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SGA meeting marked by infighting

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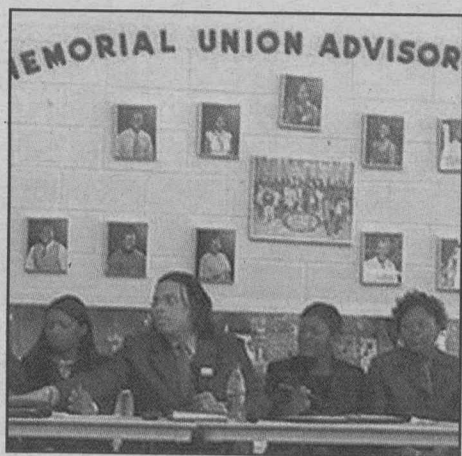
Bickering between the Student Government Association and a few members of the Aggie Live Wires over budget-related matters overshadowed a heavy agenda for the full body monthly meeting, Nov. 26 in the Memorial Union Exhibit Hall.

Tempers flared as the Live Wires expressed their displeasure that the SGA did not allot funds for the entire group of 100 go to the Peach State Classic in Atlanta.

In defense of the SGA Executive Board, President Greg Drumwright advised the members of the Live Wires to voice their complaints to their liaison and SGA Vice President of External Affairs Chester Williams and ask him why the group was not in the budget.

Drumwright accused Williams, who was not present, of not fulfilling his proper duties as VP of external affairs and advised the Live Wires to look in the student constitution to show the group how to voice a complaint.

Williams could not be reached at deadline for comment.



Register file photo

SGA executive board shown at a function earlier this year

An unidentified SGA Senate member voiced his concerns about the organization's budget and its cohesiveness. He charged that the SGA Executive Board members were just concerned with a stipend and not the welfare of the students.

Drumwright asked why should the Senate worry about the execs being paid. Later, the SGA president said that the organization is divided and again

cited the absence of Williams and Secretary Mia Ross as an example of the organization's current state.

In regular business, Drumwright gave his monthly report addressing parking issues on campus, minor campus maintenance problems, student apathy and tuition and fees.

In parking news, Drumwright stated that students now have two new places to park. Chancellor James C. Renick recently purchased a lot across East Market Street from the Dowdy Building, near Parker Brothers restaurant, and another lot at the intersection across from the old chancellors' house.

Drumwright also addressed the fact that many students did not show up at the meeting and the overall apathy of the student body and encouraged those in attendance to bring a friend to the next meeting, scheduled for Jan. 28 in McNair Auditorium and he also encouraged that those in attendance to disregard any rumors about the organization.

Finally, Drumwright reiterated that the 4 percent increase of tuition and fees has been approved and he reviewed the figures from last year to this year.

Director of Auxiliary Services Todd Johnson took the floor. He discussed the difference between required and miscellaneous fees, but most of his presentation was about the renovated Williams Cafeteria. Johnson talked about the branded concepts that will be in the cafeteria in March. From a recent survey, Johnson said that the two favorite concepts were Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken and there is a possibility that Krispy Kreme Doughnuts could be included.

Johnson also hinted at bringing the Aggie Deli and the food carts back and a choice of new meal plans for the cafeteria with a few restrictions.

Vice President of Internal Affairs William Dudley reported on the continuing lobbying for a two-year tuition freeze and a resolution to restrict credit card companies soliciting on the campus.

He also reported on the resolution introduced at the SGA Senate's last meeting to suspend the stipend of SGA Treasurer Wanda Hunter under article six, section B of the student constitution. *Please see SGA, Page 3*

Alleged half-million-dollar construction billing scam did not harm university

By T.J. MOORE
News Editor

N.C. A&T officials said that a scam to bill the university for a half-million dollars of work that allegedly was never done has not hurt the university or its construction projects.

"The university did not lose one brown penny, not one cent," said Internal Auditing Director Reginald Wade.

Former A&T telecommunications engineer Melvin A. McLaughlin was charged Nov. 14 with helping a local contractor falsely obtain more than \$500,000 from Capital Partners USA, Inc, a California-based financial company.

The arrest is the conclusion of months of investigating by the university council and the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI).

According to agent Melinda Collins, this case was not even in the SBI's original jurisdiction. "We became involved in this case at request," she said. In this case, the request was made by the Guilford County District Attorney's Office.

As reported in the News & Record, McLaughlin is accused of telling Capital Partners USA Inc. that contractor John

David Watford had installed over a half a million dollars worth of cable and servicing equipment between December 1999 and April 2000.

In paperwork filed in the Guilford County Courthouse, the university claims that the work in question was never done.

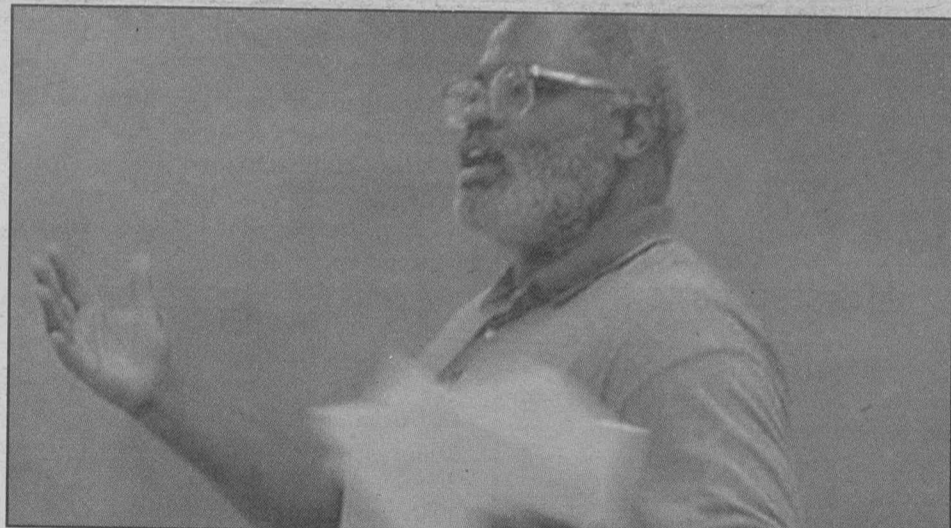
The court records also state that Watford was paid nearly \$411,000 by Capital for his work in university telecommunications projects. Capital Partners then billed the university for \$547,500, the amount mentioned in 13 of Watford's invoices.

Watford, who was in business as Triad Communications in Waxhaw, was charged Sept. 12 with felony obtaining property by false pretense. Watford is free on a \$50,000 bond.

The official charges on McLaughlin are felonies of aiding and abetting someone obtaining property by false pretense in excess of \$100,000 and with one count of conspiracy to obtain property by false pretense in excess of \$100,000.

McLaughlin, who likewise has been released on bond, resigned from his university post earlier this fall.

The case is pending and will come to trial on Jan. 8, 2002.



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Activist Ed Whitfield expresses his views on how Afghanistan got its ways from America.

Gibbs Hall meeting heated as activist criticizes U.S. invasion

By RANDY ST. CLAIR
Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 28, the fifth meeting to discuss America's War on Terrorism ended in students as well as faculty of N.C. A&T proclaiming that the U.S. invasion on Afghanistan wasn't and isn't needed.

