Iraqis view Bush negatively

By Terrence Jenkins

Terrence Jenkins, president of the Student Government Association (SGA) at N.C. A&T, has insight on plans for the 2003-2004 school year.

Q: Once you were elected the President of the SGA, you were probably very excited, but has this presidency been more than expected? If so, how?
A: Being elected president is a great task, but through my work experience, internships and classes I felt well prepared.

Q: Can you reveal any information about Homecoming?
A: Vice President of External Affairs (Typhan) Turner will reveal the lineup at the first full body meeting on Oct. 1. The week is so big that BET is coming to film on campus. There are a lot of high quality, affordable events during the week and the concert features a huge artist that has brought "Change" to the game. This will be one of, if not the biggest homecoming N.C. A&T has ever produced. BELIEVE THE HYPE!

Q: How is the SGA working with campus officials to make improvements for students?
A: Some of the biggest concerns I hear from students are about parking. I'm proud to announce that A&T has added a new parking lot for near the Aggie Suites and has plans for a parking deck. Security has added new gates to certain entrances to make campus safer. Food Services have added a smoothie shop and there is Starbucks (coffee) located in the new General Classroom building. More teachers have been hired this year to assist students and to offer better class times and more sections. The Chancellor, administration, and the SGA are working hard to make the college experience enjoyable and memorable.

Q: Is the SGA suffering from any financial difficulties and will this have any effect on planning activities?
A: No, Kristal Brown (SGA Treasurer) has done an outstanding job maintaining the budget. In fact, we just hosted the "Killers Crossover Tour" which raised over $15,000. That record-breaking event was the highest attended event prior to Homecoming that any SGA administration has ever produced. The money raised will be used for computers, events, and student programming. We also plan to... Please see Q&A, Page 3

A&T forum discusses political, social issues

The Speech Division of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Departments of Education and Political Science presented the first annual undergraduate research, presentational forum series on Sept. 18 in the Memorial Student Union.

The forum featured panel discussions and individual talks on selected topics that dealt with social and political issues, environmental issues, African American issues and educational issues. The undergraduate research forum hoped to bring more academic programming and intellectual conversation to a cross discipline of students.

"The larger goal of the research forum is to impact the culture of campus and to provide an avenue for intellectual discussion at the undergraduate level," Joseph Green, assistant professor for political science and director of Ronald E. McNair post-baccalaureate achievement program said.

"Also we hope to increase intellectual curiosity, so students from all majors could share what they have done and exchange ideas. This gives students the opportunity to get a taste of the entire university through research and presentation.

Any student, faculty or staff member and anyone from the community is able to come and... Please see FORUM, Page 2

Political science majors Betty Ray and Kimberly Allen present their research during the Sept. 18 forum.

Academic fair to be held

The Center for Student Success (TCSS) will hold its fifth annual academic fair for undeclared majors on Oct. 2 from noon-2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Exhibit Hall.

"The program is designed to provide students the opportunity to explore different majors and help students to select a major," said Stephen Chilton, academic counselor for TCSS.

"Students will be able to ask questions regarding a variety of majors answered along with information regarding careers that they can enter at the fair," Chilton said.

Rose Alexander, an academic counselor of TCSS, feels that the fair will be helpful to students.

Students attending the fair will receive information on majors available at the university to help them decide which major is best for them, Alexander said.

The fair also gives students the... Please see FAIR, Page 2

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Judge rules against FTC**

OKLAHOMA CITY - A federal judge has ruled that the Federal Trade Commission overstepped its authority in creating the national "do-not-call" list against telemarketers.

The suit came in a lawsuit brought by telemarketers who challenged the list of 30 million people who said they did not want to receive business solicitations. The list was to go into effect Oct. 1.

**Schroeder offers support to Bush**

NEW YORK - President Bush won a commitment Wednesday from German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder to set aside differences and work together for a strong and stable Iraq. "We both agree that we want to look into the future together," Schroeder said. "It is very important, not just for Iraq, but for the whole of the region, for Germany and therefore for the whole of Europe," Schroeder said.

