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Nita Dewberry

The Exclusive By Patrice Withers

Staff Writer

The College of Arts and Sciences has received approval to offer a new bachelor's degree program in liberal studies. Associate Dean for Curriculum and Student Affairs of the College of Arts and Sciences Nita Dewberry has been appointed as the interim director. The program will require a minimum of 124 hours for completion. The purpose of the degree is to prepare students in an interdisciplinary mode, for employment and citizenship in a complex and global environment.

Q: Why were you selected to serve as the interim director for the liberal studies program?

A: The proposal was sent through the College of Arts and Sciences and I work with curriculum and student affairs projects. However, a liberal studies committee worked together to write the proposal. Academic Affairs then sought approval from the UNC general administration.

Q: Will this particular program be available online for distance learning students?

A: Presently, I am in the process of writing a proposal to seek approval for liberal studies to be offered as an online degree program option.

Q: How was the process for implementing this program?

A: The university saw a need for this interdisciplinary program several years ago. A&T is on the cutting edge of interdisciplinary degree programs by offering this type of degree. Also, this program fits very well within the university's FUTURES initiative.

Q: What educational objectives must be met to successfully complete the program?

A: The program will provide an innovative academic program which offers flexibility to accommodate varying needs, aspirations, and intellectual interests of an increasingly diverse student body. Also this program will provide a well-rounded and interdisciplinary course of study and offer an opportunity for students to customize a plan of study.

Q: Will this program offer various concentrations?

A: Yes, there are already areas designated for International Studies and African-American Studies. Additional concentrations may be added upon University

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New data released on HIV/AIDS, N.C. colleges

By MARIA ROBERTSON
Register Contributor

New data on the rise of HIV infection among college students in North Carolina were presented at the 11th Annual Retrovirus Conference in San Francisco.

In the past month, the media has released many stories on a study conducted in North Carolina showing that new HIV cases have been on an increase since late 2001 and black male college students are the most

affected.

According to an article by Daniel Q. Haney, medical editor for the Associated Press, blacks are 11 times more likely than white Americans to get AIDS. Even though they make up 12 percent of the population, they account for 39 percent of AIDS cases and 54 percent of new HIV infections.

Among black men, like whites, the leading cause of infection is sex with other men. Many of these men don't consider them-

selves gay or bisexual and also may have sex with unknowing women.

Poverty is often listed as a strong contributor, so the new findings among relatively well-off college students were unexpected, says Haney.

At N.C.A&T, one of the largest schools in Greensboro, many students say they have heard rumors regarding the HIV status of its population.

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A&T's women of distinction



Congresswoman Alma Adams, and retired Brigadier General Clara Adams-Ender are among the illustrious trail-blazing alumnae from A&T.



Photos courtesy of A&T Public Relations

March is a celebration of Women's History Month. This month, *The Register* will highlight several of N.C. A&T's leading ladies and women of distinction in honor of the past, present and future contributions women continue to make in our society.

Poynter president visits A&T

By PATRICE WITHERS
Staff Writer

Students apart of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JOMC) were encouraged to attend the spring lecture featuring Karen Brown Dunlap on Feb. 26, held in the general classroom building auditorium. Dunlap is the president and managing editor of The Poynter Institute, which is a prestigious school for journalists, future journalists and teachers of journalists.

Nelson Poynter founded the school more than 25 year ago in St. Petersburg,

Fla. The institute offers seven ways to gain experience in Poynter seminars, conferences and workshops, ethics, online, interactive learning and publications.

Pulitzer Prize jurist Dunlap received a B.A. from Michigan State University, M.S. from Tennessee State University and Ph.D from the University of Tennessee. She has also served as a professor at Tennessee State University. She has co-authored two books, "The Effective Editor: How to lead your staff to better writing and better teamwork"

and "The Editorial Eye."

Associate Professor Linda Callahan of JOMC noted Dunlap was a down-to-earth, kind-hearted friend and professional colleague.

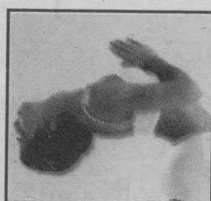
"The department is especially pleased to have Dunlap on campus because we look for professional people to serve as role models for our students," said Callahan.

Dunlap spoke from the theme "Now is the time to think about journalism." Through the theme she discussed three

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NEWS BRIEFS

Kerry claims nomination

WASHINGTON - John Kerry laid claim to the Democratic presidential nomination after a decisive round of primary and caucus victories cleared the field for a feisty head-to-head battle against President Bush - a struggle already in motion.

Kerry's New York-to-California victories in the 10-state Super Tuesday series knocked the fight out of his spirited rival, John Edwards. The North Carolina senator, who had been the only one left with the ghost of a chance against Kerry, let the word out that he was quitting even before polls closed in the West and just as Minnesotans gathered in caucuses.

Iraqis decry U.S. after bombings

KARBALA, Iraq - Shiite Muslim mourners chanted slogans against the United States Wednesday, venting their anger at Iraq's instability after a series of suicide bombings against pilgrims. As the country began three days of mourning, officials said 15 people, some possibly Iranians, had been detained in the attacks. U.S. administrators lowered their death count from 143 to 117, a senior coalition official said Wednesday. Iraq's Health Ministry said 185 people died. Estimates of the wounded ranged from 300 to more than 400.

N.Y. town's mayor still marrying

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. - New Paltz's mayor vowed to go ahead with up to two dozen same-sex weddings this weekend, despite being charged with 19 criminal counts and possibly facing jail time for marrying gay couples. Meanwhile, a crowd of gay couples was expected to go to the county administration building in Portland, Ore. Wednesday after a county commissioner there said she would begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Ex-WorldCom exec surrenders

NEW YORK - Former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers surrendered Wednesday to face federal charges that he conspired with his chief financial officer to cook the company's books in the biggest corporate fraud in American history. Ebbers walked into the FBI building for processing prior to his arraignment Wednesday in Manhattan federal court. The financial officer, Scott Sullivan, pleaded guilty Tuesday and agreed to testify against his former boss.

Three killed in missile strike

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - Israeli helicopters fired two missiles at a car carrying Hamas militants on a road through the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing three people. Hamas officials said two of the dead were its militants, but the affiliation of the third was unknown.

From the Associated Press

Bluford Library to charge for printouts

By CHAD ROBERTS
Staff Writer

In the words of hip-hop star Nas, "Everything must eventually come to an end/So try to savor the moment/Because time flies, don't it?/The beauty of life/You gotta make it last for the better/Cuz' nothing lasts forever."

That last phrase definitely rings true today. While many students have enjoyed the luxury of being able to print without cost, those days are quickly coming to an end. Very soon, according to Waltrene Canada, dean of library services, there will be a price to pay for printing in the library on campus. When school opens after spring break, free printing from laptop computers in Bluford library will be a thing of the past.

The reference computers on the main floor of the library have always been pay-for-print stations, but now students will also be charged for printing from the laptop computers.

"We want it all to be the same," Canada said. "It's counterproductive to have pay-for-printing at some stations and not pay-for-printing at others. That just creates a confusion situation."

Canada said this new charge is a way for the library to save money on things like printing supplies and machine maintenance. She also said the money

the library saves will go to improving the library's resources.

The laptops in the library are officially under the supervision of the A&T Information Technology department. However, the printers and copiers are library property, so the library incurs all costs associated with their use or misuse. And according to some employees, misuse is the reason for the new charge.

"A waste of paper," said one Information Technology employee who works in Bluford library. "We get people coming in here printing whole textbooks."

Even though students pay a technology fee as part of tuition, the Information Technology department said it came down to either charging students for printing or a massive increase in the technology fee, which would have added to the ever-increasing tuition cost.

Canada said this decision would help students to be more responsible and learn that in life, you get what you pay for.

