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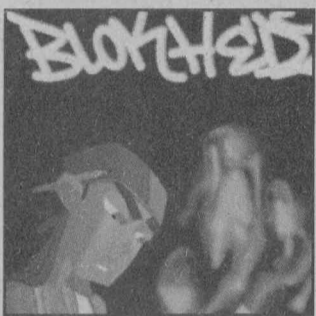
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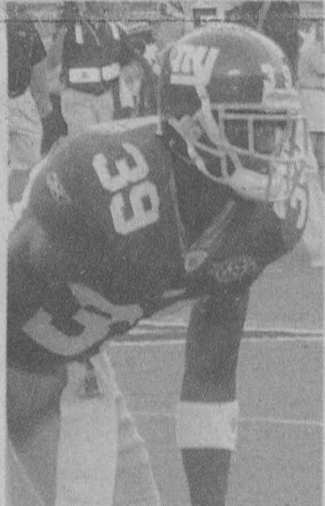
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North Carolina A&T State University

A&T ENROLLMENT SURPASSES 10,000 MORE...OR LESS?



photo by Chad Roberts

The enrollment of A&T soared well above 10,000 students for the fall 2004 semester, and many of them descended on Brown Hall Aug. 28 to get tickets for the SGA Homecoming concert, which will feature R. Kelly and Jay-Z.

More: Enrollment reaches record level for fifth straight year

By Erica Franklin
Senior Writer

It is amazing how the student body of North Carolina A&T State University keeps growing. So many new faces can be seen walking across campus.

According to the Director of Admissions, Lee Young, the estimated enrollment for 2004 is 10,386 students compared to last year's 10,030 students. The freshman class, consisting of 2,256 students, grew from last year's 2,240 students. There has also been a growth in both transfer and graduate students. There are now 466 transfer students and 433 new graduate students.

Since Chancellor Renick was appointed in 1999, A&T has gained almost 3,000 new students. Lee Young said, "It is exciting to see the vitality on campus. There is a major increase of diversity not only in race, but also in age and gender. More people believe in 'Aggie Pride.'"

There are four important groups who determine how many students are able to enroll at A&T. The most important is the UNC System. This group projects enrollment estimates from the number of expected high school graduates in its major recruitment areas. The Chancellor's Cabinet, comprised of eight members, looks at the amount of

resources available, such as housing, ratio of students per professor and technology. The Enrollment Management Team, consisting of Admissions, Financial Aid and the Registrar's office, discusses the availability of services on campus. Finally, Demographics make estimates according to numbers related to the human population.

There are several factors that help to influence the groups' estimations. Plant size, or the size of the campus including housing and classroom sizes, is one of the most important factors. The 18 percent out-of-state cap also affects projected enrollment. Another factor is the college profile that A&T wants to fit. A college's profile is the overall image of the school (number of students, graduation rates, degree programs, etc.).

In comparison with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, A&T still has a smaller student body. UNCG's estimated 14,775 students for 2004. Although A&T is not yet that populated, it is still thriving.

However, this increasing enrollment has its drawbacks. Classrooms are crowded, parking is limited, and on-campus housing is scarce. Many students are upset about

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By the numbers

356
increase in new freshmen from last year

2,256
total number of freshmen enrolled in 2004

1,010
students the now-demolished Scott Hall could hold

896
number of students the new Scott and Pride Hall combined can hold

160
students living in hotels to start the 2004 semester

3,000
increase in enrollment since 1999, Renick's first year

Less: Enrollment boom leads to housing, parking shortages

By Jessica Devault
Senior Writer

Dorm living takes on a new meaning for 160 Aggies this semester. Moving into a cramped dorm with a roommate or two is tradition for college students across the nation; however at A&T many find themselves staying in a hotel, motel or Holiday Inn, literally. Despite the recent creation of Pride and Scott Hall the Housing department was forced to reserve rooms at the Quality Inn and the Holiday Inn Express to house the extra students. Even though the majority of the students returned to campus on Aug. 26 there was still a number of students located in unconventional housing.

Shipping students to off-campus boarding locations isn't new for A&T. With Cooper Hall down for renovations, Housing had to send 70 students to the Travel Lodge last Fall. Housing also had to rent housing from Riverwalk, a nearby apartment complex. This year, not only is Riverwalk still considered a student "dorm", but Northwinds apartments have also been added to house the remaining 33 students for the semester.

