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Online classes take off for A&T

Students prepare for the future of technology online with Blackboard

BY TORNETTA BALDWIN

The administration at N.C. A&T is hoping Blackboard will give students and faculty more modern way of learning around the campus.

For the past few years, A&T has been using Blackboard along with eCollege, another online program, but this year has decided to support only Blackboard.

Many students are becoming familiar with this program, either through homework or for courses that are taught online.

Some teachers use Blackboard to also administer tests, quizzes or to review their syllabus.

For these and other purposes, teachers say Blackboard is becoming a very valuable part of the curriculum here at A&T, especially for this school year.

Shanta Crosson, a professor of voice and diction, thinks Blackboard is very important to each student's education at A&T.

"Blackboard is something that will be used more and more in the future, and I think that it is a very good technological instrument to be used in the age of modern technology," Crosson said.

"It allows us as professors to educate in new ways.

Many students are finding that they have to adjust to some of Blackboard's online features, such as the new way of taking tests and keeping up with what's going on in class.

Sophomore accounting major Jumelle Branch isn't happy with the addition of online education.

"I think it's pointless and we could have survived without it," Branch said.

For many other students, the transition to online instruction is easier than they expected.

"Blackboard is good because it helps students learn in new ways. It's a really good thing," said Antonio Cox, a freshman broadcast news major.

Trecei Melling, a junior political science major, is optimistic about the new Blackboard program.

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Poet Maya Angelou (center) helped residents welcome the new Krispy Kreme store.

Angelou joins opening of East Market Krispy Kreme

BY ALEXANDRA GRAY

The first African-American Krispy Kreme franchise opened "its doors Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Dudley Center on East Market Street.

People were greeted by the sounds of "Two Smooth," a quartet from A&T, the aroma of fresh doughnuts and the anticipation of hearing guest speaker Dr. Maya Angelou. The ribbon-cutting ceremony opened with the Rev. Conrad Pride Jr. leading the crowd in a prayer that all would be comfortable to patronize and have fellowship at the establishment.

Krispy Kreme CEO Scott Livengood offered his thanks to all in attendance. He also gave special thanks to A&T Chancellor James Renick and Angelou.

"We're happy to be here," said Livengood.

"Krispy Kreme is excited to join the community and open up a store that not only serves our customers but also our community.

"Our goal is to make sure that Krispy Kreme is an integral part of the community.

"We're very excited to be part of this community.

"Thank you for coming.

Nursing majors start semester with new electronic books

BY KARINA HARDY

Imagine never having to buy textbooks for class, but instead being given a top-of-the-line IBM ThinkPad Pilot with all your books already installed on the laptop computer at no cost for the year.

Sounds good, right? For some N.C. A&T nursing majors, it sounds just like what they've been using.

The nursing department recently adopted the Advance Technology Initiative Program (ATIP), an experimental program for junior nursing majors, which is geared towards enhancing teaching and learning with technology.

"We are the first school to have this program with the pilot," said Dean of the School of Nursing Dr. Patricia Price Lee.

"The university is investing money into this project to ensure that it is successful and have even gone as far as purchasing laptop carrying cases for stu-
IN BRIEF

University Day seen the Aggie way
A&T will hold its annual University Day Saturday, Sept. 28. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. in Corbett Sports Center.

The activities will include an information fair involving the offices of admissions, financial aid, student services, career planning and academic programs. There will be campus tours, a fashion show and performances by A&T drill teams, ferretries, sororities, choirs and marching band.

Students will receive a complimentary football game ticket for the N.C. A&T vs. Elon College football game.

Wins Goody's Award
Paul Stansfield, Ph.D., professor of industrial and systems engineering, is the winner of the 2002 Goody's Frozen: Excellence in Teaching Award. The award recognizes teachers at historically black colleges and universities. Stansfield is an associate professor at N.C. A&T State University at Greensboro, N.C.

Increasing equity
Dr. Miriam Wagner, an associate professor and director of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), was a presenter at the fifth annual Advanced Placement (AP) Deans' Meeting. The meeting was sponsored by The College Board's Advanced Placement Program and held at the board's headquarters in New York.