"I've seen kids come in and they're looking for one or two articles," Canada said. "They'll print out 15 articles and they'll throw away 14 of them."

"If you're paying for it you'll take the time to select the one that really is going to serve your need," she said.

HIV/AIDS

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Janet Lattimore, the health educator for A&T, says that HIV doesn't seem to be a huge problem here, contrary to the rumors.

"I wouldn't say it's a problem because the testing conducted at A&T on students mainly comes up negative," said Lattimore.

However, she did say that this could be because students choose to go to other places to get their testing done.

"I'm not saying that nobody on campus is positive," said Lattimore. "We just may not have tested them here."

According to Jonathan Lucas and Abena Asante, Guilford County health Educators, a lot of the recent news has been a little biased.

"A lot of the new information has been made to look like it has arrived strictly from HBCU's," said Lucas. "That is not the truth."

"There were 21 schools tested and out of those, 84 new HIV cases were found," said Lucas.

Also, many people are not aware of the fact that only men who have sex with other men were tested. That is just about 10 percent of the college population, according to Lucas.

"When you have only 10 percent of the population to interact with sexually, of course it will be easier to transmit diseases within that circle," said Lucas.

There is an increase in HIV cases among black college age women as well. According to Lattimore, Lucas and Abena, the main reason is men having sex with other men and not identifying themselves as gay or bisexual, then having unprotected sex with women.

"The African-American race is less accepting of homosexuality," said Lattimore. "This makes it even harder for these men to come clean."

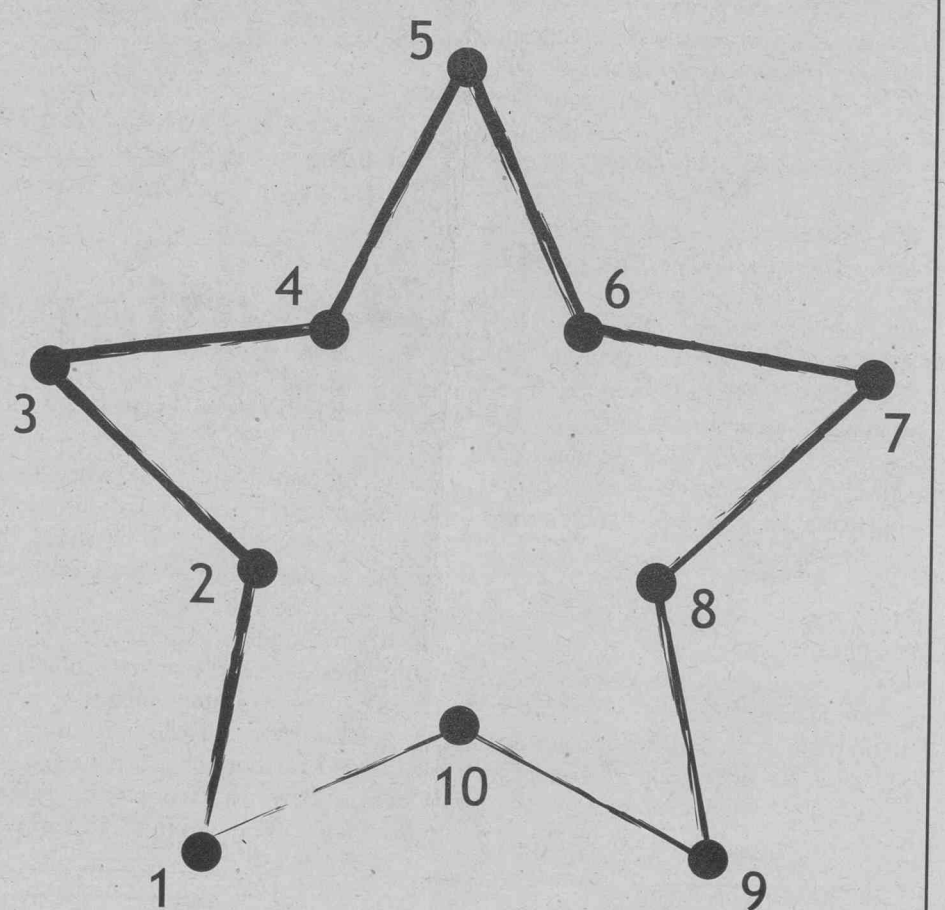
There are only a little more than 1000 HIV/AIDS cases in Guilford County,

according to Lucas. He says compared to the population, that is not a lot.

"All of the rumors are a little drastic," said Lucas. "The only reason North Carolina is in the spotlight is because the research was done here."

Even though Lucas does not think that HIV is that bad in North Carolina, he does acknowledge the fact that HIV/AIDS is a problem all over the world.

"Whatever way you look at it, AIDS is taking lives," said Lucas. "Anything that can take a life is a problem."



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Q&A

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approval. This program will operate very similarly to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication with a Division in Speech in regards to a degree program with academic concentrations.

Q: What is unique about the concentrations?

A: One unique feature of this degree program provides students the opportunity to elect to customize an area for concentration studies and may self-design a program of study to reach the 24 semester hour requirement. This option must meet the approval of the department coordinator for liberal studies and the director of liberal studies.

Q: Have you received positive feedback from students interested in the program?

A: We have only had the program for a couple of months so we are really still at the beginning stages.

Q: What steps is the College of Arts and Sciences taking to publicize the new major?

A: We have placed articles in the News & Record and A&T Today. We have also developed brochures and feature information about it in the college's monthly activity report. I have also talked with Lee Young, assistant vice chancellor of admissions, and Rita Lamb, director of The Center for Student Success, and Phyllis Cole, director of evening and weekend programs, to help market the program to undecided majors and incoming freshman students.

Q: What type of career can a student obtain with a liberal studies background?

A: The academic concentration that one pursues will determine the career because the concentration is the specialty area.

Q: What type of benefit can a prospective student hope to receive from this major?

A: This program will assist prospective employers by developing a pool of professionals who have, with their broad-based education, developed the abilities to be creative thinkers and problem solvers.

A&T coach is gone

By CHAD ROBERTS
Staff Writer

In a move that caught several people by surprise, Kathy Roulhac recently vacated her position as head volleyball coach. A replacement has yet to be named. Her assistant coach, Georgette Crawford, has also left the A&T volleyball program.

As a student at A&T Roulhac was an all-conference performer in volleyball each of her four years and graduated in 1987 with a degree in communications. Since assuming the role of head coach in 1994, Roulhac produced two 20-win seasons, two MEAC player-of-the-year award winners, two appearances in the conference championship and several all-conference and all-academic performers.



Roulhac

Since Roulhac had been at the helm the volleyball program appeared to be on the rise. In the wake of her departure the direction of the program seems uncertain at best.

Amelia Langi, the emotional leader of the team, will be lost to graduation. Stefani Eddins, a two-time all-conference performer and last year's team leader in kills and hitting percentage, is planning to transfer at the end of this year. Rising senior Judith Ball, the team's defensive specialist and the conference digs leader, has decided not to play volleyball her final year and instead plans to spend a semester studying overseas.

In nine years as the head volleyball coach, Roulhac compiled a 171-141 overall record. Last season the team finished third in the MEAC with an 8-2 record and advanced to the semi-final round of the conference tournament. Seven of the 11 players on last year's team were newcomers, but Roulhac was impressed with their development over the year and was looking forward to all the possibilities of next season.

"For us to be having the success that we're having this year is incredible," Roulhac said last November before the conference tournament. "It can only lead to great things in the future."

With the returning talent A&T seemed poised to jump to the top of the MEAC volleyball standings. Now, the team is without a coaching staff or recruits and the number of players coming back next season has shrunk tremendously.