Leonard Jones, the newly-hired Housing Director, was sent in to tackle the recent problems two months ago. Jones has had ample experience

housing students. Recently an associate director for DePaul University and an assistant director for Michigan State prior to that, Jones has made a name for himself. All of the universities under his occupational belt boasted well over 21,000 students.

Since his arrival, Jones made due with the current situation. By setting aside 300 beds in the two hotels Jones would be prepared for the student overflow. The students would only temporarily stay in the hotels and return to campus shortly thereafter.

"We told their parents in the beginning that it would be temporary," Jones said. "We had a number of students who didn't show up, whether it was because they weren't validated or found other housing."

Despite the students' immediate return to the campus, much was to be said about the wait-and-see-what-happens policy A&T had taken up. This strategy has existed for the past five years and has only worsened as freshmen enrollment increased.

What had the Housing department planned to do if there weren't any rooms available after the validation deadline? Jones insisted that the University would always be in the business of helping stu-

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Q & A

The Exclusive
By
Patrice Withers



Chancellor James C. Renick

Q: Where is A&T at with forming the millennium campus with UNCG? Where is it located at and what is the size of it?
A: The North Campus is located at the old property for the School of the Death and the South Campus sits on the 80-acre farm on Lee St. The A&T and UNCG millennium campus will be similar to N.C. State and the Research Triangle Park (RTP). This campus will support the research mission of both campuses, a recruitment tool for graduates and it will also include businesses.

Q: Are there any benefits/new opportunities to come from this millennium campus?
A: This will bring research opportunities for students and faculty. Also we will work closely with business industries. This will bring jobs to the area for our graduates. All one has to do is look at the success at RTP to see what they have done over a period of years.

Q: What is the plan for record breaking enrollment numbers in terms of space?
A: We have to utilize our space as efficiently as possible. It is to be that students could take all of their classes in one particular area and that is what was. The current pattern on colleges and universities is people use any space at any particular time that is not being used. This is the new model, which is more efficient in the space they have. We have built a significant number of new spaces here on campus that will accommodate increasing numbers of students. I think second semester we will see additional space on campus because the renovation of Crosby

and Merrick will be completed. It is a balancing act you have to build and provide classes for students. Our people in facilities have done an incredible job given that you have got to build, renovate, and conduct business at the same time. I think students will be continually pleased with the quantity and quality of space we will have. These are growing pains but if we keep our eye on the prize, the prize meaning an enhanced environment for our students everything will work itself out.

Q: I am very excited about to see two new dormitories opening, however we still have a housing shortage. How do you explain the situation of students staying in hotels?
A: We have to accommodate some students off campus until we find out how many students are going to return back to on campus housing. By in large may students that were staying in hotels have been moved back to campus. We are housing over 4,000 students. It got more complicated this semester because Morrison was suppose to open back up this fall. Also next fall the second half of Scott replacement will open. It's just how do you balance enrollment pattern with available housing. Growing pains are real and we just have to deal with them.

Q: Since the tearing down of the historic Scott Hall is there an archive location where people can view the bricks with the bullet holes?
A: We have preserved the bullet hole wall but we haven't sited it yet.

Q: Once again parking is a major issue for students and faculty has A&T ever considered not letting freshman drive?

A: Part of the problem is that many of our freshman work and go to school, which they need their cars so if we have a policy not letting freshman drive that will inhibit their ability to generate income. What we have tried to do is add more parking spaces here on campus. It is possible that years down the road we decide that freshman leave their cars at home but when I talk to students freshman don't seem to be excited about that.

Q: Recently Sue Schwartz wrote in a letter to the editor that Senator Kay Hagan sponsored a bill for A&T to receive a \$6.7 million for a parking deck. When is the parking deck scheduled to open?

A: Once we decide where to locate the deck it will take six to eight months to complete the 500-space deck. You can always find a parking space on N.C. A&T's campus it just might not be where you are going directly to class. I have warned students excluding homecoming if they come to my office and say they can't find parking space on campus I will pay for their parking for two years. No one has come to my office yet. Other campuses have a more serious parking issue than we do.