Ed Whitfield, community activist for the Beloved Community, was the main speaker for the meeting in Gibbs Hall room 123. He started things off with a commentary he wrote to SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) where he challenged

America's way of living. The main point in his commentary was that America should tend to its own business and leave foreign business alone.

In response, SNCC member Bruce Hartford, called Whitfield a Stalinist who is actually on the side of those who terrorized New York, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Hartford also accused Whitfield of siding with the Taliban and Osama Bin Laden.

From that point on Whitfield's question to the audience of almost 30 stu- *Please see GIBBS, Page 3*

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IN BRIEF

A&T receives \$3.1 million grant

N.C. A&T is the recipient of a Title III Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Grant worth \$3,141,553 from the U.S. Dept. of Education. The funds will be used to develop and enhance academic programs and support systems.

Funds will be used to develop and enhance academic programs and support services in 13 areas of the university. Major efforts will strengthen the College of Arts and Sciences' by enhancing the areas of biology, chemistry, mathematics, English, psychology and criminal justice; develop state-of-the-art laboratories to teach the technical-management programs in the School of Technology; allow faculty/administrative personnel opportunities to study toward advanced degrees or attend refresher training; enhance the University Honors Program; strengthen the teacher education program; assist with implementation of the new M.S. degree program in Management, and implement endowed chairs for the Political Science Department and the Academy of Teaching and Learning.

The grant is effective through Sept. 30, 2002.

Mark appointed

Carolyn R. Mark has been named associate director of Career Services and Experiential Learning. She joined the university in 1992 as a job developer/counselor.

Prior to coming to N.C. A&T, Mark served as director of admissions at Bennett College, where she had worked for 14 years in various positions.

A native of Charlotte, Mark received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from A&T.

Horse course set

The department of animal sciences at A&T will offer a 3-credit course in horse production beginning Jan. 8.

The course will cover a survey of the equine industry in the United States, breeds and registry associations, breeding, reproduction, health, nutrition, general care and management of the horse. This course requires no animal sciences prerequisite and is open to all majors and.

The course will be taught in 207 B.C. Webb Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m.

Communities helped

The N.C. A&T Cooperative Extension Program has placed computers and printers in three eastern North Carolina locations ravaged by Hurricane Floyd.

Through a grant from the Rural Emergency Crisis Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the A&T Cooperative Extension Program placed computers in the Dunbar Community Center in Battleboro, St. Luke's Church in Princeville and Pines Chapel Baptist Church in Pine Tops.

"We know that there are many needs in the area as it recovers from the flooding of two years ago, and we're pleased to help wherever and however we can," said Dr. Ellen Smoak, director of the effort and a

Register staff honored with eight BCCA awards

N.C. A&T's student newspaper staff recently garnered top awards in the Black College Communication Association's (BCCA) 2001 Student Newspaper Awards competition.

The awards were presented during the association's annual meeting at the Hilton-Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Students who work on A&T's college newspaper, the A&T Register, received eight awards. The editor is Randy St. Clair and the advisor is Valerie Nieman.

Awards included the following:

First place, Best Commentary, Randy St. Clair

First place, Best Layout

Second place, Best Bi-Weekly Newspaper

Second place, Best Sports Coverage, Chris Wallace and T.J. Moore,

Third place, Best News Coverage

Third place, Best Sports Story, William C. Davis

Third place, Best Feature Story, Trina Logan

Honorable mention, Best Feature Story, Randy St. Clair.



Student journalists were honored in the National Black College Communication Association newspaper competition. Current staff members show off the awards. **FRONT ROW (from left) - Chris Wallace, sports editor; Randy St. Clair, editor-in-chief; Tarah Holland, entertainment editor. BACK ROW - Trina Logan, contributor; Jason Boyd, business manager; T.J. Moore, news editor. NOT PICTURED - Reporter Shakinta Johnston and photographer Sharonda Eggleton; 2000-2001 staff members Kariston McPherson, news editor; Mia Ross, entertainment editor; William C. Davis, contributor.**

Retired N.C. Supreme Court chief justice brings legal knowledge to A&T's political science classes

By T.J. VINSON
Register Contributor

Who better to teach a political science class than a real-life judge?

Henry E. Frye, retired chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, is now teaching at A&T in the political science department.

A native of Ellerbe in Richmond County, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from A&T with a major in biology and a double minor in chemistry and air science. He also graduated with honors for the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law.

Frye was commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and later became captain. He served as an ammunition officer in Japan and Korea. Although Frye served in the military, he said he would rather not participate in the war. "But if I did I would be in the Air Force," he said.

Frye was the organizer and president of Greensboro National Bank. He has practiced law in Greensboro for 21 years. In 1968, he became the first African-American to be elected to the

N.C. House of Representative in the 20th century.

In 1983, Frye became the first African-American to serve on the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

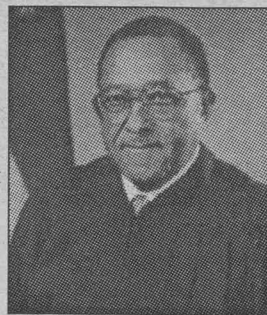
"I was happy practicing law, but after government called me I took the opportunity," said Frye.

"All the cases dealing with first-degree murder are hard," said Frye. "Capital cases when sentencing someone to death are hard."

While practicing law, Frye thought it would be interesting to teach. He was given the opportunity to teach business law at A&T.

"I felt it was a way to give back, and I've always enjoyed teaching," said Frye.

Frye said the courtroom is harder



Henry Frye

than the classroom because you have to make tough decisions that may affect someone's life. Frye does not want to run for office anymore.

"Running for office is hard work, I'll take one semester at a time," said Frye.

Frye gave four tips for anyone interested in law

- Prepare yourself to be a good citizen first
- If you plan to be a lawyer, or judge you have to make decent grades and know subject matter
- Must have interest in making life better for people
- Must be willing to make a decision after getting the facts, and have the courage to stand by your decision.

Frye credits his success to help from a lot of people, and listening to good advice.

"You have to be willing to stick with something and not give up," he said.

He also gives credit to his wife, Shirley, who is also an Aggie.

"My wife sticks with me and works with me," said Frye. "A good foundation from A&T was also key."

EYE ON CRIME

COMPILED BY TAMIKA HUDSON

N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents Nov. 21- Nov. 25:

Suspicious Activity

Scott Hall B's dorm director reported that an unknown person(s) set off a smoke bomb near room 1037. No damages or witnesses at this time.

Water Damage

A male student reported that the sprinkler system in his room at the Aggie Inn was activated, causing water

damage to the room. It is unknown what caused the system to activate.

Suspicious Package

A student resident of Aggie Terrace reported that she received a suspicious piece of mail from California without a return address.

Breaking and Entering

The band director reported that an unknown person(s) entered Frazier Hall, room 109. There were no signs of forced entry, nor were there any items missing.

Larceny from Auto

A male student reported that an unknown person(s) removed a speaker box from his vehicle while it was parked in the Aggie Suites parking lot.