"It (Roulhac's dismissal) affected everybody, but I already made my decision to stay," starter Tara Cote said. "I took into account everything, school and athletics, and not just this one incident."

Arlene Mitchell, an all-conference outside hitter last year, said Roulhac being fired was not good for the program but she was going to remain an Aggie.

"It's a big setback. A very big setback," Mitchell said.

When reached, Athletic Director Charles Davis said, "Kathy chose to pursue some other options."

Attempts to reach Roulhac were unsuccessful.

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major ideas for journalism students: to be knowledgeable about what is going on in the world, master the basics and work very hard.

"Journalist should ask themselves a personal question about what their weaknesses are and begin working on being proficient in grammar, spelling, accuracy and know media ethics," Dunlap said. "Students should work very hard to pass classes with great success, be savvy, and keep your eyes open."

She also recommended students to gather clips and tapes for whatever

industry they plan to enter, attend conventions and allocate time for volunteering. Dunlap hopes that A&T will not be a stranger to the institute.

"There is no reason why A&T will not be a part of the Poynter and I encourage students to visit us and learn more about the industry," Dunlap said.

She concluded the lecture by stating that time moves by quickly and students need to know the industry. "The time is now for students to be serious about what they do."

At the close of the program students from JOMC presented Dunlap with gifts representing A&T and commented on the useful tips she provided that can be used throughout their career.

"After hearing this wonderful message

I hope students have made the choice to become more eager and make a difference in the industry," said Gail Wiggins, assistant professor for JOMC.



Karen Brown Dunlap

EYE ON CRIME

These events took place the week of Feb. 24-29 according to Campus Police.

Larceny Hodgin Hall

A faculty member reported to the University Police department that a laptop computer she had in her office was missing. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time. This case was for-

warded to investigations.

Student Union

A student reported that someone had stolen her vehicle's license plate. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Drug Violation Aggie Suites

The Hall Director reported that she discovered marijuana seeds and residue

in a student's room. No criminal charges have been filed.

Sexual Harassment Campbell Hall

A student reported to the university Police Department that she was sexually harassed at Campbell Hall. Further investigation is pending in this matter.

Edwards still a force after leaving race

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. - John Edwards ended his pursuit of the presidential nomination amid speculation that his likable personality and optimism would return to the campaign trail if presumptive nominee John Kerry were to pick him for a running mate.

The freshman senator from North Carolina, who won over voters in part by avoiding negative campaigning, seemed certain to remain a force in the Democratic Party. After insisting for months that he wasn't interested in the vice presidency, his aides now suggest Edwards wouldn't turn down such an offer from Kerry.

Edwards came home Wednesday to announce formally his departure from the race at the Raleigh high school that two of his children once attended, including his son Wade, who died in 1996 at age 16 in a car accident.

Voters consistently gave Edwards high marks for his positive message, and his approval ratings topped the field. His "two Americas" campaign theme - that there are two Americas, one for the rich and powerful and the other for everybody else - struck a chord with many voters.

Edwards' upbringing was a central theme to his populist message, and he scarcely missed an opportunity to talk about his upbringing as the son of a textile mill worker who lost his job when the factory closed. Yet his sunny side and common-man approach didn't give Democrats enough reason to choose him over Kerry.

Edwards' appealing campaign style and high positives should serve him well in the future, Democratic strategists suggest. If Bush were re-elected in November, Edwards could run again in 2008.

Edwards lost all 10 Super Tuesday contests. His advisers had hoped victories in Georgia, Ohio and Minnesota would carry him into four March 9 primaries in the South.

Edwards, 50, became a millionaire as a plaintiff's trial lawyer, making most of his money in medical malpractice cases. His 1998 election to the Senate was his first attempt at public office.

Kerry has said he will "try to find the best person" as his-

running mate. While remaining noncommittal on whom that might be, Kerry said, "There is no doubt John Edwards brings a compelling voice to our party."

Edwards, who stepped up his criticism of Kerry only in the last week, called his four-term Senate colleague "my friend" and said, "He's run a strong, powerful campaign."

Not everyone is enthusiastic about the notion of a Kerry-Edwards ticket. The American Tort Reform Association asserted on Wednesday that choosing Edwards would be a liability to Kerry's race for the White House.

"Senator Edwards' campaign has been funded by personal injury lawyers who would drive a pro-litigation, anti-civil justice reform agenda," association President Sherman Joyce said. "Kerry should be wary of aligning himself with someone who is beholden to these Learjet lawyers."

Although he is only 10 years younger than Kerry, Edwards looks boyish and is relatively inexperienced in both government and international relations, liabilities in the eyes of some Democrats.

At the beginning of the year, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean was viewed as the front-runner, while both Kerry and Edwards were far back in the pack. Edwards rose dramatically after an unexpectedly strong second-place finish in Iowa. He won only a single state - South Carolina, where he was born - despite a string of strong second-place finishes.

He had been poised to withdraw on at least three previous election nights, beginning with South Carolina's primary a month ago, spokeswoman Jennifer Palmieri said. But each week he found something in the returns encouraging enough to continue - until Kerry won so many delegates Tuesday night.

"There was too big a gap," Palmieri said.

CORRECTION

Erica Franklin's name was spelled incorrectly in the Feb. 26 edition of The Register

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Rock what vote?

While North Carolina prepares for its presidential primaries in early May, an entire group of people within the state seem to be out of the loop.



Ashley Watkins

As of October 2003, the North Carolina County Statistics Report states that 18- to 25-year-olds are the smallest registered voter population in the state, accounting for only 10 percent of the total. This statistic is mind-boggling considering over half the state is made up of people 25 years old and under. Why aren't young people more interested in officially expressing their views when they have so much to say?

After speaking with a couple of students around the A&T campus, it was apparent their views were strong and unwavering.

Brandon Pierce, a senior print journalism major, expresses his concern.

"I feel like the candidates aren't addressing issues that concern me and people like me," Pierce continues. "We control this country in population, but we have no real control!"

Sophia Sanchez, a senior public relations major at A&T, says what she would like addressed by the presidential candidates.

"I am already in debt from student loans and I can't afford to go to summer school to finish up because I am

an out-of-state student," Sanchez says.

"I am graduating in December and the job market doesn't seem too promising for me, unfortunately," Pierce continues.

This uneasy sentiment seems to echo throughout the campus. Young people feel that the presidential campaign is simply not geared toward the younger generation. If the presidential candidates would reflect the values and concerns of the younger generation, this country might be in better shape than it is now.

However, if young people do not display a greater interest in voting, elections will continue to disclude them, and aim more towards groups that are making an effort. Unfortunately, young people are reaping what they sowed when President Bush was elected, and now he has managed to snub and ostracize an enormous portion of the population by attempting to ban gay and lesbian marriages. Little did we know that prejudice was a part of his campaign platform.

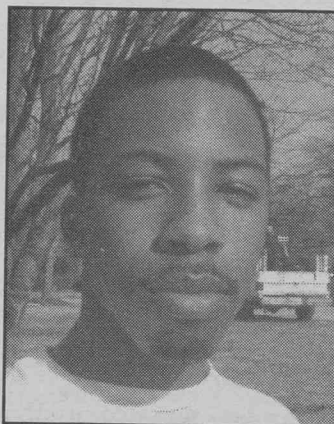
In the 2000 presidential elections, a recorded 18 million young people voted. Just imagine what a difference it could make if you voted this year. Maybe change an entire election?

As the future of this country, it is time for young people to stand up and be counted. Fortunately, every election is a chance to do this. Is this your year?

Ashley Watkins is a senior journalism and mass communication (public relations) major.

AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

What do you think of the reported steroid use in major league baseball?

