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Board meets for first time in 2004

By PATRICCE WITHERS
Staff Writer

The A&T Board of Trustees held its third meeting of the school term on Feb. 18 in the Dowdy Administration Building, Trustees Board Room.

Chancellor James Renick had an opportunity to thank all board members for their continued leadership and wished everyone a happy new year.

The Chancellor’s Report emphasized the enrollment of 9,700 students for spring semester, which was the second largest of any enrollment. Renick also recently visited the Los Angeles alumni chapter to support the campaign of enrollment for the area students.

He introduced to the board distinguished faculty members Goldie Byrd, Abdollah Hosainifar and Kathy Kea for their outstanding accomplishments.

Additionally, all board members received complimentary tickets to “Seven Guitars,” a student-theater production.

Athletics, budget, finance and audit, buildings and grounds, development and external relations, education programs, research and policy, executive, information technology and telecommunications and personnel committees all had an opportunity to give individual reports.

Michael Suggs spoke on behalf of the athletic committee and noted the football game that was held in Las Vegas will probably be replaced with a game in Chicago. Also the football season.

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HIV/AIDS discussed on campus

By NAJA LISA NORWOOD
Contributor

The Student Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC) is a national organization dedicated to promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention on campuses.

This organization strives to encourage students to participate in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS worldwide. A chapter of SGAC officially formed at N.C. A&T in 2003. According to Shavonna Lassiter, vice president of SGAC, “Our members strive to educate Aggies about current global AIDS issues.

On Feb. 9, the SGAC helped to promote the start of National Condom Week. The members set up a table in the student union to give students educational information and materials relating to HIV/AIDS prevention through the use of condoms.

“The executive board of A&T’s chapter designed a poster board filled with easy to understand literature on the group’s purpose, how to use a condom, and the importance of getting tested,” Shavonna Lassiter, secretary for the organization, said.

On the last day of National Condom Week, Feb. 13, the Student Global AIDS Campaign chapter at the Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont hosted a HIV/Syphilis Health Screening in the Memorial Student Union.

Those students interested in checking their HIV/syphilis status would sign in, fill out a form, speak to a pretext counselor and then get tested for HIV/syphilis. This process went smoothly throughout the day, with over 80 students receiving tests. In three weeks students would come back to find out their HIV/syphilis status. Counselors would also be available at this time.

A&T’s vice president of SGAC reported that many students came by and asked questions. The members of SGAC and the Sickle Cell Disease Association both felt that the availability of the test at a non-threatening location increased the overall turnout for testing.

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DON’T LET SHOPPING BREAK YOUR BUDGET

Golden Key inducts 174

By SHANAI BLACKWELL
Contributor

On Feb. 18 in the Stallings ballroom, A&T’s Golden Key Chapter recognized five new professors as honorary members and 174 new student members.

The keynote speaker, Aloosa Barnett-Jeji, delivered a speech of encouragement to inspire students and guests. At the ceremony began proud parents and relatives searched for good seats to witness their children inducted into Golden Key National Honour Society.

This worldwide collegiate honor society was established in 1974. Dr. Robert Howard has been advisor since the chapter was established on campus in 1992.

“The most rewarding parts about being chapter advisor are working with the officers and students and seeing them become more confident and mold into strong leaders,” Howard said.

Honorary members who were selected and inducted into the society sat properly on the panel while their names were called and awarded with a certificate. Each year, officers nominate no more than five professors to be inducted into Golden Key as honorary members. The new members are: Dr. Millincert Brown, Department of History; Dr. George Robinson, Department of Psychology; Byron Talman, Department of English; Dc. Isaiah Ugboro, Department of Business Administration and Dr. Malachet Wezuk, Department of Animal Science.

“I thought it was a wonderful student driven event. It is nice to see students lead the communities and I a great society for A&T’s successful student leaders,” said Worku.

The keynote speaker and A&T alumnus, Barnett graduated as a Business Finance major in 2000. He is from

Plato’s Closet Key Holders Aurelia Scott and Kellan Reese go through clothes brought in by customers.

By JAIME BROWN
Contributor

From the magazines to the videos to the campus of A&T, fashion is everywhere!

