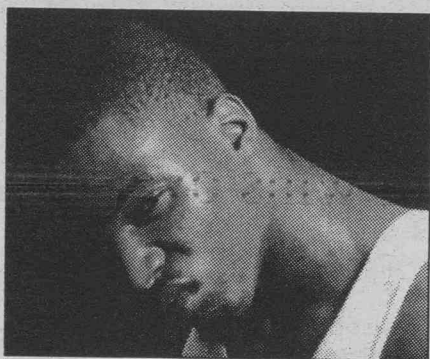
If you are interested in cashing in some of your name-brand clothing, Plato's Closet will pay you on the spot for all items accepted. The amount is determined by the condition, brand, size and demand.

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.



Tarah Holland/Register Staff

"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 **TRINA LOGAN**
 Register Contributor

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 hot 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 have 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 Eboni 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 stereotype 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 workouts, they receive outside help. Their personal trainer does cardio with the group for 20 minutes. Then the group is divided to do 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 2002-2003."

OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS

Verge modeling show Nov. 15 in Harrison Auditorium

Couture's show "MC Battle" Nov. 29

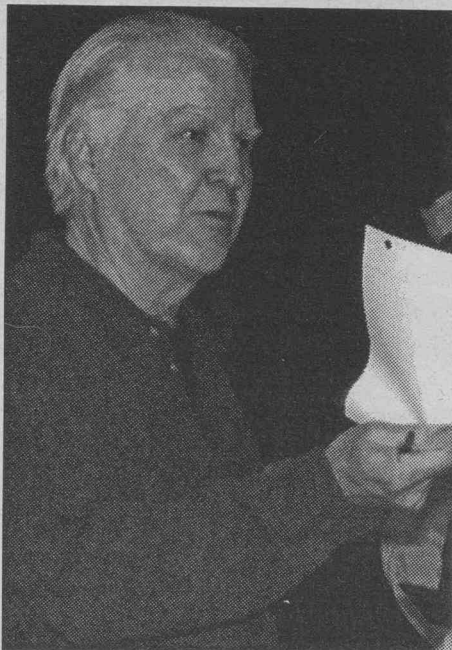
Couture Christmas Celebration Dec. 6. The organization also will be doing a clothing and food drive throughout the semester.

Zerbe talks theater

By **TARAH S. HOLLAND**
 Entertainment Editor

Actor Anthony Zerbe visited A&T's theater department in a seminar held Nov. 8 in the Crosby Studio Theatre.

He is best known for his versatility throughout his acting career. Zerbe also has an extensive list of credits that will soon include the sequel to the box office sensation, "The Matrix," starring Lawrence Fishburne.



Tarah Holland/Register Staff

Anthony Zerbe visited A&T Nov. 8.

Zerbe reviewed some of his past works and many of the notable actors he has worked with in the past including Sydney Poitier in "They Call Me Mr. Tibbs" and James Earl Jones in "Othello." He also starred on Broadway and in several television series, gaining an Emmy for his role as Lt. Trench in "Harry-O."

"In my time it was more character work and how different you could be, but in your [students] time it all has to do with persona," said Zerbe.

Zerbe continued by emphasizing the importance of individuality within the theater and film industries.

"Society wants all actors to act the

same," explained Zerbe, "I think art, particularly theater, is not about how an actor is like 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.

Theater 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 actress, 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 Shayla 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 word 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," added Greenlee.

Next year Zerbe will teach at the N. C. School of Arts in Winston-Salem.

Injury sidelines Hicks for rest of season

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register 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 his star, tailback Maurice Hicks, is indeed done for the year and his collegiate career.



Hicks

Hicks suffered a complete tear of his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and a torn meniscus in his left knee during the Jackson State game on Nov. 3.

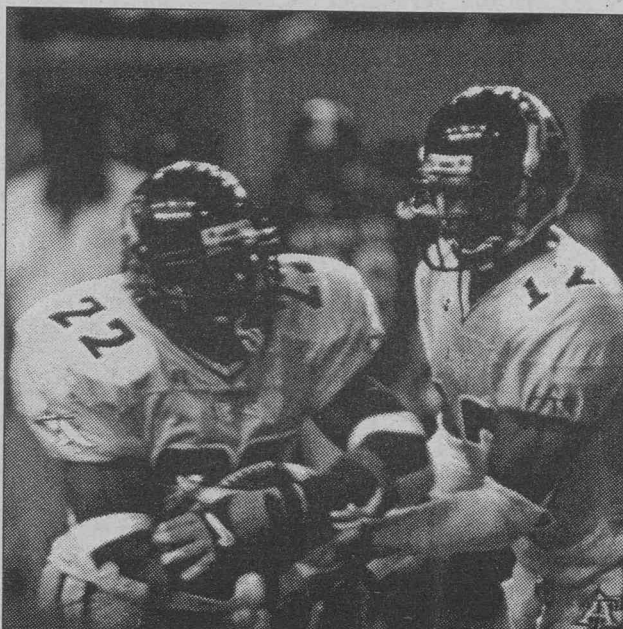
"I am very saddened by this loss. It's a devastating blow to the program," said a distraught Hayes.

"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 Parks.

Freshman 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 contributions from everywhere.

"We do have capable backups that will step up and be counted on. Michaux Hollingsworth played very well last week when Hicks went down and Cornelius Gary is another big-time player," said Hayes. "The character of this team is very strange. We are very quiet, but have



Charles Watkins/A&T

Maurice Hicks (22) takes a handoff from Damian Phillips in the Jackson State game. He later was injured, suffering a torn ACL.

deep emotion and are motivated to do what we have to do. But they do not quit and that's all I can 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 than in previous years. Quarterback Damian Phillips 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 rumbled 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 (2,812 yards) and 30 touchdowns in only 19 games.