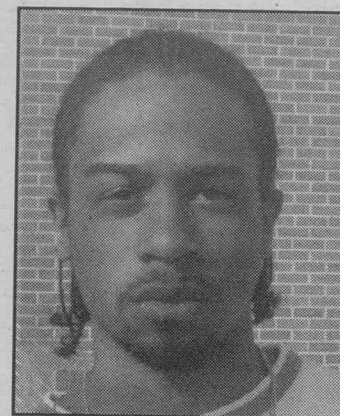


"These new steroid accusations will make others step up their game, so that when they perform, they are not to look at as steroid users, but that these abilities are their own natural talent."

Darnell Brame Jr., sophomore, mechanical engineering major

"I think that it has been going on for a while, but it's just now coming to the light. The records that have been set by people such as Barry Bonds, who took steroids from his trainer, are going to be looked at now."

Evan Shaw, junior, earth environmental science major



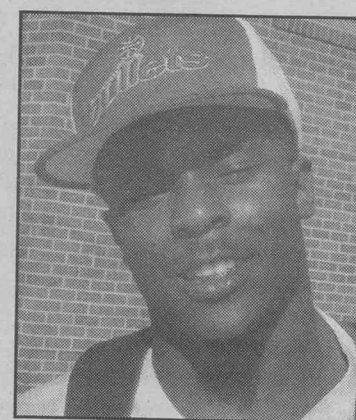
"I feel that a lot more testing will occur, but I don't think any serious repercussions will occur, especially not to the heavy hitters such as Sammy Sosa. Look at the issue with him corking his bat."

Shayla Brown, sophomore, business marketing major



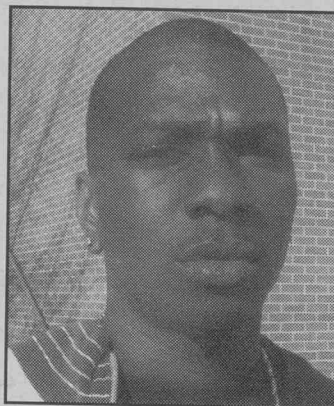
"I think that it's not fair to the other players. They are using a drug that clinically is misbalancing you system and it gives you an extra edge that other players don't have."

Michael Hendley, freshman, civil engineering major



"I think that it's not fair to the other athletes who don't use steroids. Use of steroids allow others to have an advantage over other athletes, such as breaking home run records, and higher batting averages. It also helps falsely to increase athlete abilities."

Joshua Gray, sophomore, construction management major



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Milestones in Women's History

Did you know that in 1926 Violette Neatly Anderson became the first African-American woman lawyer to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court?

Did you know that in 1931 Jackie Mitchell became the first woman to sign with a professional baseball club? She pitched against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, and struck them both out!

Did you know that in 1960 Teresa and Mary Thompson, aged eight and nine years old, became the youngest Americans ever granted a patent? They invented a solar teepee (called a Wigwarm) for their school science fair.

Did you know that in 1888 Matilda Sissieretta Joyner Jones became the first black singer to appear on stage at Wallack's Theater, and in 1892 Jones performed at the White House for President William Henry Harrison and in London before the Prince of Wales.

A&T to offer February One replicas

BY SHEVAUN J. LASSITER
Register Contributor

The February One statue that memorializes the A & T Four is now being offered by the North Carolina A & T University Foundation in a limited edition statue and commemorative coin.

Tired of racial segregation, A & T freshmen David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair, Jr., and Joseph McNeil, began a sit-in movement at F.W. Woolworth Store in Greensboro on Feb. 1, 1960. Their actions went down in history as students in eleven other cities followed their lead and held their own sit-ins.

In 2001, the A & T Four were honored by their alma mater when the 10 foot tall February One statue, created by Jim Barnhill, was dedicated to their history-making legacy. "The

whole process took about a year," Barnhill said of the bronzed statue.

Barnhill, North Carolina A & T Art professor, was approached by Chancellor Renick to create the memorial. He was given several photos to choose from of the A&T Four for his statue. Surprisingly, Barnhill chose a photo that was taken after the Woolworth sit-in of the four freshmen leaving the store.

"It was a more powerful scene... these guys striving forward, so to speak, than just sitting at a counter," Barnhill said.

The limited edition February One miniature statues are handmade replicas detailed to the same specifications as the original February One statue.

Standing on a marble base, the fine pewter figures come with several forms of authenticity. Each of the

only 5000 statues are numbered, laser engraved with Barnhill's signature, and come with a certificate of authenticity.

The February One Commemorative Coin, also created by Barnhill, is a 2.5 inch coin with the likeness of the A & T Four standing side by side. "February One" is engraved over the heads of the four A & T freshmen in the pewter coins.

Both commemorative pieces come with a picture of the original A & T Four, a black portfolio, and a summary of the events of Feb. 1, 1960 laser engraved on the right panel of the portfolio.

The Limited Edition February One statue and the Commemorative coin can be ordered by calling 1-866-271-8460. You can also order online at www.ncatfour.com.

Parker, Haynes to be guests on WNAA 90.1

FROM A PRESS RELEASE

Amelia Parker, the new executive director for the International Civil Rights Center and deputy director Robert Haynes will be the guests for N.C. A&T's Chancellor James C. Renick radio show Chancellor and Company at 10 a.m. Thursday, Mar. 11 and at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Mar. 19.

The show is aired on WNAA-FM Radio 90.1, directed by Tony Welborne, general manager for WNAA; and produced by Mable Scott, associate vice chancellor for university relations. WNAA-FM, 90.1 is the broadcast voice of A&T.

Duncan to speak

FROM A PRESS RELEASE

Quince Duncan, a Costa Rican novelist, human rights activist and professor will speak at N.C. A&T from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Mar. 19, in the General Classroom Building A-Auditorium. Duncan will discuss his book, "The Afro-Latino Experience: A Journey Through Time. This event is sponsored by the department of foreign languages, the Liberal Studies Program and the Consortium on Afro-Romance Studies. It is free and open to the public.

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Need to relax after midterms?

Try Yoga

BY JAIME BROWN
Register Contributor

Yoga can be relaxing, make you lose weight and balance your immune system all at once. This ancient spiritual practice has been practiced for over 5000 years. However, recently Americans have gone yoga crazy.

When you flip through the television channels, you run across someone doing this intense form of body stretching. When you flip through clothing catalogs you usually find a new section called "yoga wear." Also, when you're out shopping for aromatherapy or stress reduction products, you tend to run across yoga books as a supplementary aid. There must be a need for all of these items.

Americans are some of the most overweight people in the world and we're always looking for an easy way out.

In past years, the fitness trend was aerobics. This was evident in the '80s when women were purchasing clothes that fit the "aerobics instructor" look. For example, wearing leg warmers was more of a fashion statement than a necessity.

102 Jamz personality "Showdown" said, "I would do yoga if I knew how. I am very interested in losing weight and getting my body back to shape. A few of my girlfriends practice yoga and they feel like it calms them down while supplementing their weight loss. I haven't checked out any yoga places in the area but all around I hear that it's something good to know."

The original "yogis" were reacting in part to India's ancient Vedic religion, which emphasized rituals. The yogis wanted a direct spiritual ritual experience so they developed yoga.

Yoga means "union" in Sanskrit, the classical language of India.

According to the yogis, true happiness, liberation and enlightenment comes from the divine consciousness known as Brahman, or Atman, the transcendent Self.