Q: Although know new parking lots opened this year, parking decals were raised from \$125 to \$200, what was the reasoning for this?

A: It is like anything else prices continue to increase. Compared to other campuses in the

UNC system we are in the mid to lower range for parking. Maintenance cost, personnel cost, shuttles, and more officer's increases parking fees.

Q: I'm sure your outlook on athletics is great for this school term considering we were the MEAC 2003 Football Champions. Has A&T given any more thought about us becoming division one?

A: Not really, we gave it a lot of thought but we came to the conclusion that it wouldn't add any value to A&T. We decided not to do it and I think that was a really good decision.

Q: Has A&T received any budget cuts for the 2004-2005 school term?

A: Yes, we have received some budget cuts for this year of about \$1 million.

Q: What year do you anticipate the master plan to be officially over with? How far are we away from reaching the goal?

A: The master plan is not near the end. A&T has been a working progress for 113 years so we have made some progress but we have a lot more to make. It is amazing what is happening here. The science building is being built, a School of Education will be built, their will be more workout space for students and an alumni center will be built, which will be funded by the University foundation. I am really happy and excited about the development and our ability to execute the master plan.

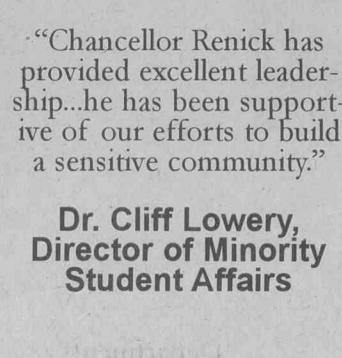
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- ▶ Doctorate in public administration from Florida State University
- ▶ MSW from Kansas University
- ▶ BA from Central State University
- ▶ Wife Peggy Renick, one daughter

CAMPUS SPEAKS



"Since he has become the head of this university he has done extraordinary things."

**Gail Favors,
Bluford Library
Archivist**



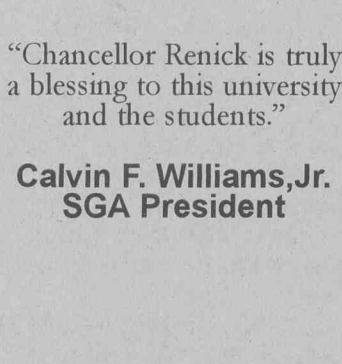
"Chancellor Renick has provided excellent leadership...he has been supportive of our efforts to build a sensitive community."

**Dr. Cliff Lowery,
Director of Minority
Student Affairs**



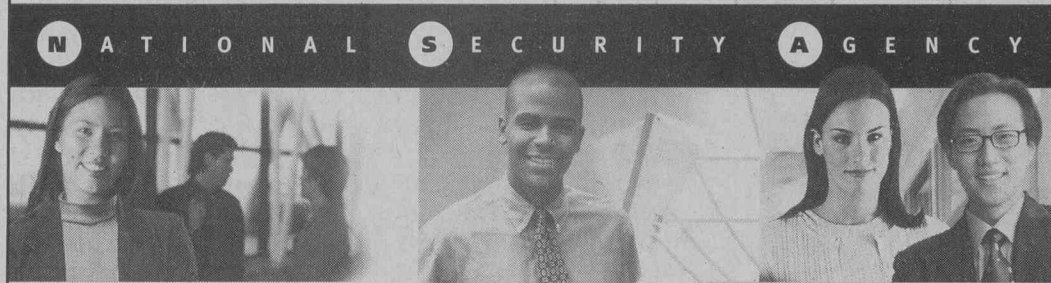
"A&T is experiencing a total transformation because the Chancellor has been like Nehemiah...focused!"

**Mable Scott,
Assoc. Vice
Chancellor for
University Relations**



"Chancellor Renick is truly a blessing to this university and the students."

**Calvin F. Williams, Jr.
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Construction Continues in 2004; Holt, Old Scott Hall demolished

By Karina Hardy
Online Editor

If you are a returning student or a new student, you cannot help but notice the new changes taking place at A&T. The construction is a part of the NC A&T \$161.8 million dollar Construction Program with the money going towards renovation, new construction and other projects on the A&T campus.

Since 1999, A&T has been undergoing a face lift including new resident halls, new classroom facilities and other new additions to campus.