Aggies love to look nice and set the style standards. Staying on top in fashion can get to be extremely expensive. However Aggies usually have the answer for everything.

Everyone loves a good bargain and with vintage fashions coming back in style, your local thrift store may be your new best friend.

Plato’s Closet, Bargain Box and Goodwill are just a few places in the area where one can get name brand clothes for inexpensive prices. Plato’s Closet focuses on the styles of the current season. It has a large selection of name brand jeans such as Express, Gap and Abercrombie and Fitch. To access your jeans Plato’s Closet also offers a larger selection of shirts and accessories. The staff at Plato’s Closet carefully goes through the

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Iraqi helicopter crash kills two soldiers

HADITHA, Iraq - An American military OH-58 Kiowa helicopter crashed Wednesday into a river west of Baghdad, killing the two crewmembers on board, the U.S. military and police said. The helicopter, which carries a two-member crew, crashed about 1:50 p.m. near Haditha, 120 miles from the capital, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said.

AP: FBI suspected McVeigh link to robbers

WASHINGTON - The FBI believed Timothy McVeigh tried to recruit additional help in the days before the deadly 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and gathered evidence that white supremacist bank robbers may have become involved, according to government documents never introduced at McVeigh's trial.

The retired FBI chief of the Oklahoma City investigation, Dan Defenbaugh, said he was unaware of some evidence obtained by The Associated Press and that the investigation should be reopened to determine whether the robbery gang was linked to McVeigh.

All news briefly from Associated Press reports.

Campus News

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ed to the board new policies to be implemented for next year. The minority presence grant and freshmen scholarship will be consolidated into an individual fund.

"The system has requested us to consolidate scholarships into one and the new scholarship will be UNC campus scholarship at N.C. A&T State University," Buford said.

Trustees members voted on three resolutions for the appointment of designers. The enhancements of the campus include the Barbee Hall comprehensive renovation, a new School of Education and a new parking deck. A 500-seat parking deck will support the substantial campus growth. The parking deck is estimated to cost $6.1 million, which will be obtained from the sale of general revenue bonds and from future parking receipts.

"The happenings going on here is dynamic and I feel fortunate to be living to see what is going on right before our eyes," Chairman Gerald Truexsd said.

"All reports presented have been first class. Our chancellor has done so much in a short time and with a quality staff and buildings coming up that is very exciting," he said.

 Cajun Celebrations, Many Talents

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UN ambassador to visit A&T

By Jazem Miller

Register Contributor

Ambassador James Irvin Gadsden will be speaking at N.C. A&T State University on Monday, March 1, at 4 p.m.

The office of International Programs and Services is hosting a program entitled "Choosing A Foreign Service Career: Perspectives from the Field."

The program will focus on careers abroad and Gadsden's experiences. It will be held in the C.H. Moore Building, room A-16.

This building is located on the corner of Linbly and Beech streets.

This event is free and open to the public.

For further information you can call (336) 581-7104.
Jacksonville, N.C., and currently resides in Greensboro. He is working as a stockbroker for a firm owned by BB&T in High Point, N.C. Barnett touched on five inspirational leadership skills from the "Wall Street Journal Daily," which he suggested to be utilized daily to create lasting leadership and performance excellence.

Barnett first tip is to be confident in your abilities; show the willingness to understand anything in your path. Second, "Never stop learning," said Barnett. Attend seminars and read whenever you have the chance. Third, be persistent and work hard, "If there is anything worth pursuing be certain that you're not the only one wanting it." Fourth, focus on strength and money, said Barnett. "Sometimes you won't have a chance to eat lunch. It is imperative to weigh your options and know what is most important." And lastly, be honest, said Barnett. "Be honest to yourself and you won't have to rely on your future aspirations, and your strengths and weaknesses." In layman's terms he emphasized, "Say what you're going to do and do what you're going to say."

Rebecca Wilson, an electronic media major, is one of the new student members. She said the keynote speaker was incredible. "He really inspired me with his courageous words. I am extremely honored to be a part of Golden Key," Wilson said.

Angela Campbell, a management information systems major, is also a new member of Golden Key. She said the keynote speaker and ceremony were overwhelming. "Mr. Barnett's message was truly inspiring. It is great to see a fellow Appie excel," Campbell said.