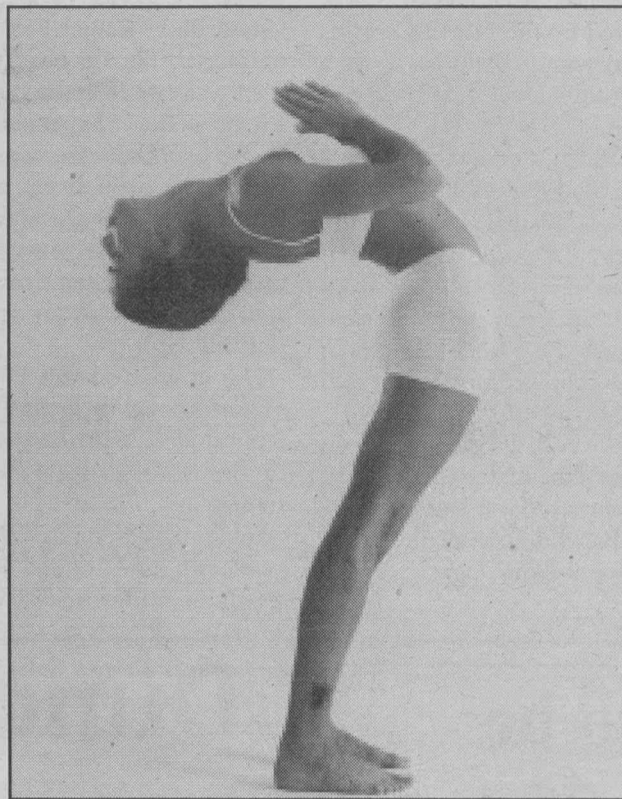


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Back-bend in prayer position

There are several different types of yoga. In Hatha yoga, for example, breathing and posture exercises are done in efforts to purify the mind, body and spirit. Following Hatha yoga, a few other types are: Classical, Postclassical, Vedic and Preclassical yoga.

Yoga is an exercise for everyone. Children should practice yoga as well. They also have stressful days. Homework, the pressure to compete with other children, endless after-school activities and overscheduling can all lead to adolescent stress.

Journalism and mass communication graduate Kiera

Drewery said, "Yoga is said to be a relaxed exercise. In my case after just having a baby, I wouldn't have to overexert my body."

Through relaxation, the nervous system can tell the immune system to settle down and stop fighting foreign antibodies. Practicing any yoga posture in a relaxing way with slow deep breathing, while having the intention to let go and relax causes a balance in the immune system, and can be very beneficial in decreasing the symptoms of allergies.

Even though some are skeptical of the practice, the numbers hold true that many are not. According to yogagroup.com, statistics showed that in May of 2000, 12, 470 people were interested in yoga by viewing the website. That is an average of 402 views per day, or about 17 views per hour. This can serve as an example of the large number of followers.

Along with the stretching and relaxing, yoga also has a few supplemental items that can make the workout effective. For example, yoga foods. These foods are called Ayurvedic Healing Foods. These foods enliven your body, stimulate repair and rejuvenate. Lassi, a beverage prepared by mixing two parts water and one part yogurt, is considered to be an excellent digestion aid. Aside from foods, there are also various types of yoga mats. These mats range anywhere from \$10.59 in bulk of 50 to \$17.95 alone. The best selling mat is the "Deluxe Classic" made from durable foam.

Senior journalism and mass communication major Sharon Roseborough said, "I love to be a trendsetter. I love to do what's in. It may sound superficial but changing with the times allows me to never be bored. Yoga is the so called 'thing' now."

Whether you want to become enlightened, have the need to shop, or enjoy eating healthy, yoga's a good trend to follow. If you're interested and in need for some deep relaxation, check out the Yoga Center of the Triad located on 515 College Road.

'Foot Fetish': Unique fashion for shoe lovers

BY SHEVAUN LASSITER
Register Contributor

Foot Fetish by Taj Mahal is the newest attraction for shoe lovers in Greensboro. The Randleman Road shoe store had its grand opening on Feb. 13.

Since then, eager shoppers from the well-known Wild Pair in the Four Seasons Mall have come to Foot Fetish expecting another Wild Pair.

According to Antwone Turner, store manager and partial owner of Foot Fetish by Taj Mahal, this store is different.

Turner describes the store as a "Northern store brought to the South that specializes in really out-there shoes." Foot Fetish is for "everyone who has a true love for shoes," Turner said.

He along with his two business partners boast of the uniqueness of their store. "It's all about you at Foot Fetish by Taj Mahal. We go with comfort too, not just style," Turner said. Each shoe is hand-picked by a man.

Those wanting to adorn the glammed-up shoes need to act fast because the shoes are great in selection, but small in quantity. Owners of the shoe store have decided that for each style, color, and brand of shoe, there will only be one in each size starting at size six.

"Everybody in Greensboro won't be wearing your shoes," Turner said.

Tiara Parker, who formerly worked with Turner at Wild Pair, has helped to drum up business for Foot Fetish by Taj Mahal.

If you can't find the shoe you want at Wild Pair, Foot Fetish by Taj Mahal is a store that might be recommended to you.

Dellene Webb, N.C. A&T nursing major, found out about the Randleman Road shoe store through Parker.

Webb visited the store on Feb. 28. "It was a real nice store," Webb said. For Webb the shoes were more mature than what she expected and for the shoe that caught her eye, the price range was "a little high."

Prices for their hand-picked stock of Steve Madden, Chinese Laundry, Lucini, and select Skechers, start at \$29.95. Shoe sizes vary but begin in size six and the store does carry half sizes. At the moment, Foot Fetish by Taj Mahal only carries women's shoes but hopes to carry men's shoes soon.

Foot Fetish by Taj Mahal is located at 2806-G Randleman Road in Greensboro. Hours of operation are 1-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday.

CIAA Tournament gets ball rolling for March Madness

BY SHARRI DUELL
Register Contributor

March Madness is here and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association was proud to celebrate its 59th annual basketball tournament.

The CIAA Tournament, which was held Feb. 23-28 in Raleigh, N.C., started off the ever-popular "March Madness."

Activities included a cheerleading competition, the crowning of the first Miss CIAA, Mignon Turner from Winston-Salem State University, Super Saturday Streetball Classic basketball game, step show, the CIAA/Ebony fashion show, battle of the bands and a Tom Joyner Morning Show "Sky Show."

Though there was a bit of inclement weather on Friday morning, it didn't stop avid followers of the TJMS Sky Show. Fans, defying the snow storm, came out in droves to see performances by The O'Jays, comedian Kim Coles, and the hilarious morning show cast of Myra J., Sybil, Joyner, Jay Anthony Brown and, of course, their psychic friend Miss Dupree.

The CIAA's battle of the bands competition featured bands from Johnson C. Smith University and Virginia State University. The winners of the step show were Winston-Salem State's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity of Elizabeth City State.

The Street Ball classic included the CIAA All-Stars against professionals from The Street Basketball Association. Some of the professionals included many that were featured on the AND 1 Mixtape Tour, ESPN Street Ball Tour, MTV/Magic Johnson's "Who's Got Game," and the Harlem Globetrotters and the Sprite Liquid Mix Tour.

The CIAA All-Stars went home with a victory in triple overtime.

The Mid Eastern Atlantic Conference will hold its 31st annual basketball tournament during spring break, March 8-13 in Richmond, Va. Activities for Thursday include "College Recruitment Day" and MEAC meet and greet.

On Friday activities include the Tom Joyner "Sky Show," a career fair, and the MEAC step show. Saturday is when all the action will take place during the women's and men's basketball championship games, cheerleading championship and the Russ Parr "Up to Parr" bringing this week to a close.

Fortified Entertainment: Making strides in the music industry

By JESSICA DE VAULT
Register Contributor

When it comes to the music business everybody wants to be a rapper, singer or producer. But, gone is the generation that waited for a record deal or waited to be discovered. Young people, especially college youth, are using their education to their advantage by forming their own companies and making their own business moves.

Among these bright and energetic students are Branden Thompson, Crystal Washington, Andre Pruitt and Donnie Berry. These four students created what is now known as "Fortified Entertainment," an entertainment company that has become popular on the open-mic/poetry circuit.