Larceny

A male student reported that an unknown person(s) removed his yellow gym bag from the stadium parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Bat Removal

Vanstory Hall's dorm director reported that a bat was found on the first floor. Several students removed the animal.

GSO Blue: Learning about life on the streets

Editor's Note: Reporter Phoebe Bruce rode along with Greensboro police officers on a recent afternoon to learn about their work.

PHOEBE BRUCE
Register Contributor

Nov. 24, 2001, I arrived at the police station around 2 p.m. I am here to learn what it's like to be in the policeman's shoes.

I signed a Citizen Ride Along form that had all these restrictions: You cannot touch police equipment, weapons, mace, or drive the police car. After signing the form I waited on the next available officer.

At 3 p.m., Officer A.W. Reidell walked into the room and was ready to go. Inside the black Ford police car, I saw the computer and all the buttons that operate the lights, siren and the radio.

Reidell had been a policeman for 12 years and works in District 1, around the English Street area, not too far from A&T.

We started riding down East Market Street and turned on English Street. We rode through this apartment complex that he said was a bad area. Not too much was going on, not too many people were outside.

As we were riding he showed me a list

of all the stolen cars that were reported. He said the list was pretty long this month.

The list had Jeeps, Hondas, Ford, etc. He ran the license numbers of some Jeeps that were parked, but they did not turn up on the list.

We continued riding around looking for suspicious suspects and waiting for a call.

What does he do when it's a slow day and nothing much is happening?

"You never know what will happen from day to day. Some people have a reputation and you know to look out for them and other times you just look for things out of the ordinary," he said.

We rode for about an hour and then he took me to Maple Street, where the base for District 1 is located. Officers can check e-mail and run reports there, without going all the way back to the downtown police station.

They had interview rooms and profiles of wanted criminals hanging up. Some officers were on the computer looking at guns and military equipment.

In the line-up room, first-shift officers meet with second shift to discuss what happened.

After the quick tour I had to switch officers.

Officer J.T. Heinrich was going to be my next officer. He was a young officer, a rookie, he said: "I've only been on the force for about 3 years."

He went to college in Arkansas and taught middle school for a year and then came to the police department off a dare from his brother.

"My brother told me that the police department was hiring and he said I bet you won't get the job. I was like, we'll see and then I got it," he said.

Heinrich was in District 1 as well and we started back towards East Market Street.

He received a call about a car that had been pulled over and we thought we were going to have something until they called back saying they had the car.

"Everybody is pulling somebody over, I guess we need to pull someone," Heinrich said.

I thought that was so funny, but he wasn't playing.

We got to the light at English Street and a guy in a truck beside us was smoking.

Heinrich rolled down his window and said, "let's see if we can get a whiff of what this guy is smoking."

Unfortunately the wind was blowing the wrong way so he couldn't smell it, but

usually he can tell if it's marijuana.

The truck pulled off and he looked at the tag and said, "Hey we got one, expired tag." He put his lights on and the truck pulled in the parking lot.

The driver got out and Heinrich told him to get back in the truck. He asked me if I wanted to get out of the car, I said no thanks.

Heinrich came back to the car walking backwards with his hand on his gun. He told me it was for safety.

He showed me a paper listing all of the arrestable offenses; surprisingly you can be arrested for not having your license.

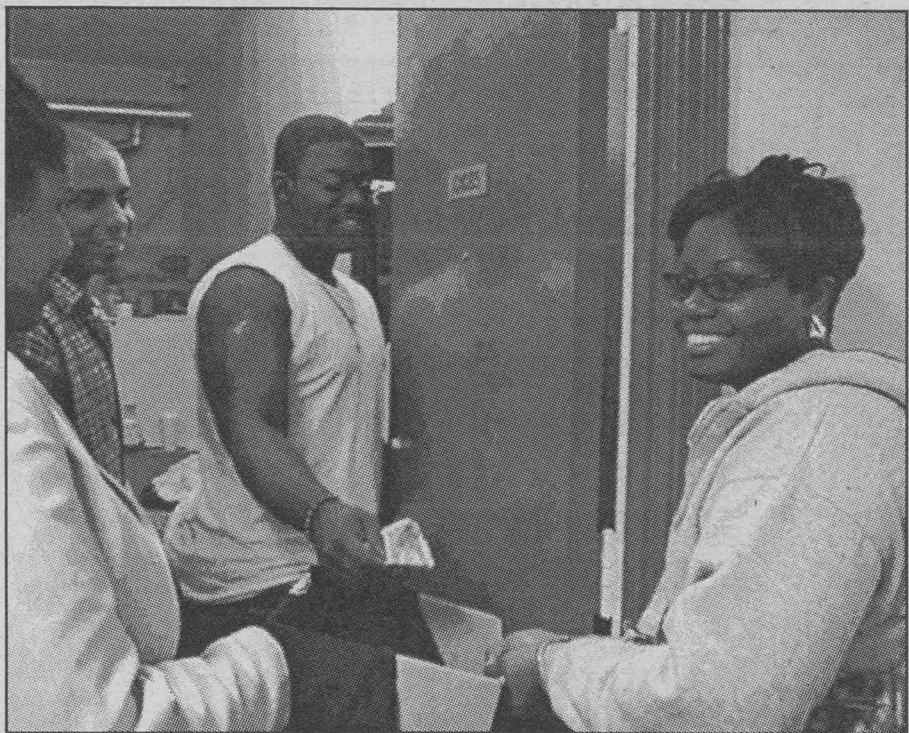
They can arrest you for minor things, but they don't usually do that because it takes them off the streets for hours over minor situations.

Heinrich drove around looking for a place to do his paper work; officers keep a logbook of everything they do.

"There is so much paperwork involved that you wouldn't imagine," he said.

On the way back to the police station I asked if he liked his job.

"I like my job, I really love the benefits, I have so much vacation that I don't even need, I would rather work," he said.



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Members of the Metro Aggies and the New York-New Jersey club went door to door earlier this fall collecting for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on Washington, D.C. and New York City.

N.C. A&T helps charter school students with language skills

BY KARL WALKER
Register Contributor

North Carolina A&T has been active in the community again, helping two French-speaking students from the Imani Institute to learn English and communicate better with others.

A&T's foreign language department, led by Dr. Emmanuel Ikegwu the interim chairperson, has made it possible for two students from the Imani Institute to learn English.

Dr. Guy Loftin, an A&T alumnus and chief executive for the Imani Institute, arranged for Vaneza and Sergio Fadonougbo, the children of Bernard and Claudine Fadonougbo originally from Togo in West Africa to learn English.

"They are making a lot of progress in mastering the basic grammatical skills to

perfect their language skills, said Ikegwu.

Caroline Walson from the English Department is in charge of teaching the students. The class starts at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This session will end at the end of the semester.

"Here at the Imani Institute we are very excited about the program, we encourage our students to have diversity and we look forward to working with N.C. A&T in the future," said Loftin.

The Imani Institute is a public charter school, founded in 1998 with 100 students. The institute is a middle school for sixth- to eighth-graders. Its academic guidelines are the same as other North Carolina schools, teaching math, science, social studies and language arts.

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tion.

In her treasurer's report, Hunter said the Senate's findings are not true. She showed where the SGA earned and spent money from events throughout the semester.