On-campus housing has been on the one of the issues on the top of the list. Housing has been extremely limited for the last few years. According to the A&T 2003 Fact Book from the Office of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research at NCA&T, 29 percent of those enrolled at A&T resided on campus and 99 percent of the housing facilities on campus were utilized.

A&T is now working to eliminate this problem through building and renovating residence halls.

This year, A&T completed phase I of the New Scott Hall and Pride Hall both totaling 896 beds combined. The residence halls consist of mostly suites style units, which include two bathrooms, single bedrooms and a common living area. They also provide students with study rooms, computer rooms, storage rooms and laundry facilities.

This summer, A&T demolished Scott Hall, which many considered a historic site. Alumni such as Jesse Jackson Sr., Ralph Shelton, NFL Hall of Famer Elvin Bethea, N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Henry E. Frye and the esteemed A&T Four were housed in the Scott Hall. However, the 53-year-old building according to supervisor of the physical plant, Bill Barlo "would have been too costly to renovate due to its numerous problems."

In its place will be two additional buildings to the current New Scott

facility.

Holt hall was also demolished this summer with plans to replace it with a campus events center.

"Before we demolished Holt Hall, we realized that there were many services that Holt Hall offered in its gym that were not offered anywhere else on campus," said Barlo.

"With that at hand a decision was made to add on to the Health and Fitness facility at the Aggie Suites to give a location for those services to be housed," added Barlo.

Renovations for Morrison hall are now in their last phases. Morrison will have an elevator on the east side of the building as well as central air conditioning in each room. "Morrison hall was remodeled internally. No changes were made to the outside of the building because it is in the location of a historical land mark," said Barlo.

As A&T tries to compete with other schools in the UNC system, new teaching facilities are being offered to students and faculty.

Early this spring, A&T began construction for the New Science Building located behind Hines hall.

"Departments from Barnes, Cherry, Gibbs hall will relocate into the new facility."

The reconstruction of Crosby and Merrick are expected to be completed by the beginning of the spring semester.

Adjacent to Crosby Hall, Paul Robeson Theater received a total remodeling.

"Paul Robeson Theatre has been remodeled with handicapped accessible seats, new carpet, new seats and new lighting and a handicapped ramp onto the stage and bathrooms on the first floor," said Loal Johnson, construction worker with JH Allen Construction Company.

Including the construction and remodeling taking place on campus there are additions that are being made.

William's cafeteria

has a new event stage edition to its two-year-old structure.

"Additions to the cafe will have electrical outlets in the stage and padding in the front of the stage," said Johnathan Foland, construction worker with JH Allen Construction Company.

"That project will be completed by homecoming of this year," added Foland.

Additions are also being made to the Health and Fitness center at the Aggie Suites to house several services that Holt Hall once offered.

In the next few years, A&T plans to begin the renovation of Barbee Hall, Harrison Auditorium, construction for the new School of Education facility and a parking deck. All projects are expected to be completed by 2007.