Wagner's topic was "Increasing Access and Equity: A Training Session for Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement Institutes.

Licensing geologists
Dr. Geoffrey Gayle has been appointed to the N.C. Board of Licensing of Geologists by Gov. Mike Easley. In this role, Gayle, director of A&T's Bioengineering Program, will join four others on a board for licenses in North Carolina.

"It is indeed a pleasure to represent A&T on this board," said Gayle. "This appointment is a testament to the strength of the A&T program and to the impact that it has on the state and nation."

Gayle became the first African American to receive a Ph.D. in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from N.C. State University, in 1982.

Composites studied
A team of researchers is hoping to improve the way that technicians make minor repairs to aircraft composites.

Dr. Kunigal Shivakumar, Sameer Jhaveri and DeRonne Dunn of N.C. A&T's Center for Composite Materials Research have their sights set on repairs made to composite aircraft materials. Composites are formed from a combination of materials, including resin and textiles.

"Ultimately, we hope that the work we do can improve the safety of aircraft, while extending their periods of service," said Shivakumar.

The project was funded $300,000 through a subcontract with Iowa State's Center for Aviation Systems Reliability.

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Greensboro introduced to One City, One Book
A&T will play a role in a nationwide book-reading program that encourages communities to interact through group discussions

BY BRETT T. HARRINGTON
Magazine Coordinator

In 1998 Seattle began a program called One City, One Book.

The program is about an entire city reading a single book and discussing it with the people they encounter.

For the past seven years the program has been successful throughout the country in cities such as Chicago, Buffalo and Los Angeles. In fall of 2002, the program has finally made its way to the Triad.

September kicked of the beginning of the program in Greensboro. The book selected for Greensboro, is Ernest Gaines' "A Lesson Before Dying."

The question, why was "A Lesson Before Dying," selected, was answered on the Greensboro public library website: www.greensboro.library.org.

"This is the perfect book for the first One City, One Book project. It is well written, with strong characters, and engaging plot and an interesting setting. It's the kind of book you just want to talk about after you read it."

On top of what public library officials say, "A Lesson Before Dying" has won the 1993 National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction. The Chicago Tribune also says "This majestic novel is an instant classic, a book that will be read, discussed and taught beyond the rest of our lives."

There are many activities, concerts, and discussions planned throughout the city in cooperation with the One City, One Book Program.

The first of the discussion series will take place in A&T's Bluford Library on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in Bluford's seminar room. The discussion will be led by the newly formed, Bluford Library book club. A free copy of "A Lesson Before Dying" will also be given to the first 10 charter members of the book club.

Other activities to be held in the Greensboro in relation to One City, One Book includes:

- Sept. 22 @ 3 p.m: Opening Ceremony at Central Library
- Sept. 24 @ 7 p.m: A Lesson Before Dying Seminar at Central Library
- Guest Speaker: Linda Brown: A Historical Backdrop for A Lesson Before Dying
- Sept. 28 @ 7 p.m: Jazz, Blues and Country Music of the 40s at Southwestern Branch Library
- Oct. 8 @ 7 p.m: A Lesson Before Dying Seminar at Central Library
- Guest Speaker: Linda Brown: What can this novel teach us today?
- Oct. 15 @ 7 p.m: A Lesson Before Dying Seminar at Central Library
- Guest Speaker: Linda Brown and a panel from local college and universities share their thoughts
- Oct. 23 @ 7 p.m: Panel Discussion on the Death Penalty at Central Library
- Oct. 29-Nov. 17: A Lesson Before Dying Play at Triad Stage

For ticket information call 336-272-0160 or purchase online at www.ticketweb.org.

Nov. 14 @ 7:30 pm Ernest Gaines will speak on his novel in Guilford College Dana Auditorium

Nov. 15 @ 6 pm Ernest Gaines will present his speech on the importance of Libraries.

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Career Fair welcomes A&T, area students

North Carolina A&T State University hosted the 28th annual Career Awareness Program in Corbett Sports Arena on Sept. 11. More than 150 companies were in attendance at the fair and thousands of students met with representatives between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in hopes to improve networking and communication skills and to get a head start on searching for a career.