Hunter first showed the allotment that the SGA was given at the beginning of

the school year, \$124,392. Then, she showed the earnings from events such as the gym jams, Homecoming concerts, comedy show and fashion and talent shows. Hunter also showed what was actually spent in connection with those events.

Hunter later told The Register that the resolution has not been approved and she retained her stipend. When asked about the resolution, Hunter said she sensed a breakdown in communication.

"I see it as a misunderstanding," Hunter said. "They [Senate] didn't understand how the budget works."

GIBBS

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dents and faculty was whether or not this was a religious war that the U.S. was involved in, or was this just another way for the U.S. to intimidate countries around the world.

Most students who responded to Whitfield's question agreed that the U.S. had no real concern for Afghan women and the U.S. has no reason to be in Afghanistan. He also said that there is no real evidence that Bin Laden or the Taliban was behind the terrorist acts, including the spread of deadly anthrax in this country as so many people believe.

"Bush has no real concern for Afghan women or the people of Afghanistan," said Whitfield. "I'm not supporting the Taliban's treatment of women nor am I

supporting terrorist activity but it's important that we know why we're over there and we don't."

Whitfield also said that the Taliban's treatment of women and their extremist behavior was learned from the U.S. He related this to America's actions during World War II, and how people of Japanese descent were put in concentration camps and not ethnic Germans or Nazis.

"A lot of people think that Pearl Harbor just happened, and it didn't just happen. Pearl Harbor was a result of the U.S. mistreatment of Japanese people. The U.S. has an imperialist way of thinking," said Whitfield.

Students also mentioned that the war on terrorism really had nothing to do with religion but with morality.

After the meeting was over, Whitfield left a copy of his commentary to SNCC for students to read and copy.

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20 QUESTIONS

BY **DIJON ROLLE**

Register Contributor

1. Aren't we glad that the IRC is back open. ..finally?
2. How many of us know that we need to break down and buy our own computer?
3. How many people are still trying to remember their login to get into McNair computer lab?
4. What did people who still owe money on their student account think -- that they were going to get a check on the 15th?



5. How many of us waited in the check line anyway. ..only to get embarrassed?
6. Why can't they just take what you owe out of your check and give you what's left over?
7. Whatever happened to Zhane' A.K.A.. "The girls that rocked fade haircuts before it was cool"?
8. We know we're late on this one but ..did anybody see that Michael Jackson special?
9. O.K. ...did anybody tape it?
10. How many of us are still mad because we had to work on

Thanksgiving?

11. Why are some people still at home chillin'?
12. Why is the Bernie Mack Show so hilarious?
13. Why are some people "loud" for no apparent reason?
14. Aren't we tired of seeing all these chicks wearing braids over their ears like a certain R&B singer? (For the slow people we're referring to Alicia Keys.)
15. Why doesn't President Bush just ask Miss Cleo where Bin Laden is hiding?
16. How many of us remember when there were maybe two streetlights on campus?
17. What's up with these big school buses riding through campus lately? Can you say "Get em' while their young"?
18. Why is there always that one group of bad kids hollering out the back window?
19. Did any black folk go see "Harry Potter" at the movie theater?
20. How many of us even know who "Harry Potter" is?

Letter to the Editor
Student says SGA president is not filling role as voice of student body

What is the significance of the Student Government Association president?

That is a question that I've been asking myself for a while now. The SGA president in short is supposed to be a voice for the whole student body. The president is someone to be heard as a voice of leadership and reason. What we are supposed to have and what we actually have are two different things.

What we do have is someone that is very poorly and ignorantly taking up space! The 2001-2002 SGA President Gregory Drumwright is virtually unfit for this position.

It has been reported that whenever confronted with a question from a student, he advises them to read the constitution.

Hellloooooo!, if everyone in the student body read the constitution, there would be no reason for you, would it?

By many, he is considered ... unorganized, power happy, egotistical ... doesn't know the slightest thing about what he's doing. As far as I can see, he's done all he can to prove me and everyone else right.

Now, what had my mind boggled was the fact that he actually thought he would be good for this position. In reality, he doesn't work well under pressure and he's not someone you could get any pride from. He couldn't even run a choir of 20 plus properly, so how did he manage to fill in his brain to believe that he would be able to run a school of 8,000 plus?

So far, speaking as a real, opinionated voice for the students, he's not doing his job and it would be nice that someone with real power do something to settle this problem.

- Keni S. Hines,
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Viewpoint: Life in a small body

BY **LAKESHA BYNUM**

Register Contributor

For many people, weighing in on the bathroom scale often stimulates remorse for indulging in too many dietary "no-no's" in the past. But, for a growing number of young women, stepping on the scale is a discouraging and worrisome experience because they just can't seem to keep the pounds on.

Now, before you say to yourself, "Gosh, I wish I had that problem," think again. Being underweight is just as detrimental to your physical and emotional well-being as is obesity.

Unfortunately, because we live in a society that is driven to reach a slim ideal, being underweight is often dismissed as not being a real problem, but it is.

Our bodies are highly charged. As adults, our belief of who we are as women too often comes from what we believe others think about us rather than how we feel about ourselves. Most of us are so preoccupied with attaining or maintaining a fashionable thinness that dieting becomes a way of life—even for women who are underweight.

The most common question people ask me is "How do you stay so thin?"

"Whether I'm in the mall trying on clothes or in Food Lion buying groceries, someone always comment on my weight.

Being thin is not always as good as it seems. I get picked on, teased and called names just like everyone else.

As a child, I struggled with my weight, always losing, never gaining. Eighth grade was the worst. I was 5'4 and weighed 85 pounds. I was constantly called names like string bean, beanpole and stretch. I even remember being called a #2 pencil because I had on all yellow.

Then in the ninth grade, tight jeans became popular again. My jeans never fit me like they were suppose to. And I didn't wear tanks top, because I felt like I was too small. I never went swimming because I couldn't find a bathing suit to fit me.

It wasn't until my freshman year at A&T when I hit the 100-pound mark. Freshman 15! Not me! I gained my freshman five. I was looking forward to coming

to college because I wanted to gain 15-20 pounds. I didn't know how I was going to gain weight, I just knew that everyone gains weight during his or her first year of college.

I constantly ate! I tried to make it to the café at least twice a day and I ate snacks in between meals. I ate just to maintain my weight. I tried to eat at least 3,000 calories a day, if not more.

Now, I am senior at A&T, and it took me four years to realize this is the way God made me and there is nothing that I can do to change it. I began to realize what ultimately counts in life lies on the inside, not the outside. It doesn't matter if I am 10 pounds underweight or ten pounds overweight; what matters is that I love myself for who I am.

The purpose of this article isn't to praise small women; it is to say, "love yourself," whether you are 120 pounds or 220 pounds. If you don't love yourself, know one else will. Accept that you are truly beautiful in your own unique way. Once you acknowledge your own beauty, the world will notice how lovely you are inside and outside.

Home Remedies: onion, potatoes, and honey, Oh my!

BY SHAKINTA JOHNSTON
Register Staff Writer

A splash of lemon juice, a teaspoon of mustard, hot water to fill the container and sugar to taste — sound like an impossible recipe? It's not, but moreover, one of many home remedies used by N.C. A&T students for various illnesses and afflictions. In this recipe, there's a cure for a sore throat.