**Clinton memoir revised**

BEIJING - The Chinese-language version of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's autobiography has been censored for mainland readers, an action that "amazed and outraged" the former first lady. Her American publisher demanded Wednesday that the edition be recalled. Clinton's memoir, "Living History," one of China's hottest-selling books, runs 466 pages in Chinese and contains at least 10 segments where politically sensitive topics were changed or deleted. They include material on Harry Wu, a Chinese-American human rights activist, and the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests.

**Bush requests $87 billion**

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Congress Wednesday that President Bush's $87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan was an affordable and needed investment in international security. But a top Democrat questioned whether the American people have ever blessed the U.S.-led Iraqi reconstruction effort now under way.

**Dow drops 100 points**

NEW YORK - Investors uneasy about Wall Street's current high prices sold stocks Wednesday, sending the Dow Jones industrials down more than 100 points and shaving 2 percent from the closely-watched Nasdaq composite index.

In early afternoon trading, the Dow was down 94, at 9,461.51. The market's broader gauges also retreated. The Nasdaq fell 31.85, or 2 percent, to 1,664.37. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 15.18, or 1.5 percent, to 1,013.85.

**Hurricane forecasts increasingly on target**

The National Hurricane Center says forecasts mark gains in science

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Like a football team that tries to lower expectations even as it keeps winning, hurricane forecasters want their nation's forecast with Hurricane Isabel to make anyone comfortable.

As director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Max Mayfield is proud of his forecasters' work in warning residents of the Carolinas, Virginia and mid-Atlantic states of the massive storm.

But, he adds: "I worry about the expectation we will do this well on every storm, and that's not going to happen." Nevertheless, the Hurricane Center, part of the National Weather Service, got it right on Isabel. It has been improving its forecasts steadily in recent years and research continues into making them even better in the future, particularly in forecasting the strength of storms as well as their track.

This was the first year the center has issued three-day forecasts of the expected storm track, and those forecasts were more accurate than three-day forecasts just a few years ago. With Isabel, for example, the hurricane's predicted location in five days was off by about 166 miles. The average three-day forecast of a hurricane's path was off by more than 200 miles between 1994 and 2002 and 300 miles in 1993.

So what's happening? It's a combination of things, Mayfield said in a telephone interview, better observations, better and faster computer models, improved computer programs to model the ocean and a band of increasingly skilled forecasters.

"The predictions for Isabel won praise from Bob Ryan, a former president of the American Meteorological Society who forecasts for WRC-TV in Washington. "The information we were getting from the hurricane center and local forecast office was really terrific," Ryan said.

Eli W. Friburgh, president-elect of the AMS, agreed. "Even though I lost power and even though I was without water ... I thought the Weather Service and the excellent job of forecasting this particular storm track. It gave the emergency management community very good time to prepare," said Friburgh, a former head of the Weather Service who lives in Northern Virginia.

Helping forecasters in Isabel's case was a strong high-pressure area over the northwest Atlantic Ocean. The wind revolving in a clockwise direction around the high provided a powerful steering current for the storm.

"We're going to have cases where cure are not as well defined or when they're changing," Mayfield cautioned. "You can't set a record every time you make a forecast." Regular flights of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's new jetstream aircraft will be expanded.

"Before we change a student's major status we have to make sure that they meet the minimum requirements with the major they wish to take," Chilton said. Alexander is enthusiastic about this years career fair.

"The turnout of students for the last five years has been excellent," Chilton said. "It's good and they have met the requirements needed to go into their decided major.

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opportunity to change their major if they no longer wanted to be on their first choice.

"If the student decides to change their major, we can change their major electronically," Chilton said. However, before a student decides to change their major, they should first check on the Web and the requirements needed to go into their decided major.

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present research. However, many of the presenters are apart of the McNair Scholar program, these students shared information from their summer research.

Brandon Miller, senior, political science major dealt with the topic "The Evolution of the Black Leader in the 20th and 21st Century and the Impact they have on Black Community." Miller polled the question, "Today in 2003 do we still have effective black leadership?"

"After taking a survey I was very disappointed with the results about what blacks think we still have good leadership," Miller said. "We do not still have the same type of leadership as we did in 1965 with Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X."

Many of the individual talks stemmed into panel discussions with Carlos Caple, assistant professor for School of Education and Myra Shird, assistant professor for Speech Communication.

Beatrice Ray, senior, political science major presented research on "The Negligence of Health Maintenance Organizations."