Junior electronic and computer technology major Latasha McAllister went to the career fair for information on internships and other job opportunities:

"I had a good experience and I felt there were a lot of potential careers that students could take advantage of."
President Janeta Cole for her sisterhood, and revisited one of her most famous poems, "Still I Rise." She commented that she had done many things, but never opened a doughnut shop.

"This is not just about doughnuts, it is about all the small people, young people, the Bellers, the parents, the grandparents who had dreams of 100 businesses," she said.

Dr. Allen Thompson of Greensboro also spoke on behalf of Project Homestead, saying how honored they were to have partnered with Krispy Kreme to develop the building where the establishment now stands.

Project Homestead was founded 10 years ago and has provided job training, facilities for the elderly and affordable housing. It will use profits from the store to support its cause.

Among those who also offered welcome and congratulations to Krispy Kreme were Greensboro Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson and Guilford County Commissioner Mary Rakeshaw, who challenged everyone to "buy Hotogs, doughnuts and stocks but come here for community."

Hayes Taylor YMCA also was represented at the event by its program director and the Kiddie College. The children constructed a scrapbook for King and welcomed the doughnut franchise to the neighborhood.

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"It offers a new way of learning and I'm always interested in new things being brought to the table as far as education is concerned," Meek said.

Many professors who use Blackboard, including Dr. Ricama Anderson, a psychology professor, say Blackboard is an important tool in preparing students for the changing world of technology.

"Blackboard will be a significant part of this class, so process it and learn it because your chapter tests will be posted on it," Anderson said.

Blackboard is a new way of helping students stay focused in a way like never before offering comprehensive learning, Anderson said.

Chancellor James C. Renick says A&T needs to accommodate multiple learning styles to provide students with various ways to learn.

"What we know is that the ludicrous use of technology can be very powerful," Renick said.

"You all grew up in a digital generation so you've learned in a certain way, and so for us to make sure that we tap all those different ways you learn, then what we want to do is have an environment that accommodates multiple learning styles," he said.

For more information on Blackboard visit www.ncat.edu.

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Board of Trustees discusses ideas for raising money

Among new business, the board discusses a proposed fundraising project

BY JESSICA DEVault
Regional Coordinator

The Board of Trustees held its first meeting of the year on Sept. 11, including a brief moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting in remembrance of 9/11 terrorist attacks.

After the invocation, the newest member was inducted, Nashett Garrett, the SGA president. Afterwards, an award presentation was also given to the chairperson of the board for A&T's success with its engineering program.

The Chancellor's Report briefly reviewed important issues. It was mentioned that despite the school's budget crisis, the faculty and staff have responded to the needs of the students.

The state budget year started on July 1, it was reported, however there still is no official budget.

The heightened enrollment was also discussed and in celebration of this influx of students, Chancellor James C. Renick delivered 60 dozen donuts to faculty and staff.

Renick was also pleased to announce that the bond programs were on schedule and actually under-budget.

Dr. Tamrat Mareba, from the Academy of Teaching and Learning, along with his team, produced a 30-minute DVD that portrays life on the campus of A&T.

Since this was the first meeting of the academic school year, several committees gave abbreviated reports. Steve Boudien, the chairman of the Athletics Committee, briefed the board on the last committee meeting that was held on Aug. 27.

Boudien also noted that the goal was to "improve the athletic environment." The need for more financial support was pertinent to the department. He also said the Victory Club is also in need of support so that participation in athletics could be held at a higher level.

The Victory Club would be a way to raise additional funds in athletics, and also make a way to relieve students of financial responsibility to the sports programs.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Carole Bruce, the Development and External Relations Committee chairperson, reviewed last year's fundraising efforts of $10 million from alumni and other contributors.

This year the committee hopes to raise $20 million. The upcoming five-year Capital Campaign is a major fundraising effort for the future of the university and various programs.

"We did review some of the plans for the campaign, and we're satisfied with the infrastructure of the Capital Campaign," Bruce said.