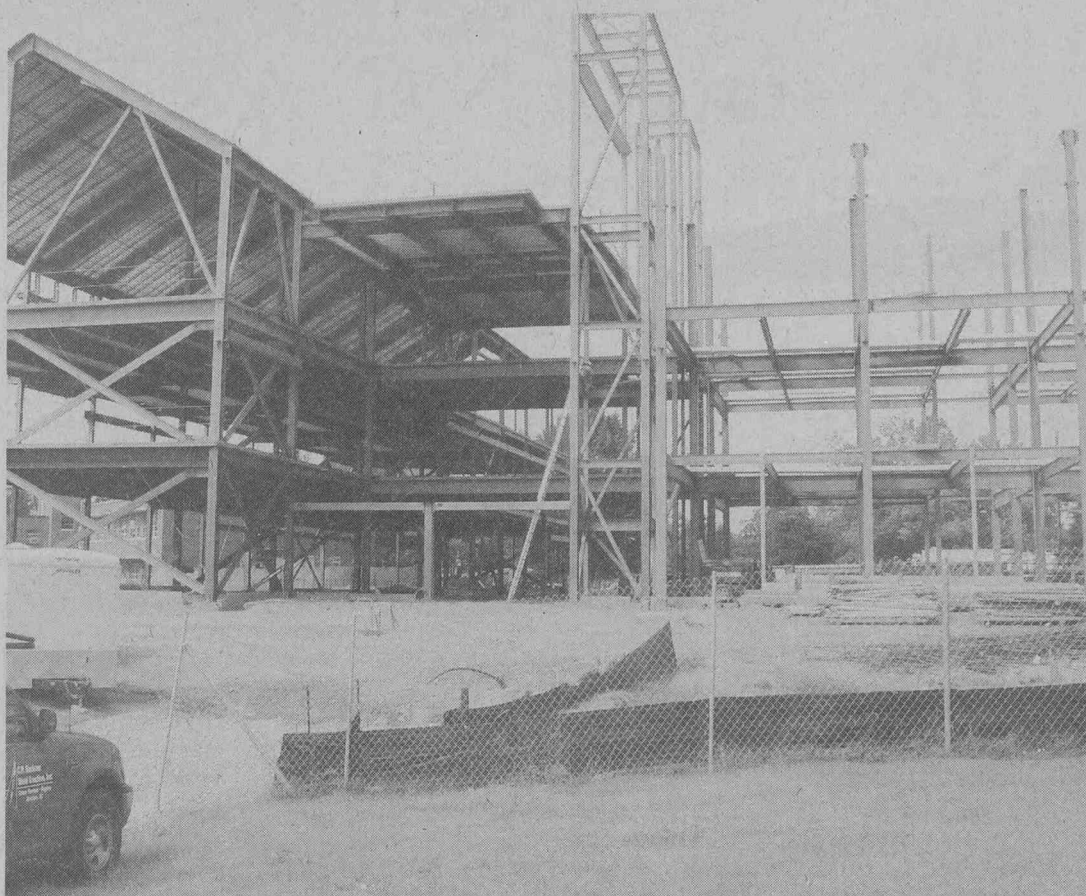


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Above, a new science building begins to take shape. Much of the new construction on campus is part of Chancellor Renick's "master plan."

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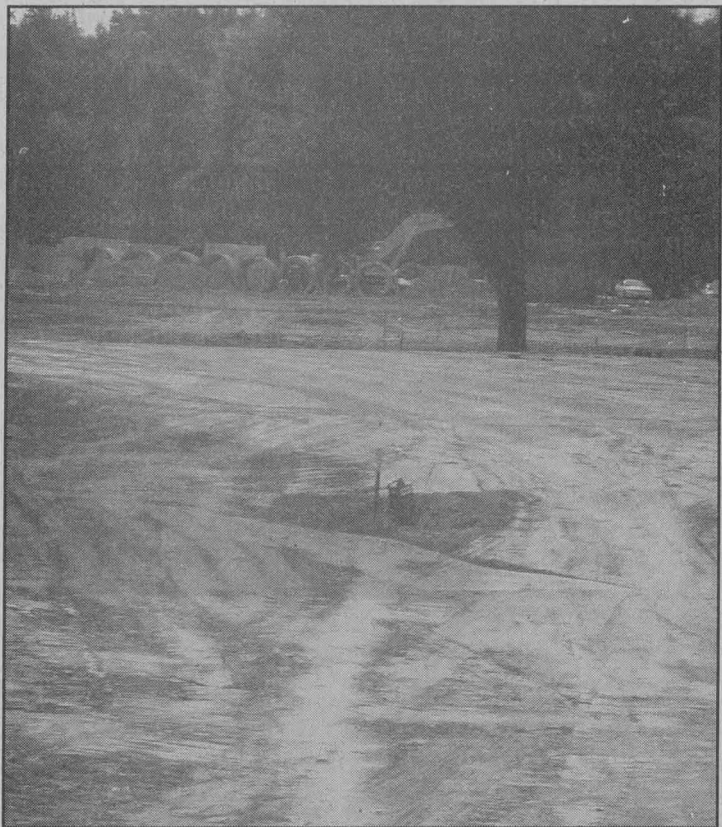


photo by Karina Hardy

At the corner of John Mitchell Drive and Laurel Street, the ground is being prepared for the start of construction of two new Scott Halls.