Hicks could not be reached for comment due to surgery that was scheduled for Nov. 8.

"There's not much I can say about Maurice not being out there," said Aggie cornerback and punt returner Curtis Deloatch. "We 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
Register Sports Editor

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, held on 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 T.C. Taylor did an outstanding job. It took second and third efforts for us to get this win."

A&T cornerback and punt return specialist Curtis Deloatch, 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 one of five Tiger interceptions and returned it 61 yards for another touchdown.



Charles Watkins/A&T

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

Volleyball team wins over Samford, breaks school record

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 Ball 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 (32-30, 30-20, 30-17).

The Rattlers (21-2, 13-0 MEAC South) were led by Shante Haymore, who had a game-high 14 kills. Fiorella Aita Junek 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 61-42.

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

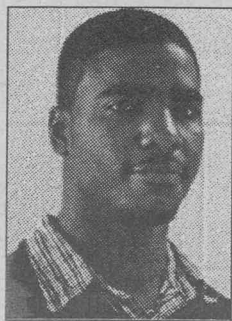
Ball led the defensive effort for the Lady Aggies with a total of 13 digs.

- From N.C. A&T Sports Information

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 could.

The 2001 Series between the then three-time defending champion New York Yankees and new champion Arizona Diamondbacks took baseball to new heights. This series, in many's opinion, may have been the best ever. Of course



Sports View
by Chris Wallace

you have the '91 Series between the Twins and Braves, but this series featured pitching and heroics like you've never seen.

Diamondback hurlers Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson shared MVP honors while Yankee ace Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina and Andy Pettitte watched in agony.

Five of the seven games were decided by one run, including three improbable games that will go down in history as three of the greatest games ever. Let'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, Tino Martinez hit a game tying two-run homerun 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 heroics. The Yankees trailed 2-0 in the bottom of the ninth before Scott Brosius' swing of the bat produced a game-tying two-run homerun to send it to extra innings. In the 11th inning, rookie sensation Alfonso Soriano's hit scored Chuck Knoblauch and a 3-2 series lead for the Yankees.

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

With arguably one 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 series-clinching run, ending the Yankees dominance.

The D'Backs are the champs because they dethroned the champs. It was a series to remember...the greatest ever...I promise.

A&T senior has dreams of martial arts stardom

BY WANDA SAUNDERS
Register Contributor

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, Zanshin Kai Gaju Ryu, (Zanshin = Total Awareness, Kai = Group, Gaju Ryu = Hard Soft Style).

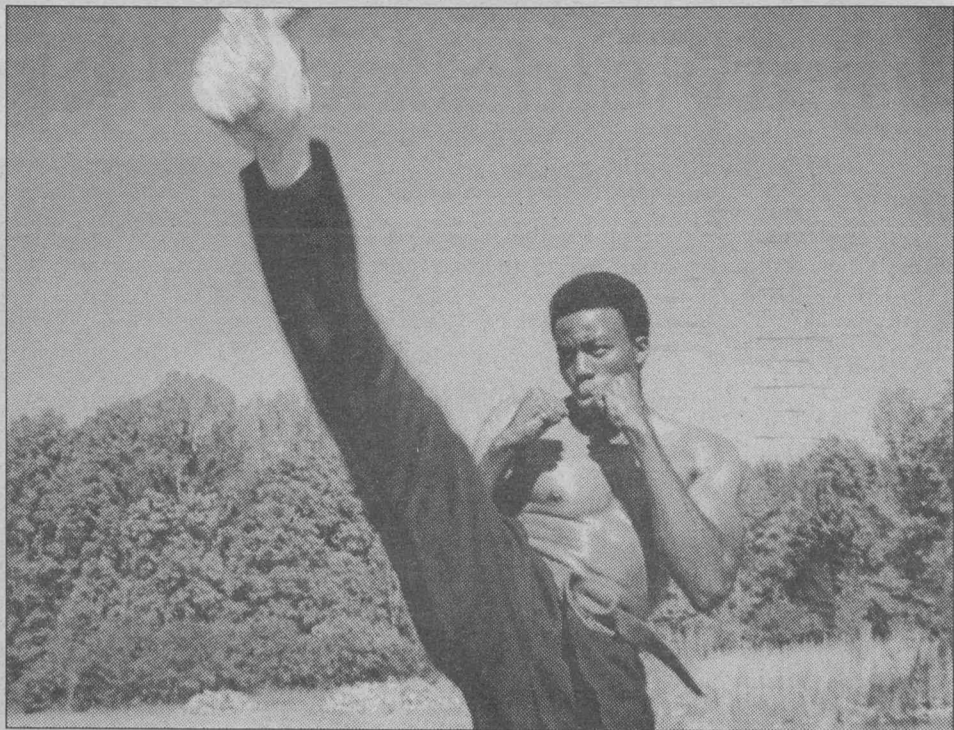
Boney is currently a brown belt. When asked about his future goals in this sport Boney said that he wants to attain his first NBL (National Black Belt League) World Title in December.

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 taxing 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



Submitted photo

Matthew Boney practices the karate form that won him a title in Professional Karate Association competition earlier this fall.

of age, I will be a millionaire."

His advise 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 N.C. A&T's 13th Annual 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. On

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 Jeanelle Feimster, Miss A&T; and "Sexual Offenders: Who Are They and What Do They Look Like on Campus?"

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

Freshman Michaux Hollingsworth led all rushers with 87 yards, including a 38-yard touchdown run. He replaced Aggie star 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 alone atop the MEAC with three games remaining.

"We are now in the stretch run of the season with three conference games remaining," said Hayes. "It's about staying 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."

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