Brian Todd, a junior finance major, doesn't mind Blackboard. He's just getting used to the idea of having an online class.
Aggies Talk Back!!!

How do you feel about the new cafe and its food options?

Carl Moses II, senior, mechanical engineering-
"I like the new design and style, we are taking it a step up. The food is much better, the new vendors make our food quality the same as the other state schools. Hopefully it will get more people interested in coming here."

Janelle Nelson, senior, English major -
"I think that the new food vendors offer a variety that students living on campus need. When all else fails pizza always works."

Lanessa Clark, sophomore, chemical engineering - "It's better it has a wider variety. The only thing I don't like is there is no yogurt machine."

Nekia Whitaker, junior, psychology - "It's really nice and pretty, but it's not practical. It seems cluttered, but it's still really nice."

In brief...

Last week President Bush had a message for Saddam Hussein: Comply or face reprisal.

Will this ever end? When will our political leaders seek other methods for trying to resolve peace issues rather than constant war?

The United States has already felt the effects of a war against terrorism and the country continues to grieve for the lives lost in the battle. For our president to send out a warning like that is only making matters worse, and make peace efforts more difficult.

The Sept. 11 incident brought us to hatred and war with Osama Bin Laden, and it changed our nation forever. It is no doubt that he is a difficult opponent, but the devastation of a war with Hussein would be much greater.

It could possibly expose us to nuclear war and other devastations that Bush isn't addressing. Have we really been patient with Saddam and Iraq? Why can't our government try to promote more peaceful efforts?

Even our allies are wavering at the notion of a possible war, and Arab nations have expressed their support for Saddam.

Bush has stated that "to assume the Iraqi government's good faith would be to let the lives of millions and the peace of the world in a reckless gamble." What will war with Iraq do for this country? We've already had one run-in with this guy 11 years ago when Bush's father was in office.

Do we need to go through the turmoil again?
Is obesity or being overweight becoming a problem for you?

On black college campuses, obesity is more of a problem than you think

Commentary
By Chris Wallace
Sports/View Editor

Do you ever sit and wonder if you're overweight or obese? Are all of those late-night trips to Wendy's beginning to catch up? Well, truth is, you're not alone, college students.

Everyday, many people find out that they are indeed overweight, which increases their risk for many physical problems including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, depression, cancer, and even stroke.

In fact, the office of the Surgeon General conducted a recent survey that concluded that 61 percent of adults in the United States are overweight or obese.

On black college campuses, overweight and obesity is an even bigger concern with more than 30 percent of the overweight and obesity residing in members of racial and ethnic minority populations.

However, there is a defense to fight being overweight or obese, maybe even easier than you thought.

Understanding that you may be overweight or obese is the most important step.

Your Body Mass Index (BMI), which determines if you're normal weight, overweight or obese, can be calculated online at www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/bmi/calc.

Letters to the editor
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What's up in the Triad?

The university’s Lyceum Series opens with a high-energy performance by Chuck Davis and the African American Dance Ensemble. The show will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Harrison Auditorium. Davis will also be holding a master class that day from 10 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact Dr. E. Goveas at 372-2297.

Check out the abstract art of Eric McRae through Oct. 15 at the African American Atrium, in the Greenboro Cultural Center at 200 N. Divine St. The exhibition, “Jazz Odysseys,” showcases a series of recent oil paintings and collages featuring jazz music. A native of Washington, D.C., McRae is now a major force in the North Carolina arts community, including the post of president of Raleigh’s Artspire Artists Association.

Don’t miss out on the opening of “The Glass Menagerie” at the Paul Robeson Theatre. This Tennessee Williams classic, in which a man desperately years to escape his family bonds, will be directed by Steve Walls. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 30, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Sept. 29. A&T students will be admitted for $5, while general admission is $12.

Another local theater offering is “Mirandolans,” a classic battle of the sexes, being staged at Triad Stage on Elm Street downtown. It will run through Sept. 29. For ticket information call 272-1016.