As in the music industry, each individual plays their part. Thompson is the company's rapper and is better known as "B-Star." Washington, aka "Soultry," is the singer of the group. Pruitt creates the beats and instrumentation for both artists. Berry is the CEO-type figure of the company that handles the books and other financial responsibilities.

In the beginning, in Fayetteville, Pruitt and Thompson had an interest in music. By high school the two young men met Washington, but were unaware of her talent. Upon graduation from high school Thompson went to Rhode



Members of Fortified Entertainment

Island to attend school at Johnson and Wales University. Pruitt came to A&T, and Washington attended UNCG.

While in Rhode Island, Thompson met Berry and the two became friends. Shortly thereafter Thompson and Berry began to sell mix tapes. Simultaneously, in Greensboro, Pruitt had been doing the same. Two years would pass and Thompson, after receiving his associate's degree in advertising, and Berry receiving his associate's in accounting, returned to Greensboro.

Thompson immediately immersed

himself in the popular open-mic event, "The Collective." He was allotted the opportunity to perform occasionally and attendees of the program soon asked why he hadn't come out with an album yet.

"I wasn't with a label and I would talk to Donnie about it," Thompson said, "and then he was like, 'Well, let's start our own label!'"

It wasn't long before Berry, Thompson and Pruitt came together. Thompson soon met with Washington again and discovered she could sing.

Thompson gave her an opportunity to sing the hook for his track "Better Days," and she was later added to the group. In January 2003, Fortified Entertainment emerged.

It's been over a year since the future music moguls became a company and while all of them juggle school, part-time jobs and performing, they insist that their hard work will pay off.

"You know that's what makes us different," Thompson said, "Most companies prematurely make the decision to put school last, but we're doing it all."

Pruitt agreed. "Yea, a lot of the software I use I eventually learned on my own," Pruitt said, "But a lot of the small technical tidbits that come along with it were learned through my major."

Thompson believed that they had an advantage because they already had their associate's degrees in accounting and advertising. Also, the group prides itself on giving everyone an equal role and say in company matters.

So what does the future hold for Fortified Entertainment? They all agree that their future is bright, and their company is progressing. They are currently building a studio and working on a CD.

Fortified Entertainment can be seen at The Collective and other open-mic events.

76th annual Academy Award winners

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Actor in Supporting Role

-Tim Robbins, "Mystic River"

Actress in Leading Role

-Charlize Theron, "Monster"

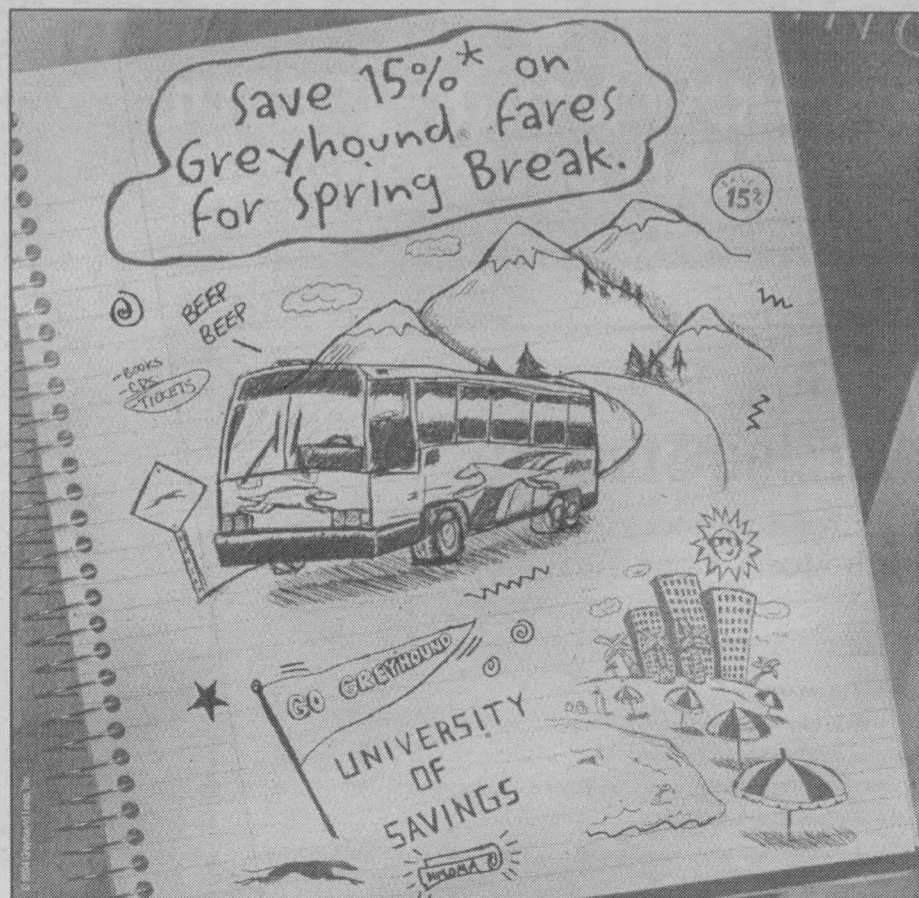
Actress in Supporting Role

-Renee Zellweger, "Cold Mountain"

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Vintage Aggie jersey reproduced

By **CHAD ROBERTS**
Register Contributor

The throwback jersey fashion is nothing new. Literally.

The style of wearing the replica of a past athlete's jersey or uniform started in the hip-hop community some years ago.

The throwback jersey gained even more attention when Ruben Studdard of "American Idol" fame wore a different one during each week of competition.

The more popular jerseys are the throwbacks from the National Football League and the National Basketball Association. However, college jerseys are starting to gain more popularity.

Present-day players like Terrell Owens of the San Francisco 49ers and Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons are starting to see their old college jerseys on sale, and even the high school jerseys of players like Kevin Garnett are being worn in music videos, on college campuses and anywhere else fashion trends are established.

Now, thanks to the work of a few forward-thinking black college graduates, athletes from black universities are being forever immortalized with their own retro jerseys courtesy of Vintage Sports Apparel.

The company was officially incorporated in May 2003 and is striving to honor the history of black athletes as well as the schools they came from.

Emmitt Gill is the founder of VSA, and he researched and recruited some of the best ballplayers in black college history to replicate their jerseys.

Originally, his plan was to be a retailer for Mitchell and Ness, a large white-owned company out of Philadelphia that produces the majority of throwback jerseys on the market.

"We were denied the opportunity by Mitchell & Ness to become an authorized dealer," Gill said. "They didn't take any of our calls. We tried to convince them that we would be a great authorized dealer, but they weren't hearing it," Gill said.

Instead of continuing to try to deal with Mitchell & Ness, Gill

and his associates decided to start their own company.

Gill graduated from Howard and his father from Winston-Salem State, so they decided to focus on black schools. Hampton's Rick Mahorn and A&T's Al Attles were two of the first athletes to have their jerseys reproduced by VSA.

"It's a great honor, obviously, to have somebody do that," Attles said. "It looks like the one we had when I was in school. You have to understand, I was in school along time ago."

"It's just a rich history," Gill said. "We know if nobody supports it, at least the students and alumni will. And that's a pretty significant number of folk," he said.

Al Attles was point guard on the A&T men's basketball teams from 1957-59. During his time on the team, the Aggies won back-to-back CIAA championships in 1958 and 1959.

The 1959 team, regarded by many as the greatest in school history, was the first from a historically black college or university to advance to the NCAA Division II national tournament. With Attles running the point guard position, the formerly unheralded Aggies finished third in the national tournament.

"Al Attles was a top ballplayer. He knew the fundamentals, a good team player," former A&T sports hall of fame president Helburn 'Bud' Meadows said. "Al Attles could do anything on the floor."