As winter rapidly approaches, noses are running, fevers are raging and pockets are thinning. Many students with little or no money in their pockets are opting for home remedies in search for a fast and inexpensive cure. And the results may surprise.

"I know a girl who ate a raw onion whenever she felt a cold coming on," said Keturah Taylor, junior English major.

Apparently the onion would fight the approaching cold and destroy the cold's hold on its victim. But Taylor is not the only one utilizing the amazing curing powers of the onion.

Atiya Freeman, also a junior English major, recalls onion therapy for own personal use via her grandmother.

"My grandmother used a raw onion to take a fever away," said Freeman. "It would be raw when she started, but would be cooked when she finished and the fever would be broken."

Onions may sound like a rather funky approach to an equally detestable situation, but supposedly the bulbous plant works wonders. But don't be fooled. The onion isn't the only garden resident being utilized for medical powers.

"White potatoes work, too," said K-Mart employee Shawnta Parker. "My

grandmother would use them when I was younger and very sick. She sliced them halfway, tied them to my head and body with a bandanna, and when she took the bandanna off, the potatoes would be dark. The fever or cold would be gone."

Onions and potatoes to treat fever seem pretty farfetched, but a host of A&T students swear by these and other home remedies. But many of those students may be surprised to know that some medical doctors agree with them.

Don R. Powell, a medical doctor listed on the website Medscape.com, acknowledges the use of home remedies and even recommends salt water gargles for sore throats and chicken noodle soup for clearing nasal passages and fighting the cold virus.

Other website gurus such as presde-

mocrat.com recommend everything from the simple, like lemon-and-honey teas, to the extraordinary, like lemon juice, garlic, ginger, cayenne and vinegar.

Whatever the solution, no matter how bizarre, smelly or interesting, students are willing to try just about anything for fast relief. Here are a few suggestions:

Vicks Vaporub works well for chest congestion.

Lemon juice, a small splash of alcohol and honey works when fighting the common cold.

And believe it or not, a mustard prep placed on a bare chest and covered in quilts appears to work in breaking fevers.

Try them if you dare, but one thing is for sure. Home remedies are there and are definitely being used.

Good health.

Psychologist tells students to recall past struggles

BY OSEN BOWSER JR.
Register Contributor

Dr. Na'im Akbar, a nationally renowned black psychologist, told students on Nov. 1 that they "need to remember the struggle of what got us where we are today."

Akbar, an Afro-centric scholar from Florida State University, spoke as part of a lecture series by the Center for Student Success.

He began by telling students that the reason members of the African American community have trouble solving their own problems is that they do not know who they are.

"Everyone in America knows who they are. Blacks are the only ones who don't know who they are. We are always lost," said Akbar.

"We are the origin of human life on

DMV has on-line site

BY STEVE SHIPP SR.
Register Contributor

Have you ever lost your drivers license or moved and had to change your address on your license? You have to clear out part of your day and head down to the Division of Motor Vehicles. After you wait in line forever, or so it seems, the actual procedure you went in for takes no time at all.

If only they had a way to avoid the long lines and the waiting.

Well, now they do. N.C. Transportation Secretary Lynda Tippet said that citizens changing their address or requesting a replacement license may now do so over the Internet. This new service does not apply for applications for original drivers licenses, renewals or learner's permits.

The department website is at www.dot.state.nc.us. Click on "Motor Vehicles" and then "Drivers License." After the process is complete, customers should expect to receive their updated license in the mail within two to three weeks.

"More than 300,000 citizens visit NCDMV offices annually across the state to change their addresses or to request replacement licenses. From now on, citizens with Internet access will be able to request these routine services from the convenience of their homes," said Tippet.

The prices are the same for this new service: duplicates or replacement licenses are \$10.

this planet, yet we have trouble finding who we are."

"We were the first mathematicians, scientists, and engineers," he said. "We should inherit these talents from our ancestors and carry on the great name for future generations."

He believes there is a conspiracy to not tell African Americans the truth about their history.

"America wants us to believe that all we can do is slam dunk a basketball or break the law. They fail to tell us that we can also slam dunk mathematics and science and that we were the originators of law," said Akbar.

It is because of slaves who died for the cause of freedom that African Americans can now attend prominent institutions of higher learning, Akbar said.

Today's African American generation is the first to be able to do as it wished. However, people take that for granted.

"We are descendants of survivors of slavery. One hundred million slaves lost

their lives for us," said Akbar. "We were never supposed to be citizens of this country."

"We were supposed to be a part of the working class, picking cotton and cleaning bathrooms, but because of our ancestors, we are victorious."

"How dare you take for granted what our ancestors have done for us? We go to school and sleep through opportunities to learn."

"We have no right to refuse to learn to read when our ancestors wanted to and couldn't, how dare you?" asked Akbar.

He thinks that today's African Americans play into the scheme to hold blacks down.

"We are the strongest, brightest and the most creative. We have incredible power; the world is influenced by African Americans, yet, we laugh at it," said Akbar.

He says that today's generation is all about trying to fit in and being cool.

"Hip-hop is a revolution, not a way to be cute. Do you think wearing clothing

labels makes you a man or wearing gold makes you a man?" asked Akbar.

African Americans must keep the doors open, he reminded. They cannot afford to waste resources.

"We must continue to build and construct institutions so that our children can have power," he said. "We must tell our story, how we were able to survive lynching and our women being raped by white men."

African Americans should serve as a model for the world.

"Our spirit transforms people. Spirit is our greatest power. We have a testimony that we need to tell the rest of the world," he said.

Students, who nearly filled Harrison Auditorium to hear the renowned speaker, felt the effects of the message.

"I thought Dr. Akbar was a powerful speaker. He speaks the truth about African Americans. We need to work together to keep our great name alive," said Tavy Fields, a junior majoring in chemistry.

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What's goin' down in the 'Boro?

Christmas events are filling the calendar, including the Greensboro Jaycees Christmas Parade, noon-2 p.m. Dec. 8; a Christmas open house at the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historic Site in Sedalia, 1-5 p.m. Dec. 9; and the Greensboro

Symphony Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Coliseum. Admission to the latter event is free with a canned food donation to the Salvation Army.

Calling all ladies! Maxwell will be in Concert at the War Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. Tickets went on sale Nov. 2 and prices are \$38.50 and \$50.

Get jazzed up and head to the Christmas Classic R&B Tour that will arrive Dec. 21 at the War Memorial Auditorium. The show will begin at 8 p.m. and will star Tyrone Davis, Shirley Brown and The Love Doctor. Tickets are \$25.50 in advance and \$28.50 the day of the show.

Disney's enchanting story of Beauty and the Beast will debut next spring at the War Memorial Auditorium, March 26-31. Most shows will be at 8 p.m.

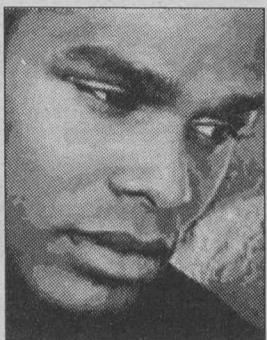


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Maxwell

John Forte leaves Triad to find success in the 'Big Apple'

By **TRINA LOGAN**
Register Contributor

When you're sitting in the audience at a Verge fashion show, you'll want to scream "DANGER," when he steps on stage.