E-Vibes

Don’t get stopped by the fashion police

Know what’s hot while going from summer to fall

BY JAMIE BROWN

As we move into the fall a few things are evident—our clothes are changing as well as the weather. It’s not hard to notice that Aggies stay up on their fashion.

Females transition from sandals to sneakers, from up do’s to face and flowing hairstyles and from tank tops to short sleeves. Guys continue to keep it casual with white shirts and sneakers or dress it up in slacks with nice shoes.

Whether it’s dressing up or dressing down, Aggies are always versatile and look nice in whatever they wear. Some of the brands that you may see on campus are Gucci, Coach and Burberry.

These designers have set the style for the fashion industry as well as set the style standards for campus.

Another look on campus is the graffiti look that trendsetter Louis Vuitton and Christian Dior initiated. Stylish tom- top jeans and bright colored graffiti pants are just a few of the styles that Aggies are able and have created themselves and can wear in either summer or fall.

As for new trends, the females are rocking peasant skirts, flat shoes and pants are at a standstill while the bohemian look is ever-popular. Needless to say, fitted jeans are always fashionable.

For guys the “throw back” jersey is still popular and topped off with a pair of Airforce ones.

From warm and bright summer colors to burnt oranges and browns, we welcome the fall season through our clothes.

Ask yourself these questions before you step on campus:
1. Club clothes to class?
2. Is that throw back jersey real? How can you tell?
3. Are you buying new or old?
4. Are dirty Turans the new thing?
5. If you buy Burberry off the back of a truck, are you wrong for assuming it is real?
6. Purple and pink weave?
7. Are those C’s for Gucci or C’s for Coach?
8. Who said that tight is always sexy?
9. Is wearing love-jeans with underwear showing on purpose a mistake or fashionable?
10. If you are going to rock knock-off’s roast the stuff that could possibly be real. For example, does Coach or Coach make color like tango-tangerine or flaming fuchsia?
11. Did you or a professional put that graffiti on your pants?
12. What’s up with Beanie Sigel’s new clothing line?
13. What’s with the extra-thick About to stop playing?
14. Are those sweatpants with the writing on the back for everyone?
15. If you cut up your jeans, are you supposed to cut out the butt as well?
16. Do you like to stop at Dave’s?
17. Black eye-liner for lip-liner? Stop playing!
18. What’s up with the big fake bangs? Are you really into it or just looking stupid?
19. Wearing sunglasses all day every day? Is that cool or no?
20. Didn’t Ups and Downs go out of business a long time ago? Well, where do you find clothes like that?

Stewart hopes to thrive as A&T’s new Atlantic Records rep

The music industry has produced many music moguls over the years. The ‘90s introduced us to Russell Simmons, the ‘90s brought us P Diddy and in 2002, N.C. A&T’s own Jamal Stewart hopes to obtain a high profile in the music industry in that same category.

Stewart, a senior marketing major, is Atlantic Records’ newest college representative at A&T. Stewart is a member of Verge modeling troops and Mt. American Marketing Association. He’s also a transfer student from Temple University, who switched his major from biology to business.

Stewart has a lot to do in order to push Atlantic Records products.

“We try to give out promotional items like posters and CDs for whatever singer or artist have out right now,” Stewart said.

“We want to bring awareness to the artists at Atlantic Records by using every venue such as college radio stations and newspapers to let everyone know information,” he said.

Stewart explains a couple of pointers for those who want become college representatives for a major record label.

“You have to deal with people and the business aspect. It’s all about not working and portraying a positive attitude,” Stewart said. “These people could possibly be looking at you for a job.”

The first event he promoted gave him a taste of what to look for.

“The first event was during freshman week when the Triad pointed. The crowd started burning out,” he said.

“We can’t actually give individuals free stuff, but we can satisfy as many people as possible,” he said.

Stewart plans to promote a lot of popular artists throughout the year.

“We’re working on getting material from Tim‘, Trick Daddy and the Nappy Roots out there,” Stewart said.

“You can expect a new album in November from Fat Joe and tentatively one from Lil Kim. Expect a new album from Twista and a new group titled Aziz that used to sing back up for Musiq Soulchild,” he said.