The state of N.C. A&T

It is hard to argue with Renick's results

The fall semester of 2004 marks the sixth year of Chancellor James Carmichael Renick's leadership of North Carolina A&T, and the changes taking place under his guidance are truly impressive. Instead of a campus intertwined with a neighborhood, the borders of A&T are now easily defined. Williams Cafeteria has been remodeled and upgraded to a more modern-looking facility, though the food still tastes the same as it did in years past.

Aggie Suites and Pride Hall are up and buzzing with student activity. These two dorms represent the first privatized student housing in the university's 113-year history. There was initial skepticism about private, on-campus housing, but the two business ventures are attracting students at the same rate as conventional dormitories.

An Olympic-quality track-and-field facility to complement the football stadium, two new buildings to house the Arts and Sciences and Business programs, a much-needed shuttle system and a fleet of buses for university travel are all new additions that Renick has overseen.

One of the reasons Renick has been so successful in bringing about change at A&T is because he has been dedicated to getting as much financial support as possi-

ble. That point was proven in June, when he joined around 700 other Aggies for a trip to the N.C. General Assembly to lobby for more financial assistance from the state government. While the A&T contingent was assembled in the legislative ballroom, Senator Katie Dorsett asked Renick how much money A&T was requesting for a joint project with UNC-Greensboro.

"25 million," Renick replied while trying to keep a straight face. The initial surprise on Dorsett's face changed to a smile when she caught on to the chancellor's joke. The actual amount was several times less, but the exchange shows that Renick aims to get as much as he can to improve the quality of life at A&T.

Despite the innovations, Renick still has issues that will have to be addressed in order for A&T to reach the level of N.C. State and Chapel Hill, the two UNC-system schools that get the lion's share of state funding and grant money.

More dorms are needed to accommodate the number of students that are enrolling. Pride Hall was finished before the start of the fall semester, but too many students were forced to live in a hotel because there was no space on campus. The demolition of the mammoth, 1,000-bed Scott

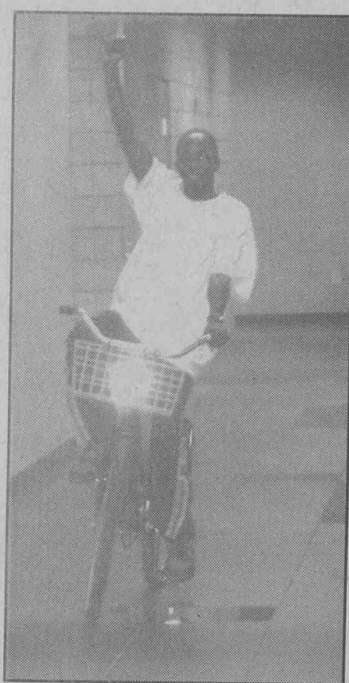
Hall should have been delayed until every student who wanted a room on campus had one.

The amount of classrooms on campus is insufficient. The newly constructed Arts and Sciences building, with its four floors of elegance, has classes meeting in libraries, labs and wherever else instructors or department heads are able to find space. In Gibbs Hall, classrooms designed for 40 to 50 students are crammed with up to 80 students.

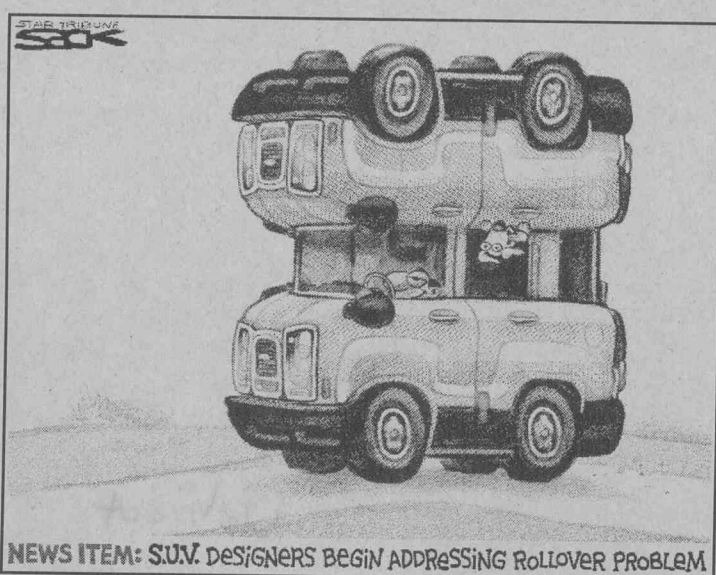
Finding a place to park a car is as difficult as ever, and even faculty personnel are driving in circles while waiting for a space to become available. Restricting freshmen from having a car on campus might help. A parking deck would surely help, but neither of those options is viable at the current time.