Tall, nice complexion, flaming red hair, truly defined abs and ladies imagine the "unmentionables." He can be described as caramel, 6'5 with brown eyes, smile like, well you know the rest.

The fellas yell "John" or "that's my dog." The ladies make noises, scream compliments and yell various vulgarities.

But there is more to him than just what you see.

The 21-year-old Winston-Salem native is a current member of Verge modeling troupe and a manufacturing systems major.

He has two brothers and two sisters. You might have had the chance to sneak a peek at one of his brothers in the third row of the recent Verge show. If you were in that section, you immediately knew who his brother was by the height and signature red hair.

"My big, little brother is my best friend. We bonded and became a lot closer this summer. I learned a lot from him," said Forte.

Forte has not always received love from his peers.

"When I was younger, I didn't want red hair. I got teased every day. I used to cry to my mother and ask her to dye my hair black. After a couple of years in high school, I started playing football,

running track and playing basketball. I started getting accepted by my peers then," he recalled. "The girls did not pay attention to me until the 10th grade in high school."

Forte got his start with Couture modeling troupe before moving on to Verge. "I never really thought about modeling until my sophomore year at A&T," he said.

Since working with Verge, Forte has a lot to put in his portfolio. He did a commercial last year for Zamari's, located here in Greensboro. He also performed in shows at other colleges such as Livingstone and St. Augustine, as well as Durham's hot spot, "The Power Company."

In 1999 Forte was a first-place winner at a state competition in Raleigh, not to mention, Forte traveling to Atlanta with Mercer Modeling Management.

Of all things, it was the trip to New York with Verge that gave him the most inspiration.

"The Verge trip to New York was enough to let me know that I wanted to go back there [to New York] and model part-time. I liked going into the city," he said. "This trip also gave me a chance to get to know the new 'Vergens.'"

John Forte is the first male model from Verge to actually go to New York and obtain a professional contract. He will soon venture out and take the spring semester off to try his luck at modeling in New York. Forte is considering several modeling agencies such as

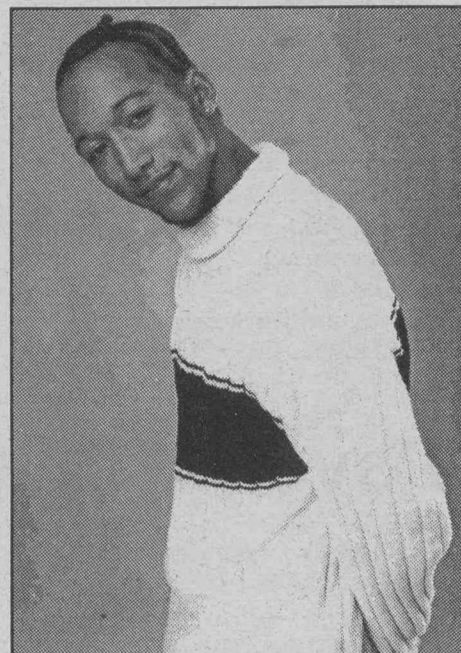


Photo courtesy of John Forte

Forte will travel to New York to pursue his modeling career.

Gray and Request, but is currently with Thompson Modeling Agency.

"I was a walk-in for Thompson, but my manager can now book me to different agencies," said Forte.

With his successes in modeling, Forte has never forgotten his priorities in life.

"My friends and parents are proud of me. My parents support me in anything that I do. I made a promise to myself that I would put God first and ask him to guide me. Regardless of the outcome, I will still complete school," said Forte.

Greensboro, take heed to the Queens



Triad, brace yourself and get ready for "Ladies' Night" when the outstanding and glamorous Queens of Comedy arrive at War Memorial Auditorium, 7 p.m. Dec. 29.

Though they've been described as bouncing off the idea that began with the Kings of Comedy, this comedy quartet had definitely made a name for themselves. The tour stars (in photo, from left) Adele Givens from Def Comedy Jam, hostess Laura Hayes, known as Miss Laura on BET's "Comic View," Mo'Nique from UPN's "The Parkers" and Sommore, the first female host of BET's "Comic View."

The Queens launched their tour last spring, then joined by hostess Myra J. from the "Tom Joyner Morning Show." They then went on to tape a Showtime special at the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis, Tenn., last September while on a break from their tour. The show, starring Miss Laura as the hostess, debuted on Showtime in January of this year and is now available on video.

After the taping of the Showtime special, the Queens joined Steve Harvey, Cedric the Entertainer, D.L. Hughley and Bernie Mack on the Kings of Comedy Tour 2000 from September to November. The joined tour shattered event attendance records nationwide and quickly became known as the biggest comedy show in history.

Tickets for the Queens of Comedy in their Triad debut are on sale for \$30, \$35 and \$40. For more information, contact the Greensboro Coliseum at (336) 373-7400.

Aggies express themselves in poetry, song through Soul on Ice

By **STEVE SHIPP SR.**
Register Contributor

Many students that stay on the yard feel like they have nothing to do during the week.

As in most college cities, Thursday night is considered "College Night" for the local clubs, but many A&T students are too young to go as they please or do not have transportation.

However, Thursday nights can be special here on campus, when poetry and song join together for Soul on Ice.

Soul on Ice was described by Ameerah Plummer, a freshmen business manage-

ment major and a performer at the Oct. 4 show, as "a talent show where you can perform without permission or auditions."

Plummer lives in Charlotte but is from New Jersey, and on Sept. 11 she lost five people in the tragedy. She sang "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," her favorite song, in tribute to the loved ones she lost.

The MC, who prefers to be called Hannibal, is a junior from Kansas City. He did a wonderful job keeping the crowd in the program, even pulling out one of his own rhymes to keep the crowd going as the next performer was

getting ready.

"Three years ago, it started out a part of the History Club, then eventually broke off into Soul on Ice," said Hannibal. "There is more to A&T students than what meets the eye and Soul on Ice shows it."

Phil Milhouse, a senior from Chicago, recited two of his poems: "My Black Woman" and "Word to the Wise." He says he has performed at Soul on Ice since the beginning.

"It's cool that A&T has something that is not mainstream, leaving a comfortable feeling, plus [it] gives students something to do and to look forward

to," he said.

Members of the audience praised the performances.

"This is my first time out and I love the crowd," said Ubong Effanga, a freshmen industrial engineering major.

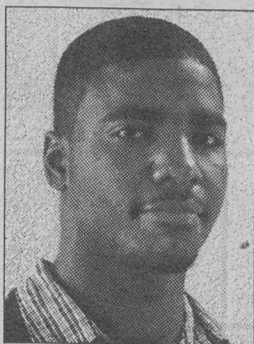
Hannibal, who has been the MC of Soul on Ice for the three years, said he was trying to get UNCG's student body involved.

"We want it big enough that we have to hold Soul on Ice in the auditorium," he said. "It's a beautiful thing."

Performances are held downstairs in Memorial Student Union. Dates and times for the spring have not been set.