Former Atlantic Records college representative Codie Sanders had a hand in choosing Stewart for the job.

“I saw a little bit of myself in him. He was outgoing and a people person,” Sanders said.

“What really put me over the top, was when he organized the Young, Gifted and Black Program. I figured if he could put together a program like that, then he would be ideal for the job,” Sanders said.

Stewart believes he’s seems to be on the right track as far as choosing his career.

“When I graduate, my ambition is to do some great things and take A&T’s name throughout the world. I am trying to do big things so look for me real soon.”

In the news...

Nelly’s new film ‘Snipes,’ was released in select cities on Sept. 6.

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Aggies hold off Tigers, win 42-36

By Chris Wallace

On Sept. 7 in front of nearly 20,000 at Aggie Stadium, the Aggies of N.C. A&T powered their way to a comfortable lead early but had to survive a furious Jackson State rally en route to a 42-36 victory.

“I have praised with the improvement of our team and excited about our first win,” said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. “I thought we showed a tremendous amount of improvement, especially in our special teams. I was real pleased with the improvement in our special teams.”

The Aggies (1-1), opened the game by forcing a Tiger turnover on just the second play and then capitalized by scoring on a 12-yard touchdown run by quarterback Jason Battle. The Tigers quickly responded as quarterback Robert Kent connected on an 8-yard touchdown pass to split end Jason Douglas. “I thought offensively, we improved a lot, said Hayes. “Jason Douglas (Jr) came off the bench and showed us what he could do, and showed he has the potential to be our team’s leader. Jason Battle played well in spots and overall, our quarterbacks played well. We’ve got two strong quarterbacks, and in this offense, our quarterback runs the ball 10 or 15 times a game so we’ve got to have another quarterback ready to go.”

Running back Cornelius Gary ran well for the second consecutive week as he rushed for 114 yards on just 11 carries and Douglas completed eight of 14 passes for 74 yards with two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown.

Defensively, the Aggies were led by linebacker Eddie Ransell as he produced 10 tackles, two sacks and two interceptions.

A&T began the third quarter, scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run by Douglas and ended with a 78-yard fumble return for a touchdown by strong safety Charles Paduha to open up a 35-10 lead. The Tigers fell behind 42-10 early in the fourth quarter and seemed to score a meaningless touchdown with 10:49 in game, corralling the score to 42-16. However, this would begin a tremendous rally as Kent and the Tigers offense caught fire. Kent’s 63-yard touchdown pass to Tim Manning with 7:57 remaining cut the score to 42-23, and Kent was for from done. Kent, who threw for a season-high 540 yards with five touchdowns and four interceptions, connected twice more with receiver Chris Jones on successive drives to cut A&T’s lead to 42-36 with just 1:46 remaining. After a Tiger onside kick attempt failed, A&T took over at midfield. However, A&T’s drive would be short-lived as a lateral pass was mishandled, resulting in a fumble and a turnover with 1:16 remaining. The Tigers’ final drive began at the 36-yard line with a 9-yard pass by Kent with 0:44 remaining. Kent’s next pass was his last as A&T cornerstone Jason Horton read the play perfectly and stepped in front of Kent’s pass, intercepting it and ending the Tigers rally.

“We can’t win games with eight turnovers,” said Kent, whose four intercep- tions led to 14 Aggie points. “We’ve got to take better care of the football.”

The win marked the 192nd in the illustrious head coach Bill Hayes, and he just eight shy of 200, a plateau which only three other Division I-AA coaches have accomplished.

Jackson State quarterback Robert Kent tries to throw over Aggie linebacker Joey Lanier during the Sept. 7 game. Kent ended with 540 yards passing on 41 of 63 but threw four interceptions. Aggies head coach Curtis Hunter sees optimism about his team’s chances this season even with a tough schedule. The Aggies finished 11-17 last season which the Aggies have faced over the past two seasons, and Georgia State, coached by the legendary Lefty Driesell. The Georgia game will follow the Peach State Classic football game between N.C. A&T and S.C. State on Nov. 23. Log on to www.ncat.edu and click athletics for more information.
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