In light of these problems, A&T is a much better place than it was in those years before Renick took the helm. The developments over the past six years suggest much more is possible in the next six. With a dedicated staff and continued community support, he might be able to completely revamp the entire A&T experience, much like the makeover of the A&T Register.

The above editorial represents the opinion of The A&T Register editorial board.



Editor in Chief Chad Roberts takes a victory ride through NCB.

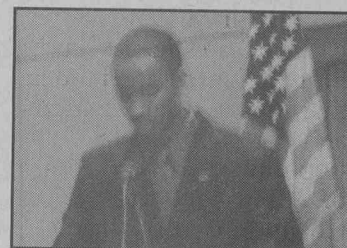


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Welcome Back from the President



I am Calvin F. Williams, Jr. your Student Government Association President for the 2004 - 2005 school year. I welcome you all back to our beloved university. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is a looking forward to a dynamic school year.

2004 - 2005 will be a year that will go down in history for this school, state, and nation.

Throughout the world and community there are thousands of critical changes being made this year. You can look around this campus and see the change, in ourselves, in the student body, and in our buildings. Expect this year to be one that you never forget as we strive to serve you in ways never thought possible.

Not only can you expect The Greatest Homecoming on Earth with a Gospel Play presented by our own students, a fashion show with Verge and Couture gracing the stage, the largest Step Show in years, but your Student Government Association has arranged Jay-Z and R. Kelly to perform for your Homecoming Concert. Mostly importantly, we can not forget the football

game. Last year, we had the best football team in the MEAC, this year we are gearing up for another excellent year. Make sure to get your tickets early to support our Aggie Football as they destroy the Bears of Morgan State at our 2004 Homecoming Football Game.

The year does not end after Homecoming! All the organizations on campus are coming together to provide you with programming and events to last the whole entire school year. One of the largest events of the year for HBCUs across the nation takes place on our campus, the 2005 HBCU Think Tank. The Think Tank will take place in the beginning of February and serve as the only time this year for all the HBCUs to come together and discuss the problems and issues that assault our generation.

We have a vision for North Carolina A&T State University this year, a vision with high goals. We see a North Carolina A&T where our students become leaders and are driven to not only lead this university but the world. We want and need you to get involved. This is the

year where you stop just saying the problems, but come and help us solve the problems. The SGA has two main avenues for you still to get involved, the SGA Intern Program (please e-mail SGAIntern@yahoo.com for more information), and the SGA Street Team (see James Woodert, (336) 334-7820 for more information). If you do not want to get involved with SGA, then there are hundreds of other organizations to become involved. To name a few, we have fraternities, sororities, hometown clubs, major clubs, honor societies and modeling troops. If you want to get involved, you only need step onto this campus and take control of your life.

You only get one great opportunity in your life, don't let yours pass away.

Explore, Discover, Become, North Carolina A&T

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Problems with parking

By Derek Jones
Contributor

If you crack open The American Heritage College Dictionary and look up the word problem, the definition reads, "1) a question to be considered, solved, or answered 2) a situation, matter, or person that presents perplexity or difficulty." The second definition leads me to the issue of campus parking.

For students who live off campus if you want to be on time for class, I advise you to get to school early, like 30 minutes early. If you do not give yourself enough time to hunt down a parking space, desperation may lead you to park in a reserved spot or "tow-away-zone." Campus police are patrolling at random times so be careful cause they will slap a ticket on your windshield without hesitation and if you're in a reserved spot they will not falter to have you towed.

Each year a significant amount of money is spent on parking permits, which are required to park on campus. If students felt that they were being pro-

vided with adequate parking on campus, some may be more inclined to shell out the \$200 a year, \$33 a month, or \$15 a week for the student permit. The cost of the permit is not students only expense when it comes to parking.