A season that could have been

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor



Chris Wallace

After receiving 11 of 15 first place votes in the preseason to win the MEAC, the Aggies took on that responsibility with passion and did not disappoint...until the injury bug bit.

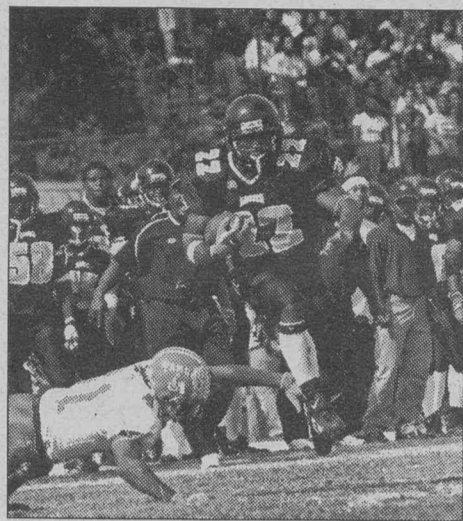
The Aggies, who virtually coasted through the first eight games, which included whoopings of Florida A&M 55-23, Howard 76-30, and Norfolk State 43-0, looked invincible at times, but in the third quarter of the Aggies 42-35 victory over Jackson State, all momentum halted due to a fall-en star.

Tailback Maurice Hicks, clearly the best player in the MEAC and arguably the best player in Division I-AA, went down with a torn ACL, ending his season and stellar Aggie career. The injury devastated the Aggies' program and sent a wave of vulnerability amongst the Aggies throughout the MEAC.

After the Jackson State game, the Aggies stood tall at 7-1 overall, first place in the MEAC, rated number 12 in the Division I-AA poll, and rated number 1 in the Sheridan Poll.

However, in the weeks following the loss of their star, the Aggies were dominated on both sides of the ball for the most part in a rare 23-7 home loss to Hampton. A week later, South Carolina State shocked the MEAC by upsetting the Aggies 15-14, subsequently ending the Aggies' run at a title. The Aggies did win the season finale over Delaware State by a score of 36-30, ending their two-game losing streak.

Of course the Aggies had more firepower than Hicks. The defense was tops in the MEAC and the offense still had a lot of weapons, but they were forced to



Charles Watkins/A&T photo

Tailback Maurice Hicks ran over and through defenses prior to his injury.

play musical chairs amongst the other tailbacks after Hicks' loss. Take nothing away from them because this team was loaded with talent, but how do you replace 1,325 yards and 15 touchdowns in a little over seven games? Are you looking for an answer? Well, you can't replace that type of player with those types of numbers, and it seemed as if the Aggies could not recover from that.

Even after missing the final three and a half games of the season, Hicks still led the MEAC in rushing, scoring, and ranked 11th in the nation in rushing. Leading the MEAC in scoring (36 PPG) and rushing (222.8 yards per game), the Aggies were only able to muster 22 points and did not produce a 100-yard rusher in the two consecutive losses before putting up 36 points and 172 rushing yards on Delaware State.

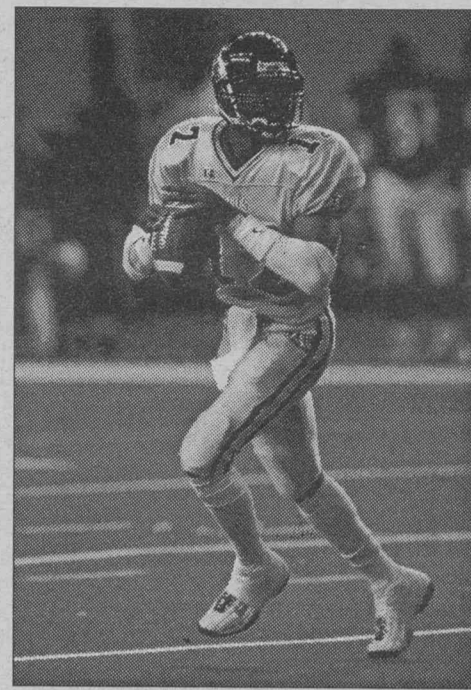
The Aggie defense stayed consistent, but many times, they had to stay on the field too long due to the inconsistency of the offense.

Quarterback Damian Phillips did a marvelous job stepping in as a starter and leading the team this season, but a late-season injury caused him to be sidelined, handing the quarterback duties to

Jason Battle. Just to add injury to insult, reserve tailbacks Adrian Parks and Michaux Hollingsworth got nicked up toward the season's end, causing them to miss considerable playing time in the final three games.

On the brighter side, punt return specialist Curtis Deloatch set an NCAA Division I-AA record by returning five punts for touchdowns, and Maurice Hicks was just Maurice Hicks.

I'm sure that the losses by the Aggies put smiles on the faces of their most bitter rivals (Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman), both of whom A&T beat earlier this season. Finishing 8-3 is not bad, but for a team with expectations out of this world, some people say that this wasn't good enough. Even some of the Aggie faithful turned their backs on them, and that was clearly evident in the final home game where only 2,013 fans showed up. Yes...only 2,013 and a fourth of them were fans of Delaware State!



Charles Watkins/A&T photo

Quarterback Damian Phillips stepped in and played well.

Holmes story an inspiration to others

BY LAKESHA BYNUM
Register Contributor

Brad Holmes! At 6'3" and 275 pounds, he has been a key contributor in the Aggies' defensive line and leaves a big space to fill with his graduation.

Born on July 29, 1979, Brad's childhood was spent with his parents Melvin and Joan Holmes and his sister Tara Holmes in Tampa, Fla. As the son of a former Pittsburgh Steelers offensive guard, Holmes says his father's career was the biggest inspiration for him to play football.

Brad Holmes began playing baseball and took an interest in football when he went to visit his grandparents in South Carolina. "Eating my grandma's cooking put a little weight on me, so I decided to give football a try," said Holmes. Although a native Floridian, he turned down scholarship offers from Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman to attend A&T.

Commonly known as B-Holmes by his teammates, Holmes maintains a good reputation on and off the field. "Brad is a real down-to-earth guy," says wide receiver Steve Shipp. "I first met Brad in 1999 and we have been friends ever since." But his career hasn't been trouble-free. While home in Tampa for Christmas break of 1999, Holmes was involved in a car wreck. He suffered a ruptured diaphragm when a Lexus sport utility vehicle hit the Honda Accord he was driving on the driver's sidehead-on.

After his arrival at the hospital, Holmes went into a coma and suffered a stroke prior to having emergency sur-

gery. Three days after the accident, Holmes had to have a second operation because the first operation did not go well. The stroke left him partially paralyzed on his right side and his speech was garbled. During his three weeks in the hospital, Holmes had lost nearly 30 pounds.

The road to recovery was not smooth for Holmes. He had to receive speech and physical therapy. He started slowly, but eventually his garbled speech was gone, and he wasn't able to walk longer distances.

Once Holmes recuperated, he worked at the University of South Florida's physical education department part-time, assigning equipment and checking students in the school's athletic facility. He was able to get back in the weight room and do more than running.

"When the doctor gave me the green light to lift weights again, I did," said Holmes.