Attles was also known to be a good guy off the court as well. He is remembered as a respectful, young man who earned his degree and stayed out of trouble.

"He was one of those guys who didn't get in trouble. He was clean-cut, no doubt about that," Meadows said.

After college, Attles went on to play professional basketball in California for the Golden State Warriors, then known as the San Francisco Warriors.

He teamed with Wilt 'The Stilt' Chamberlain in March of 1962 to set the NBA record for most points by a pair of teammates

with 117. Wilt scored 100 and Attles poured in 17.

When his playing days were over, Attles took over as head coach. He guided Golden State to the league's best record and a sweep of the Washington Bullets for the NBA championship in 1975, becoming the first coach from an HBCU to do so.

His jersey is one of only five to be retired by the team. Since 1987, Attles has been a key member of the Warriors' front office, where currently serves as vice president of the franchise.

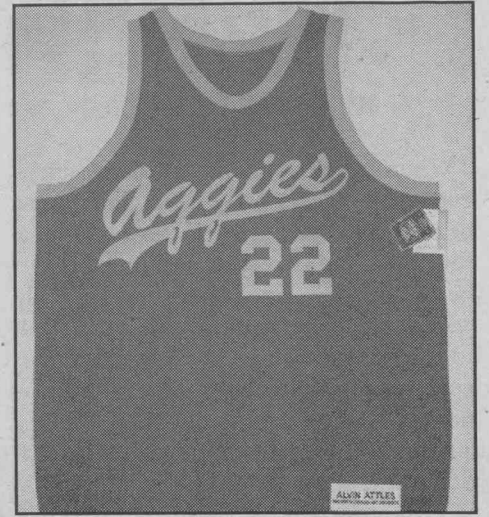


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Al Attles' 1959 basketball jersey.

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Aggies drop two in Florida

By JULIUS MCKINLEY JR.
Register Contributor

Terrence Woods led four players from Florida A&M (11-14, 10-6 MEAC) in double figures with 27 points in a key 81-70 win over N.C. A&T on Saturday, Feb. 28, in Tallahassee, Fla.

Woods shot 8-of-16 from the floor, including 6-of-14 from behind the three-point line to lead the Rattlers. Michael Harper chipped in with 16 points and grabbed a team high nine rebounds. Richard Russell added 12 and Demarcus Wilson poured in 11.

Free throw shooting played an important part in the outcome. The two teams combined for 51 free throws in the final 20 minutes of play. FAMU shot 22-of-30 from the foul line, while the Aggies shot 7-of-21 in the second half.

"We missed 14 straight free throws," says head coach Jerry Eaves of the Aggies. "Our kids played hard. They should have won the game. We controlled the game, but we missed a lot of opportunities."

During the first half, both teams came out hot as FAMU shot 62.5 percent from the field. They connected on 15-of-24 including an incredible 7-of-14 from behind the arc. The Aggies shot 51.5 percent from the field, but were down by five at intermission.

The second half was a total contrast to the first half. The teams both cooled off as both teams shot a horrible 31.8 percent from the floor. The Rattlers won the rebounding battle, 40-30, and turned 25 A&T turnovers into 31 points for FAMU.

Freshman Sean Booker led the Aggies with 24 points as he shot 9-of-15 from the field, including 4-of-8 from three point range. Booker was the only Aggie in double figures. Steven Koger added eight points for the Aggies and Chris Ferguson grabbed 11 rebounds. Brian Faulcon scored six points and added a team-high five assists.

"Booker played well, he gave us a much-needed offensive punch off of the bench," said Eaves. "He also helped us on the boards as well."

The Aggies traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla., on Monday, March 1 to fall

61-51 to a tough Bethune-Cookman (7-12, 6-11 MEAC) basketball team.

The Wildcats held the Aggies (3-23, 3-14 MEAC) to only five field goals in the second half on 5-of-24 shooting and just 8-of-15 from the charity stripe. The Wildcats shot an amazing 61.9 percent in the second half, connecting on 13-of-21 from the field and 3-of-7



Adrina Greenlee Register Contributor

The Aggies will face South Carolina State on Saturday.

from long range. They outscored the Aggies 34-18 in the second half.

Anis Taylor led three Wildcats in scoring with a game-high 16 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the field including 3-of-6 from behind the three-point line. Diondre Larmond added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Michael Williams also chipped in 12 points on a perfect 5-of-5 from the field. Taylor, Larmond and Williams comprised the entire bench for the Wildcats and outscored the Aggies' bench 38-27.

Sean Booker was the only Aggie in double figures and recorded his first career double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Aggies. Chris Ferguson added nine points for the Aggies.

The Aggies will close out the regular season at S.C. State on Saturday night. Game time is set for 7:30.

Lady Aggies fall to FAMU and Bethune-Cookman

By CHANDRE DEAN
Register Contributor

Tia Richardson scored a career-high 23 points, but was not enough to overtake the women of Florida A&M (15-10, 11-15 MEAC) as they defeated the A&T 68-53 at Gaither Gym on Saturday, Feb. 28, in Tallahassee Fla.

The Lady Rattlers were led in scoring by Elana Greene with 20 points and four steals on the night, jumped out to a 33-19 lead at the half.

Greene had a perfect night at the free throw line, going 6-of-6, and 7-of-13 from the floor.

Richardson went 3-of-6 from the free throw line, while shooting 10-of-14 from the field. Teammate Camille Akins, who is currently MEAC fourth leading scorer with 14.9 points per game, shot just 3-of-14 from the floor landing nine points on the night.

Yanumbe Sherman was held to six points, going just 2-of-10 from down town.

In the first half the Lady Aggies went 6-of-25 from field goal range. FAMU went 12-of-28 from the floor shooting 42.9 percent in the first half.

Coming out in the second half, the A&T women improved their shooting to 44.2 percent. FAMU making their presence a little better known came out making 48.4 percent of their baskets count.

Contributing to the Lady Rattlers victory was Yolanda Dixon with nine points and five assists, along with Clouttia Young who put up nine points as well. Diedre Tyus had eight points on the night. To go along with her four points, Quidara Russell crashed the boards with a game high of nine rebounds.

Two days after being defeated by the Lady Rattlers, the Lady Aggies traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla., where they took on the Lady Wildcats (12-13, 9-8 MEAC) of Bethune-Cookman College. The Lady Aggies suffered another defeat with a final score 92-64. This recorded for the highest scoring of

the season for the Lady Wildcats.

The Lady Aggies have lost their last 11 games, and are currently seeded 11th in the MEAC rankings.

Helping the Wildcats with their victory over A&T, was leading scorer Jessica Stevens. Stevens scored 19 points on the night with 15 coming from the first half. Teammates Latonya Reed cashed in 15 points, while Sarah Johnson added 10.

Leading the way for the Aggies (6-21, 3-14) was Akins with 22 points.



Tawanda Jackson scored 15 points on the night while Sherman added 13 and had five steals for the Lady Aggies. Also putting up points for the Aggies was Richardson, as she ended the night with nine points.

The Aggies shot just 34.6 percent from field goal range, while the Wildcats went 17-of-35 at 48.6 percent in the first half. At the end of the first half, the Lady Wildcats doubled what A&T had with the scoreboard reading 50-25.

During the second half both teams, percentages dropped from field goal range. The Lady Aggies shot just 32.4 percent on the night, and the Wildcats were 44.1 percent for on the game.

The Lady Aggies will travel to Orangeburg, SC, on March 6 to finish the regular season against the ladies of South Carolina State. Tip off is set for 5:30 pm.

Aggies split doubleheader with Bulldogs

By GREGORY BOND
Sports Editor

The N.C. A&T Aggies baseball team came into play on a 10-game losing streak dating back to last season. The Aggie finally snapped their losing streak against Gardner-Webb as they split a doubleheader on Monday, March 1, at War Memorial Stadium.