"Minorities tend to receive less adequate medical attention due to medical coverage," Ray said. "For individuals that are less satisfied with their insurance are typically not satisfied with services, people are dying everyday because of the lack of treatment."

"Students were able to walk away from the forum with real life situations to apply in their daily lives and also be more knowledgeable about cross discipline studies."

"This research forum really helped me to understand my research methods," Nichole Price, junior, political science major said.

"The information I learned will help me out in the future."

\**Campus notes**

The N.C. A&T family is saddened over the death of another one of its former students who was recently killed in Iraq.

Lambert Brown II attended A&T from 1994-1998, and also the spring semesters of 1999 and 2000. He was a political science major from Henderson, N.C.

N.C. A&T's Student Government Association will hold a full body meeting Oct. 7th at 7 p.m. in Williams Cafeteria. The Homecoming 2003 line-up will be revealed.

Portraits for the 2003-2004 Ayantee Yearbook will be taken Sept. 29-Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in room 003 in the Memorial Student Union.

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By Dafna Linzer

UNITED NATIONS - The Iraq war is a true test of whether world leaders are ready to address the challenge of resolute international leadership or keep the focus on their domestic and international agendas.

In a private conversation with President Bush, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said he would work for a strong and stable Iraq, saying, "We both agreed we need to look to the future together."

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw also said it was the "tone" that was important as the Security Council prepared for a new round of talks on a U.S.-led resolution for a multinational force in Iraq. "There was a small, common, positive agreement for a resolution," that "may not be talked this week, but in a relatively short time span," he said.

The matter was certain to come up later in the day when the foreign ministers of Turkey and Iran meet with counterparts from the region.

The Mideast crisis and the war on terrorism also loomed large at the United Nations.

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf promised not to slacken his government's efforts. "We are acting against al-Qaida and its associates effectively," he told the General Assembly.

Musharraf, who faces a strong challenge from Islamic extremists, called on the West not to demonize Islam.

"The West perceives the Islamic world as volatile and hostile, bent upon striking at Western values."

Muslims are seen as fanatics, extremists and terrorists," he said. "World leaders are meeting for the first time since the United States went to war against Iraq without U.N. authorization."

Tuesday's opening session was marked by criticism of President Bush's policy of "pre-emptive" military strikes, as world leaders demanded that conflicts and global threats be resolved collectively.

The fallout from the Security Council battle over the war, which sidelined the United Nations after more than a decade of trying to disarm Saddam Hussein, was a focal point of every speech on the opening day of the General Assembly's annual ministerial debate.

Despite lingering differences over the war, nations rallied behind Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call to join forces to create a peaceful destiny for Iraq, but sharp differences remained over the timetable and the U.N. role.

French President Jacques Chirac, who led opposition to the war, criticized the United States for acting without U.N. approval.

The problems facing the world today, including Iraq, can be addressed only in a multilateral forum like the United Nations, which guarantees "legitimacy and democracy, especially in matters regarding the use of force or laying down universal norms," he said.

South African President Thabo Mbeki said Iraq raised questions about "the very future of the United Nations."

He said it was a test of whether the world body enjoyed the confidence of the world and was capable of being "the principal guarantor of international peace and security."

"The poor of the world expect an end to violence and war everywhere," Mbeki said.

"For us, collectively, to meet these expectations, will require that each and every one of us, both rich and poor ... commit ourselves practically to act. This includes the most powerful."

It was the stage for the two-week session, challenging the 191 U.N. member states to re-examine the way the international community is dealing with wars, terrorism, poverty and other threats to international security.

He urged world leaders not to shy away from recommending "radical" changes - including to the United Nations.

IRAQIS

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what we are looking for and we are trying to achieve," said Iyad Allawi, who will become council president Oct. 1.

"Our fear is that they (the French) are using Iraq as a scapegoat to settle differences with the United States ... Apparently the French are trying to settle some scores. I wish they had consulted us," Allawi said, speaking English.

Five months after Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq, much of the country is still frustrated by the lack of basic services.

Iraqis also complained about security. Crime has increased dramatically since the fall of Saddam Hussein, and U.S. forces continue to come under attack, with civilians sometimes caught in the crossfire.