In May 2001, Holmes' doctor released him to play football. He began practicing with his teammates in off-season workouts. "He recovered extremely fast," says Shipp. "He has the heart of a lion -- never giving up."

Holmes is currently a senior public relations major. He maintains a 3.6 grade point average and looks forward to graduation. "When Brad graduates I will remember the quiet reserved student who sat in the rear of my class," said professor Jacqueline Jones. I will also remember his presentation style and oratorical ability to get his audience attention."

"I'm not sure if I will work for a corporation, a public relations firm or a non-profit organization," says Holmes. "Whichever I choose, I'm going to be successful."



Holmes

B-Ball team starting off slow, faces Delaware State Dec. 3

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

The Aggie men's basketball team has gotten off on the wrong foot this season as they've dropped their first three games.

In the season opener against Elon, the Aggies squandered a seven-point lead with three minutes remaining and lost in overtime by a score of 92-84.

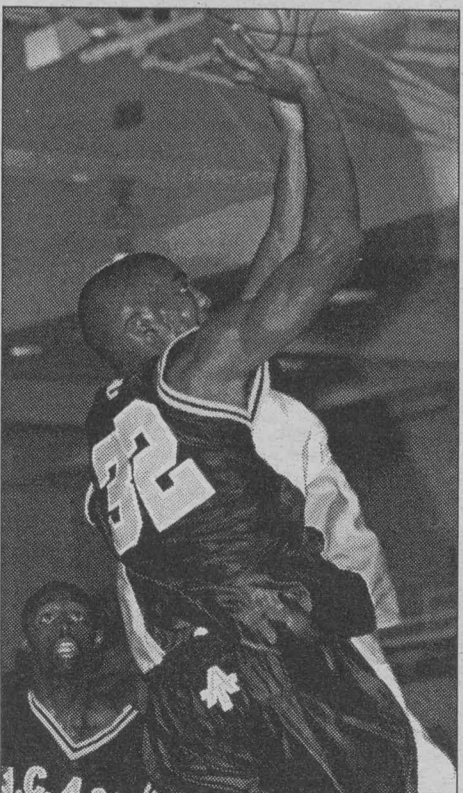
Bruce Jenkins scored 17 points for the Aggies while Marque Carrington added 16. Brendon Rowell paced Elon with 23 points.

In the second game against Creighton, the Aggies fell 72-51 after committing 20 first-half turnovers and shooting poorly from the field.

Jenkins, again, led the Aggies with 18 points and 12 boards, and Landon Beckwith added 11 points for the Aggies.

Last time out, the Aggies stayed competitive but fell to Nebraska by a score of 69-57.

Anthony Debroy led the way with 16 points for the Aggies while Jenkins picked up another double-double with 15 points and 13 boards.



Courtesy/Charles Watkins

Senior forward Bruce Jenkins rises for a shot in recent action.

If there are questions or comments about the sports section, please contact Sports Editor Chris Wallace at register@ncat.edu or call (336) 334-7700. Thank You.

Hicks, Mitchell nab top MEAC honors; Five other Aggies selected to first team

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

The Aggies football team finished 8-3 overall this season, good enough for third place. Despite their downward spiral toward the end of the season, the coaches and players were impressed enough to select a record seven Aggies to the first-team All-MEAC.

Heading the list of Aggies is senior tailback Maurice Hicks, who was named MEAC Offensive Player of the Year and made his second consecutive appearance on the first-team All-MEAC.

In the 2001 season, Hicks established himself as the greatest running back ever to wear an Aggie uniform as he posted 1,325 yards and 15 touchdowns in only seven and a half games. He season was cut short due to a torn ACL.

Hicks passed former Aggie James White (1990-1993) in career rushing yards in only two years of action. Along with

his top honors, Hicks was also named MEAC Player of the week three times, Don Hansen Player of the Week, and Sports Network I-AA Player of the week.

Aggies offensive lineman Qasim Mitchell grabbed MEAC Offensive lineman of the Year by helping to open up holes for one of the top rushing teams in the league. Mitchell, a junior, will be returning next season.

Other Aggies joining Hicks and Mitchell on the first team were offensive lineman Dwayne Hammett and Kareem Sanders, who, along with Mitchell, paved the way for Hicks as well as helping the offense lead the league in scoring, tight end Marcus Bryson, who caught 24 passes for 471 yards, punt returner Curtis Deloatch, who set a NCAA Division I-AA record with five punt return touchdowns this season, and cornerback Montrail Pittman, who was one of the MEAC leaders with four interceptions.



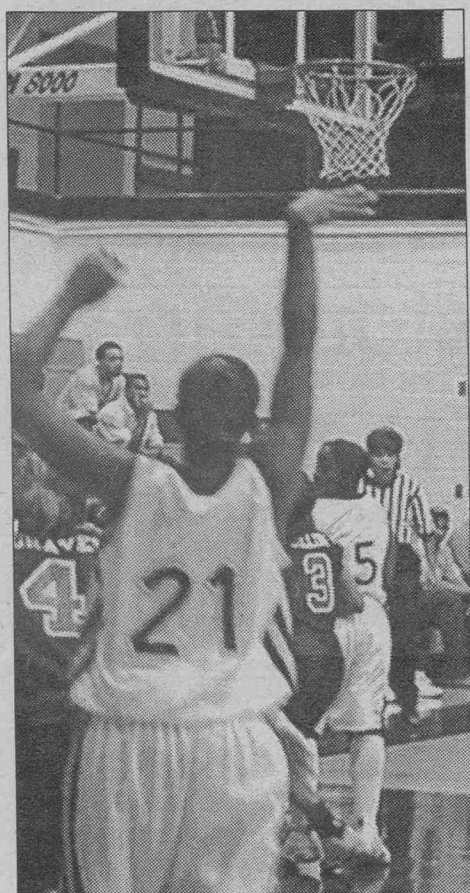
Deloatch Hammett Pittman



Mitchell Bryson Sanders



Hicks



Lady Aggies off to 0-4 start

The Lady Aggies have dropped four consecutive games, the most recent a 63-53 home loss to Gardner-Webb.

They opened the season with a 55-45 defeat at the hands of Savannah State. The Aggies trailed by only three at the half, but shot only 28 percent in the second half. Latoya North led the Aggies with 12 points and five rebounds. Aggie newcomer Kelly Reid added eight points and eight rebounds for the Aggies.

In the second game of the season, the Aggies fell to Morris Brown by a score of 50-42 in the second day of the Savannah State Tournament.

Against conference rival South Carolina State, the Aggies fell behind early and never recovered as they lost 76-61. The Aggies were led by North's 12 points and seven rebounds, but shot only 32 percent from the field overall and 59 percent from the foul line.

In their most recent outing, the Aggies were not able to overcome 68 percent shooting by Gardner-Webb in the second half as they dropped their fourth straight 63-53.

The Aggies trailed by only a point at the half, but Gardner-Webb put together a 26-7 run to put the game away in the second half. Kelly Reid led the Aggies with 12 points and six rebounds while Davenna Brown added 10 points and six rebounds.



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The Lady Aggies basketball team has dropped four straight to open the season. In recent action at the Corbett Sports Center, they dropped one of their early-season home games.



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