Monique Collier, a speech language pathology major also inducted into Golden Key, said the keynote speaker did an excellent job. "Mr. Barnett did an excellent job on touching on some key qualities that we as young adults need to be reminded of. Overall, I'm just honored to be a part of the ceremony."

Collier said, "Current officers of A&T's Golden Key chapter conducted the ceremony: Candace Mills, president; Charity Foster, vice-president; Latoya Smith, secretary/CONCEPTS editor; Victoria Hunt, treasurer; Mercedes Sanders, vice-president of communications; Naja Norwood, academic program coordinator, and Robert Howard, chapter advisor.

On Feb. 26, new officers will be nominated to serve and accept the responsibilities of the current officers. In addition, on March 18, Ford Motoralong with Golden Key will announce two $250 scholarships, one each to a junior and senior member. The qualifications will rely on the applicant's academic excellence, campus leadership and community services."

Golden Key International Honour Society provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class. Its mission is to build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through leadership, career development, networking and services. The society's values are integrity, inclusiveness and collaboration, innovation, teamwork and respect.
Education is the passport for our children’s future

By KRISTIN BUTLER
Register Contributor

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” If these words spoken by Malcom X are true, black children are going to be left at the baggage claim. According to recent studies, black children are not performing up to par with their Caucasian peers. Fifty-eight percent of black children perform at a grade level that is lower than any other race.

On Feb. 18, the Alpha Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. held a program entitled “How Well Do Black Children Fare in Public Schools?” where various issues facing black children and education were discussed. Gladys Atise-Robinson, member of the UNC Board of Governors, and state Education Chair for the NACP committee was one of the event speakers.

“The state of black children in the public school system has not changed in the last 5 years,” said Robinson. “African-American children are still almost 30 points behind those of white counterparts at the end of Grade seven.” One of the main focuses of the event sponsored by the sorority was to raise awareness to college students about the problems in our public schools. Those in attendance encouraged to come up with reasons why black children are not facing well in the public school system. Some of the reasons suggested included, lack of parental involvement, lack of preparation for standardized test, not being able to relate to non-black teachers, and not having positive role models.

After identifying the problems, the audience produced a list of solutions. The solutions included getting black matter more involved in the community participating in mentoring programs and increasing the standards of the alternative education programs in which many black children are placed.

The program’s goal was to begin taking step to solving a problem in the black community, by acknowledging, understanding, and doing something about it. As educated college students, we each have a contribution to make to our communities.

“A few things that can be done, of course are minority students to students can begin to identify with more well-prepared minority teachers in the system,” said Robinson.

Challenging the way black children are being educated and evaluated is definitely a positive start. In today’s society of LeBron James and Kanye West, the importance of education is becoming less and less significant in the eyes of our youth. It is great to dream big and want to be famous, but just how small is the percentage of people that actually “make it”? For the rest of us, education is our passport. How are today’s black children ever going to be able to prepare for the future if they are unable to read the ticket?

Kristin Butler is an elementary education major at N.C. A&T.

Letters to the editor are welcomed by e-mail at register@ncat.edu or by mail to N.C. A&T State University, Box E-25, 1601 E. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27411 Letters must be signed and should include an address and telephone number.
GUEST COMMENTARY

Make room for pedestrians

BY LUKE NEAL

As we walk around the campus of N.C. A&T, we should expect to be swept away by the beauty of our campus. The campus in itself should be landscaped as to leave visitors in awe and to engross people into all Aggies, for this is home.

A beautiful campus is one that is plentiful with trees. Walking through such a scenic area would ease a person’s mind. This would help decrease stress levels while walking to class. Instead, we usually dodge piles of dirt and dead grass. I wonder what that instills in our psychological state of minds as we walk from one side of that fast-paced growing campus in 10-minute intervals.

Instead of constructing buildings surrounded by huge parking lots, that probably greatly benefit only those who would rather not even be on the campus, how about A&T begin to think more pedestrian-friendly? We should incorporate buildings with the campus rather than with the street. Allow students access to buildings from all sides. Allow pedestrians to walk across well-manicured lawns rather than larger-than-life parking lots that are life threatening at those 10 minutes disintegrate into seconds for drivers. Allow students to enjoy their walk to class rather than dreading crossing many streets, leaping over minimum mud mashes, and chucking from the smoke that often sprays from gutters.