"Bush's speech was bad. He talked about liberating Iraq while people while the reality is that the Americans liberated only the criminals and bad people who are looting the country," said Anmar Mohammed, a former military officer who is now unemployed.

"He talked about Iraq being the front line for combating terrorism, while it was Bush's war that brought terrorists to our country. He talked about better life for the Iraqis, while now most of them are living in ruins," said Hani Jacobs, a 40-year-old optician, agreed.

"What is the benefit of having a democratic system in the middle of this chaos?" he asked.

In the first gathering of world leaders at the General Assembly since the United States toppled Saddam, Bush painted his government's efforts. "We are acting against al-Qaida and its associates effectively," he told the General Assembly.

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Where do A&T’s priorities stand?

When it came to choosing the best college for me to attend, I looked at several different factors. The population of the school, how much it would cost, the college’s academic programs, the teacher-student ratio. Not once was I concerned about whether or not the school had a bell tower.

For two years, Chancellor James C. Renick has talked about placing a bell tower on the campus of N.C. A&T as a part of his ongoing master plan, scheduled to be completed sometime in 2007.

So, why the need for the bell tower?

Not many students have found answers to their gripes about parking problems and they agree that a bell tower is just about the last thing that’s going to solve parking problems.

The cost for placing a bell tower at A&T would total about $200,000. Why can’t that money be spent towards the construction of a parking deck or the addition of more parking lots on campus? There are also other beautification projects that could be completed on campus to improve its outdoor looks other than the addition of a bell tower.

Students are also concerned with dorm problems, such as incomplete renovations in Morrison and Cooper Halls; mold found in Cooper Hall; and the shortage of housing for on-campus students. Where do the university’s priorities stand?

Editor

Tarah Holland

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Opinion

September 25, 2003

AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

How did Hurricane Isabel affect you or the area in which you are from?

“It definitely affected me, because I was concerned for my friends and family. I am from Greensboro, and I remembered the devastation of Hurricane Floyd, and I was hoping Isabel would not be a repeat.”

Andre Douglas, sophomore, mechanical engineering major

“‘It brought us a lot of rain, and it was good for the environment. It shook us up a bit, but mainly it brought us out of the drought. We learn how to trust God in the storm.”

Eric Brooks, sophomore, business major

“‘It affected my coming to and from work. Considering I don’t live on campus it affected me because it was just getting started, and it bent my umbrella out of shape therefore I had no choice but to get wet.’

Shazdi Matthews, freshman, nursing major

“I couldn’t train for track, were in the process of building a new track and the only way we can get that done is if it’s dry, and the longer it stays wet and damp the further back the process gets pushed.”

Timothy Walls, senior, sports science major

BRIEFLY STATED...

Aggie Pride! Yes everyone yells this at football and basketball games, and we sure are quick to where a shirt that has it written all over.

But do we really know what Aggie Pride is all about?

Aggie Pride is the essence of what our school is all about. Our school’s history is rooted in this pride. It’s not simply a statement that you say. Aggie Pride means entrusting the history of this university. Aggie Pride is knowing who came before us and the struggle that they went through to get this university to where it is.

Showing support for programs that fellow Aggies put on to benefit us the student body. Aggie Pride entails not only remembering those who went before us, but also trying to reach beyond the legacy that was left for us, and to leave a legacy of our own.

To embody this in all that we do. This is what will includes taking care of the campus that is our home for the four or so years that we are here. Aggie Pride are those professors who make you feel like your in a family. Aggie Pride is the network that you build, and no matter where you go in the nation someone has heard of our university.

So, ask yourself do you have Aggie Pride?
GUEST COMMENTARY
Stop violence in Greensboro

It is no secret that the homicide rate in Greensboro is getting completely out of hand. The Aggie Family saw a first-hand account of that last semester in the death of Christopher Harmon. On Sept. 21, the Greensboro Police along with churches and organizations in the community put together "The Gathering" in an effort to address the rising homicide rate and to help combat the problem.

The program was a wonderful idea, but it was in the wrong audience. The people who needed to hear it would only be caught dead in Mt. Zion Baptist Church. But that is the problem. The people who were at the church already know how wrong it is to murder people. The people who were at the church heard the cracking voices and saw the tears of the mothers and the grandchildren of the slain victims. It was not the people in the church who needed the program. The people who are in the streets solving altercations with guns should have been in that church. The families of the victims went to that program re-opening wounds that had begun the slow healing process only for it to fall on the ears of people who understood before the actual program.