The game was played on March 1 due to the poor field conditions from the snowstorm from last week.

In game one, the Aggies shutout Gardner-Webb 3-0 off of freshman pitcher Ian DiGiorgio to received his first win of his college career. DiGiorgio (1-4) pitched a complete game by striking out five and only allowing four hits in the game.

Tim Johnson was the key player of the game by hitting going 2-for-2 for two RBI's on the night. Duron Legrande hit a RBI single with two outs to add on to the scoring.

The Bulldogs had opportunities to get on the scoreboard, but stranded three runners in the first inning.

"In the first game, the left-hander pitcher (DiGiorgio), every time we made a threat, boy he got that strikeout," said Bulldogs' head coach Rusty Stroupe. "So I think that the first game was a credit to him."

Gardner-Webb's pitcher Jeff Long (1-2) had a rough game pitching six innings, scattered seven hits, allowing three earned runs and struck out six batters during the game.

In game two, Gardner-Webb's pitcher Joey Siak pitched four scoreless innings as the Bulldogs bounced back to defeat the Aggies 7-0 for the Bulldogs' second shutout of the year.

Siak (2-0) held the Aggies to only two hits in his second game of the season. Siak has not allowed a single run in 13 straight innings.

"I think their left-hander (Siak) that started the game did an outstanding job," said Aggies' head coach Keith Shumate. "He just change speed on us. We have a young ball club and we got to learn to hit those guys."

Already leading 1-0 at the top of the third, Ryan Quirello hit a 2-run double and RBI groundout by Matt Higginston to lead 3-0 after the third.

Quirello hit a perfect 4-for-4 from the plate with five RBIs on the night.

Aggies' starting pitcher Michael Hauff (0-3) pitched only three innings, allowed four hits, four runs and six strikeouts on the night.

The Aggies had a rough night against the Bulldogs' defense. The Aggies had only five hits on the night. Austin Love and Joel Battle each had two hits on the night.

"It was very important," said Stroupe. "I thought our pitchers did a good job of bearing down. We got a good defensive plays and good strikeouts."

The Aggies will face off against Savannah State over the weekend at War Memorial Stadium on March 6-7. Game time is at 1 p.m. for both games. The Aggies will play Duke University in Durham on March 9 at 1 p.m.

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Who will be the first pick in the NFL Draft?

Greg- "If I was San Diego, I would pick Eli Manning. You cannot go wrong with Archie's son and Peyton's brother."

Chad- "Assuming San Diego picks first, they'll probably take Manning."

Which team received the best from the Clinton Portis-Champ Bailey trade?

Greg- "Denver got the best from the trade because they have one of the best cornerbacks in the game, a second round pick in the draft and Quentin Griffin will keep the Broncos' running game on track."

Chad- "In Denver's system, I could probably run for 1,000 yards."

Which team do you think will win the NBA Finals?

Greg- "With the LA Lakers being hurt and Dallas still unable to play defense, the Sacramento Kings will finally get that monkey off their back and will win the NBA Finals."

Chad- "I'm going to go with an underdog and pick the Indiana Pacers over the Kings."

Who is your pick for Rookie of the Year? Why?

Greg- "No disrespect to LeBron James, but I'm picking Carmelo Anthony. He has the Nuggets in the playoff hunt in the Western Conference and James' team is currently 10th in a weak Eastern Conference."

Chad- "Darko Milicic! Nah, LeBron is Rookie of the Year. His impact on the game has been tremendous."

Do you believe a majority of MLB players are cheating with steroids?

Greg- "It's sad to say that I believe most of the players are using steroids. Why won't the players' union let the players be tested for steroid use? Makes you wonder."

Chad- "I'm sure a lot of baseball players use steroids, but a majority? Yeah, a majority of the Yankees!"

Who is your pick between UNC-Duke on Saturday?

Greg- "I'm a Tar Heel fan, but UNC will fall to Duke because the Tar Heels is too inconsistent and can't play defense."

Chad- "I pick Duke because of their tenacious defense and three-point shooting. It'll be a close game."

NFL Roundup

Bears Agree to Deals With Quinn, Thomas

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) The Chicago Bears found backups at quarterback and running back Wednesday, agreeing to a two-year deal with Jonathan Quinn and a four-year contract with Thomas Jones.

Jones, chosen by Arizona with the seventh overall pick of the 2000 draft, was a disappointment with the Cardinals and was traded before last season to Tampa Bay. He rushed for 364 yards a 4.58 average in 16 games, three of which he started and had 24 receptions. Anthony Thomas is expected to remain Chicago's starter.

Quinn spent the past two seasons with Kansas City as a reserve behind Trent Green and rejoins new Bears offensive coordinator Terry Shea, formerly the Chiefs' quarterbacks coach.

The 6-6, 240-pound Quinn was listed as the third quarterback in all 16 regular season games for the Chiefs for the past two years and previously spent four years in Jacksonville as a backup to Mark Brunell. He also played in NFL Europe.

The Bears' starter is Rex Grossman, with Chris Chandler in reserve. Kordell Stewart was cut earlier in the week.

Detroit Lions Release Safety Corey Harris

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) The Detroit Lions released safety Corey Harris on Wednesday.

Harris, a 12-year veteran who started 13 games last season, was released a day after the Lions parted ways with running back James Stewart, defensive tackle Luther Elliss and wide receiver Bill Schroeder.

Harris missed the final three games of the season after tearing his hamstring Dec. 7.

Top Ten NBA Teams So Far

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1. Sacramento Kings: The Kings have the best record in the NBA so far. Peja Stojakovic is having a MVP season by averaging 25 points per game without the Kings' best player Chris Webber. C-Webb is back and will give the Kings a more dominate inside game.

2. Minnesota Timberwolves: Kevin Garnett begged and pleaded and finally received some help. With the addition of Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell, the T-Wolves may finally get out of the first round for once.

3. Dallas Mavericks: Dallas has one of the best offenses in the league with the additions of Antawn Jamison and Antoine Walker. Can they play enough defense to reach the finals?

4. San Antonio Spurs: The Spurs' chances of winning the NBA Finals are slim if they can't get two-time MVP Tim Duncan back from injury. Their role players must last long enough without Duncan to keep the fourth spot in the playoff.

5. L.A. Lakers: With all of the hype of the Lakers winning 70 games with Kobe Bryant, Shaq, Karl Malone and Gary Payton, this team has underachieved big time at this point. If this team can heal up from injury and get along for once, the Lakers can be the dominating force they were supposed to be.

6. Indiana Pacers: With Jermaine O'Neal being a dominating force inside the paint and Ron Artest playing excellent defense, this team can compete against the Nets and the Pistons for the Eastern Conference title.

7. New Jersey Nets: When Byron Scott was fired, everybody thought he was treated unfairly. When Lawrence Frank started to coach, they went on a winning streak and now they are back one of the top teams to compete for the Eastern Conference title.

8. Houston Rockets: Yao Ming is playing tougher than last year and Steve Francis is still giving opponents a hard time stopping him. Head Coach Jeff Van Gundy has made this team a contender for a playoff spot. Lots of teams should not sleep on the Rockets when playoff time comes.

9. Detroit Pistons: Detroit needed offense to compete with the Pacers and the Nets. They received it with the acquiring of Rasheed Wallace in the trade from Atlanta gives the team some offensive help. Let's hope that Rasheed doesn't get thrown out on key games.

10. Memphis Grizzlies: Don't look shocked because I picked this team. The Grizzlies are having their best season ever in their history. With Head Coach Hubie Brown coaching a very young team and GM Jerry West putting the right pieces together, they have improved tremendously in the Western Conference.

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