In the three years I have attended A&T, I have commendably seen the school come a long way by planting shrubs, defining streets-crossings, and even adding “Aggie Pride” benches throughout the campus (although some are oddly placed), but there is an even longer way to go.

With the construction of so many buildings, and an ever-expanding campus, let us consider the lives and the aura of our students by giving them what they deserve. Landscaping is something small of which so many institutions provide for their students, while some ministry universities succeed at withholding. So let us provide a scenic environment, landscaped, and full of trees, where no one minds walking to and from class, meeting outside to talk with a professor, or even to have a meal on the grass. Let us beauty our campus as we make decisions to build from here on out.

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"Seven Guitars" proved to be a hit

By SHANAI BLACKWELL

"Seven Guitars" by August Wilson directed by guest director, Jerome Preston Bates, received a standing ovation on opening night. After the Triad Stage, seven A&T students portrayed seven African-American characters in Pittsburgh during 1948.

"Seven Guitars" is about the destiny of a Pittsburgh blues musician, Fordy "Schoolboy" Barton, played by David Watkins, a senior professional theater major from Richmond, Va. Fordy scores a hit record in Chicago but financially falls short of becoming a hit artist. He returns to his on-again, off-again love, Vera, played by Melanie Matthews, a junior professional theater/accounting major from Greensboro.

The play opens after the death of one character then moves back in time to tell his story. During scenes one and two we meet Fordy's musician buddies, Canewell played by Rondrell McCormick, a senior professional theater major from Norfolk, Va. We also meet Fordy's close neighbor Louise, played by Tasha White, a senior professional theater major from Greensboro.

And Hedley, Louise's eccentric played by Tomkei' Lee Ogagua, a senior professional theater major from Durham N.C. Finally, we meet Louise's seductive young niece, Ruby played by Kalycky Halsey-Smith, a sophomore professional theater major from Greensboro who brings lust and seduction to the piece.

The play's vibrancy is vividly created through the characters' plain-spoken poetry. There were delightful usages of songs, humor, Canewell's recipe for turnip greens and a hilarious explanation about Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi roosters.

Tiffany McLawhorn, a business management major, says she enjoyed the play. "The characters in the play were very intense and brought the audience into their lives, which allowed the audience to engage in their emotions," says Tiffany. She also enjoyed the character Ruby, saying that she relates to many women today who are confused and trying to find happiness.

Bellinda Booker, a nursing major, says she thought the play was excellent. "The characters were believable of their story lines and they expressed appropriate emotions when needed," says Booker. Hedley, her favorite character, showed strong family values, beliefs and morals throughout the play.

Bates chose to direct "Seven Guitars" because it's a monumental story about love, life, death, music, religion and chances. "Seven is the number of completion. God created the world in seven days," Bates notes. Wilson's story opens with six people who have to contemplate their lives, after the death of a friend. Bates notes, "God bless me, I must share and tell the experience."

The ensemble created an essential mood and atmosphere of the late 1940's. The characters' costumes compared thoroughly with the fashion during that time. The blues music played between each scene captured the time and place as well. In addition, the scenery displayed how black neighborhood sounds looked and the economic situation of each character.

Wilson also wrote "Fences," "Two Trains Running" and "The Piano Lesson." Each play shows the struggles and triumphs of African Americans. "Seven Guitars" was another fine example in the dramatic cycle of African Americans in the 20th century.

At the end there was no hesitation to stand and applaud the director, behind the scenes crew, and the hardworking, vivid actors.

Emotions run high about 'The Passion' By BRETT T. HARRINGTON

Artistic depictions and portrayals of Jesus Christ have always been met with praise and controversy, whether he is the most famous depiction of a blue-eyed Christ in Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper' or Renee Cox's eccentric rendition, with a black female messiah, titled "Yo Mama's Last Supper." There are no exceptions to this rule.

"The Passion of the Christ" released the first day of Lent (the Christian holy season) recounts the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life. The movie is produced and funded by Mel Gibson, who made his first production debut in "Braveheart." Gibson says, "Make no mistake this is violent..." in reference to the brutality exalted on Jesus. Moviegoers should expect vivid depictions of the scourging of Christ by the Romans and hammering of nails in his hands and feet.