In that program, Lieutenant James Hinson issued a challenge that the city of Greensboro not to have any more homicides this year. I hope that there are no more, but I am not so confident. Hinson asked that everyone in attendance pass along what was heard and seen that day in hopes that it would reach the targeted audience.

I think the only way the people committing these horrible acts will realize what they are doing and stop is if they have someone as close to them as these victims were to their families, be killed.

I am passing along to you what I heard and saw on Sunday, hoping that you too will help to get the word out. This violence must stop, we are losing lives. Drugs, alcohol, material goods or anything else for that matter, is not worth losing a life over. Life is the most precious thing that any of us have. It would be a shame to throw it away or flat out lose it for no reason.

Tiffany Jones

WE GAINED WEIGHT

Guest Commentary
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The Philips researchers developed two kinds of electronic paper. In the first system, each dot in the experimental paper contains water with a single layer of colored oil, along with an underlying transparent electrode and white reflector. The viewer sees the color of the oil, unless an electrical signal is applied that moves the oil aside. That reveals the white foil underneath.

But before the movies can begin, Hayes said researchers need to devise a system to control each dot's rapid changes.

He said the first products are three or four years away and would probably have only one color at first.

The findings are reported in the Sept. 21 issue of the journal Nature. "You could see this leading to displays everywhere, the sides of trucks with live displays on them, like Times Square but moving," Robert Wisse, senior manager of IBM Corp.'s Advanced Display Technology Laboratory in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. "Imagine the traffic accidents."

The electronic paper is not really paper at all, but electronics embedded in a flexible piece of plastic thin as a sheet of paper. It would have to be con- nected to a power source, such as a cell phone or a handheld organizer.

The paper's display surface is four times brighter than reflective liquid-crystal displays, such as those seen on mobile phones and personal digital assistants, Hayes said.

"The Funkmaster Flex Celebrity Car Show" was held by Strong Arm Productions at Pyramids Village Complexes in Greensboro, N.C.

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LINE-O-STEEL
Anchored by All-MEC selection Kareem Sanders, the A&T O-line has gelled and earned its hard-nosed rep

From left to right: John Kato, Junious Coston, Kareem Sanders, Patrick Jordan and Chris Gates (pictured below) have formed one of the MEAC's most dynamic offensive lines.

By Chris Wallace Register & Tribune

It has been a little less than a year now since last season's hopes and dreams became a nightmare. At A&T, the Aggies produced its first losing season since 1955, lost to rival North Carolina Central in the opener after holding a 27-point lead and was even manhandled on homecoming by Morgan State, a team it usually manhandles.

Needless to say, it was a LONG year for an Aggie team with title hopes on its mind, and it was an emotional year for a group that never gets the respect it deserves when the team wins but only gets scrutinized if the offense can't move the ball.

In a game of inches, it's the offensive line down in the trenches that pushes, pulls and fights so the team can get those extra inches. It's the offensive line that opens up holes for the running backs to scoot through. It's the offensive line who creates the pocket which the quarterback can step into and throw. But unfortunately, it's not the offensive line that gets the love, respect, interviews and accolades that it truly deserves.

A&T's offensive line, featuring left tackle Patrick Jordan, right tackle Kareem Sanders, left guard Chris Gates and left tackle John Kato, is arguably one of the top lines in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and has worked long and hard to earn the respect they deserve.

"We don't get the glory, and we give up our body and effort for the greater glory of the team," said Jordan.

Everyone that plays line has to be an unselfish teammate.

Jordan, a 6'5, 295-pound junior, is one of the more agile linemen and feels that he can make every block necessary to spring a play. He also added that playing alongside Sanders and roaming with Sanders has helped.

"We want him last year to be a special one," said Jordan of Sanders. "We want him to go out on top. We always help each other and work together on our blocking techniques as well as critiquing each other."

Sanders, who has been an All-MEC selection over the past two seasons, is the anchor of the line and the only senior on the line. Sanders is the prototypical linemen at 6'3, 330 pounds and is as physical as anyone.

"I was always someone who liked to hit and was always a big, physical guy," said Sanders. "I knew I'd be an o-lineman. It's a whole 'mother game in the trenches, and that's where it all starts."

We go to war everyday!

Sanders, who has started since his sophomore season, has gone from the youngster to the elder on the line and admits that there are many mistakes on the line. However, he added that picking up a person who makes the mistake is vital.

"Everyone makes mistakes. No one is bigger than the team and there's always room for improvement."

On the left side of the line, 6'4, 330 pound sophomore guard Chris Gates and 6'5, 295-pound sophomore tackle John Kato protects the quarterback and helps to open holes for the A&T running attack. Junior center Junious Coston is athletic and at 6'3, 280 pounds is the smallest of the five linemen.

"It's the most physical part of football and unlike all other positions," said Gates. "We are an athletic offensive line that is big on technique and aggression."

A&T head coach George Small also feels that the line is the strength of the team and has instilled a positive attitude into the heads of his players.

"I feel we have the potential to do it all," said Sanders. "We are the only ones to stop ourselves. The sky is the limit. You have to be confident." "I also feel we can take it all the way," added Gates. "All we need is to learn how to balance our offense out more so people don't automatically know we're going to run the ball. We should be straight."

Whatever it will take, the Aggie offensive line has promised to get it done, and by watching what has taken place so far, it may be wise to take their word.

A&T and Elon clash on Sept. 27

By Gregory Bond Register Columnist

N.C. A&T and Elon University will exchange blows on Sept. 27 at Rhodes Stadium. The Aggies (2-2) look to rebound from the 45-16 loss to the Southern Jaguars in the Las Vegas Classic. The Aggies have won two in a row against Elon, including a 34-20 win at Aggie Stadium last year. Elon is looking for its first conference win, especially since the Aggies called a timeout to set up a pass play late in the game with the game already decided. The series is tied 2-2. Elon (2-2) is coming off back-to-back wins over Hofstra and East Tennessee State. The Aggies will stack its 16th-ranked run defense against Elon running back Rashad Palmer. Palmer is fifth in the Southern Conference in rushing, averaging 67.5 yards per game and also rushed for 75 yards against East Tennessee State. A&T running back Frank Patterson is ranked 26th in the nation in rushing with 104.7 yards per game and will run against a defense that allows 129.8 yards per game.

The Aggies will also look to put pressure on true freshman quarterback Anthony Crenshaw. Crenshaw has started all four of his games this year and is completing 42.7 percent of his passes.

Elon's junior wide receiver Stan Smith is leading the team with 16 receptions for 205 yards this season.

A&T linebacker Herbert Dixon leads the team with 27 tackles and has two interceptions. This game will not be dominated by high power offenses as both teams run the ball frequently. Defense will play a huge role in this game. A&T has only given up 14 points per game while Elon allows only 16 points per game. This game is the last non-conference game for the Aggies this year.

All A&T sports deserve credit

With North Carolina A&T's Homecoming events generating additional dollars and attracting over 100,000 people, it's easy for someone to think A&T athletics is just about football. It is true that the football team brings the largest crowd to campus and generates the most revenue. They have some pretty good parties, too. Still, there are other sports that produce results and benefit the university.

For instance, the softball team set a school record for wins last year. With the quality players they have coming from last year's team, I expect they'll see another record for wins this year. Fast-pitch softball is probably more popular on the West-Coast than it is locally but combined with the football team playing in Las Vegas a dominant fast-pitch softball team would help A&T gain more widespread name-recognition out west.

The bowling team has had the most success of all the athletic programs over the past five years. The A&T bowling team has won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship in three of the past four years. Nor even the football program can brag about having done that well in recent years.

There are just two of the sports that don't get much publicity. There's also tennis, track and field, baseball and volleyball to go along with football and basketball.

The last time I checked there was a swim team there as well, and even cheerleading is counted as a sport.

What I mean to say is these sports make contributions to the university if not always with thousands in attendance or number of trophies won. The student-athletes are recruiters for our school by representing A&T wherever they go.

I would encourage everyone to attend a sporting event that isn't highly publicized just to show support, and if A&T decides to start a fighting team, count me in.
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