Gibson seeks to stick as close to the original script as possible - The Holy Bible - and viewers should expect nothing less than what they read in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The violence is necessary to convey a true adaptation of The Bible. Taking that a step further the movie is done entirely in the languages spoken during the time of Christ, with English subtitles.

Vatican officials revealed to CNN that among the fans of "The Passion" is Pope John Paul II. The Pope said "It is lit at its ambience to the vivid realism. The Pope is not the only religious leader taking to "The Passion of Christ." This past Sunday Catholic priests and Protestant ministers alike respected their congregations' see the movie. The Rev. Benjamin Mitman of East White Oak Baptist Church said Sunday, "I've got my ticket" and urged his congregation to get tickets before the movie sells out.

Linguists are also holding for the success of "The Passion." The dialogue is done entirely in Aramaic and Latin, two languages linguists feel will disappear in the next several decades. There are fewer than half a million people in the world who speak Aramaic and Latin, hoping that the movie will promote a renewed interest in language studies.

Many groups support "The Passion of the Christ," but others reject the film because of religious views, the attitudes it invokes toward certain groups and possible discrepancies.

Some Islamic groups who view Jesus as only a prophet reject the movie and its implications as Jesus as the Messiah, Jewish groups such as the Anti-Defamation League feel that the portrayal of Jewish characters may promote anti-Semitic attitudes. They are afraid that the graphic image of Jesus mocking Christ and calling for his death will inflame tensions toward the Jewish community.

In a CNN report biblical scholars "have called Gibson's reading of the New Testament into question." Accolades and objections are to be expected toward a film that tackles material as sensitive as the Bible. One must take into account his or her own beliefs and life experiences and make a decision to see or not to see the movie.

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-- Sean "P-Diddy" Combs wins lawsuit against TV host Roger Mills, who claimed Combs assaulted him during a 1999 interview.

February 26, 2004
Aggies defeat Bears in their home finale

BY JULIUS McKINLEY
Register Contributor

Rechodd Carter and Steven Koger each scored 17 points off the bench to lead N.C. A&T to a 91-80 victory over Morgan State on senior night in the Corbett Sports Center.

"They were huge, most of the time it's Steve and Sean, but this game it was Rechodd who got hot," said head coach Jerry Eaves of the Aggies. "Now teams know they will have to guard everyone because Carter can go for 20 points as well."

During the first half, the two teams battled and went back and forth which included 10 ties and 13 lead changes. Neither of the two teams led by more than five points in the opening half.

With the Aggies (3-21, 3-12 MEAC) trailing by two, Brian Faulcon hit a layup to tie the game and spark a key run for the Aggies, giving them a 43-39 halftime lead.

The Aggies opened the second half with a 17-6 run, led by Carter's three-pointer capped the run, which featured six points from Greg Roberts and four points from Faulcon and Jeff Alvin. Carter and Roberts both hit a pair of free throws to give the Aggies their largest margin of the game at 75-55 with 7:23 left. MSU (14-8, 8) fought back hard, but did not get any closer than the final 62-46 lead.

"I was excited to get the win because the kids worked so hard," said Eaves. "I was happy for my seniors to go out with a win."

The Aggies set season-high points scored, field goals made and shooting percentage. The Aggies made 31-of-51 shots from the field, including 16-of-27 from the field in the second half. Faulcon finished with 13 points on a perfect 5-of-5 from the field.

Carter set a career high 17 points and Aggie seniors Chris Ferguson and Abduslam Traore played in their final home game in the Corbett Sports Center.

"It means a lot to me because it was my last home game and to go out with a win felt good," says senior Chris Ferguson who played his final home game as an Aggie. "I'm going to miss my teammates not just on the court, but off the court as well. I'm also going to miss Coach Eaves and I wish that I could have played for him more than last year."

"My seniors were outstanding," said Eaves. "They are the hardest-working kids on the team and they always lead by example. I appreciated everything they did for the team."

The Aggies lost the rebounding battle, but forced Morgan State into 29 turnovers. Four players finished in double figures for the Bears, who were led by Aaron Andrews with 18 points and 10 rebounds and Chris Grant with 18 points.

The Aggies will finish the regular season on the road with three consecutive road games and then the conference tournament in Richmond, Va. The Aggies will travel to Florida A&M on Saturday, Feb. 26. Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Aggie track team ready for outdoor season

BY CHANDLE DEAN
Register Contributor

The N.C. A&T male and female track team is looking forward to a promising 2004 outdoor season. Coming off of a good season last year, this year makes for a positive outlook for the coming outdoor season.

The team is lead by head coach Roy "Spaceman" Thompson, and by the looks of things, he has carried this team a long way. Since the majority of the team will be returning along with new talent, Thompson is looking forward to an exceptional season with the Aggies.

With both the male and females coming in third at the 2003-2004 MEAC Indoor championships; the teams feel very confident.

"I feel they'll do very well this season," said Thompson. On the female side Courtney Clark looks forward to continuing from where she left off last year. As a freshman, Clark was MEAC champion in the 400 hurdles clocking in with a time of 59.24 seconds, which set a new school record.

Clark also teamed up with Phythesha Blackman, Crystal Williams and Gaby Ann McBean to win the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:38.76. Clark has set the bar high for herself. "I hope to accomplish personal goals with the times I want to reach," she said. "I would like us to win MEAC this year."

Other faces to look for this year are Tawana Norman in the high jump and Tiffany Green in the sprints. Green, who is coming off a great indoor season, has made her mark with one of the fastest times in the country in the 60 meter dash.

On the men's side, look for Everett Bruce to continue with his great athleticism in the triple jump. Last year at MEAC championships, he took second, leap 15.53 meters. Bruce is 11th in the nation in triple jump.

Both Bruce and Green will travel to Boston this weekend to compete in the National Championships. Sprinter standout Tim Wallis will be returning as he continues to light up the track in sprints. Coming off an exceptional indoor season, Wallis took first place in both the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.78 seconds and the 200-meter dash clocking in at 22.21 seconds this year indoor MEAC Championships.

Wallis topped the night off when he was also named Most Outstanding Performer of the meet.

"I look for great things outdoors," stated Thompson. For their season opener, the Aggies will travel to N.C. State to compete in the Raleigh Relays.

Lady Bears defeat Lady Aggies on senior night

BY GREGORY BOND
Sports Editor

Morgan State wanted to make sure they crushed N.C. A&T's senior night. They accomplished their task on Feb. 25 at Corbett Sports Center with a 73-65 win in front of 733 fans.

The Lady Bears were led by Sharnaha Watson. Watson was 6-for-18 from the field for 21 points and four steals on the night. Whitney Johnson contributed with 16 points and five rebounds. Ten of her 16 points came from the free-throw line.

Morgan State's (3-22, 3-13 MEAC) defense held A&T's offense to 29.2 percent from the field. The Lady Bears had nine blocks for the night than compared to two blocks by A&T. Six of the nine blocks came from 6-1 forward/center Jennifer Vanghe. Vanghe had a double-double by scoring 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

In the first half, the Lady Bears held the Lady Aggies to 27.3 percent from the field. With low percentage shooting coming from both teams, the teams were never able to separate from each other in the first half.

In the second half, the Lady Bears' offense clicked as they shot 50 percent from the field to pull away from the Lady Aggies. They were outscored 14-6 from the free throw line.

Two seniors from the Lady Aggies (6-19, 5-12) played their last home game of their collegiate careers. Senior guard Camille Alston scored 20 points and grabbed six rebounds in her final home game. Tawanda Jackson scored eight points even though she was 1-for-16 from the field.

Yaunbee Sherman scored a game-high 22 points for the Lady Aggies, including hitting a season-high six three-pointers in the game. The Lady Aggies' defense forced the Lady Bears to turn the ball over 32 times and out-rebounded Morgan State 49-45, but it was not enough.

The Lady Aggies will travel to Tallahassee, Fla., to play Florida A&M on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. and will end the regular season in Daytona Beach, Fla., to play Bethune-Cookman. Tip-off is at 6 p.m.

Key Stats

N.C. A&T

Sharnaha Sherman -21 points
Camille Alston - 20 points

Morgan State

Sharnaha Watson -21 points
Whitney Johnson - 16 points

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