Being that gas prices are ridiculously high, I think most people would rather not burn gallons of gas each week searching for a parking space, which reminds me of something that happened last week. One day while driving in circles searching for a parking space near the New Classroom Building, I noticed something. As I drove past other motorists, they all had one thing in common, a look of frustration all over their face. I assume that the frustration was the result of a daily, taxing, time consuming routine of finding somewhere to park, but that's just my speculation.

There were a couple of lucky drivers who eagerly flicked on their blinkers signaling that they had located the elusive parking space and the look of relief noted their search was over.

"Under New Management"

"Under New Management" is not an uncommon sight on store fronts. In some cases the new management brings much needed improvements that are immediately embraced. Other times new management makes changes that are harder to accept because they disrupt familiarity.

This year The A&T Register is "Under New Management." For the past two years Tarah Holland has been the editor in chief of A&T's student newspaper but her time has passed and there has been a regime change. While the student body has grown accustomed to A&T's newspaper, it is time for revitalization. With the new editor in chief, Chad Roberts, at the helm, nothing less than a complete overhaul of the paper would be sufficient.

For the upper-

classmen the change should be obvious. However, for the lower-classmen who have never seen A&T's paper, trust that it is bigger, brighter, and better.

While the idea to redesign the paper was the brainchild of Roberts the credit for the new design has to be shared with Patrice Withers the new layout and design editor.

Some of the more notable changes are the name, size, color, and front page layout.

At first glance, the masthead of the paper should be the most obvious change. Besides the font change and the addition of color the name has changed. In keeping with tradition, the words "The Register" were maintained, but "A&T" has been added to better associate the paper with the University. And if the head

seems larger than last year its because the paper has dramatically increased in size.

In the past the paper was tabloid size, 11" x 17". This year the paper is shedding its old skin in exchange for 12.5" x 22" skin know as broadsheet. Broadsheet is the standard size of a daily newspaper. Also in a continuing effort to improve The Register's staff has opted for the daily style.

After being named to the Editor in Chief position last year, Roberts decided that the addition of more color to the paper would make it more dynamic. With the predetermined decision to add more color, the masthead was painted with a custom blue created by Withers. The "Inside" column on the front page got the same treatment.

With the changes

Brett Harrington is News Editor of The A&T Register.



Discussion of Adolescent Death Penalty Held at A&T

By Karina Hardy
Online Editor

A pivotal age in the United States is 18 years old. Before 18 a person cannot vote, sit on a jury, or buy cigarettes. These restrictions reflect an understanding that those under the age of 18 lack the experience, perspective and judgement expected of adults; yet they can sentence adolescents to death row as young as 14.

Since 1990, the United States has executed more adolescent offenders than China, Iran, Pakistan and the Democratic Republic of Congo combined. The National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is striving to combat this problem. The NCADP held a forum Sept. 2 in the new classroom building auditorium to inform students of adolescents receiving the death penalty and make students more aware of the racial disparities in the justice system.

Since 1976, the National Coalition to

Abolish the Death Penalty has been the only fully staged national organization exclusively devoted to abolishing capital punishment. The NCADP provides information, advocates for public and mobilizes and supports individuals and institutions that share unconditional rejection of capital punishment.

"The death penalty devalues all human life, is racially and class biased," said Earline Hammond, forum panelist.

"We want to raise awareness of the death penalty of adolescents and the race disparities in the nation to as many people as we can," added Hammond.

Over 70 youth offenders are on death row and two thirds of those are children of color, mostly African American. There are 29 states that forbid adolescent offenders from being sentenced to death, however, North Carolina is not one of those states.

"In North Carolina prosecutions have a win-

lose mentality. Their job is to seek justice but don't always hold up to that," said Jeremy Collins, a representative for the People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

North Carolina comes in second to Texas, which executes 2/3 of all the kids executed in the country.

According to the Gallup poll conducted in 2002, 7 out of 10 Americans believed that it is wrong to sentence adolescent offenders to death, yet the government has not abolished the option of a death penalty for youth offenders.

The NCADP has found medical research that backs up their reasons to abolish the death penalty for adolescents.

"Doctors at the Harvard Medical School have determined that last portions of the brain, the frontal and pre-frontal lobes which regulate impulse control and judgement, is not fully developed until early adulthood, which is between the ages

of 18-22," said Collins.

"Therefore an adolescent is more likely to think irrationally about committing a crime rather than think rationally and considering the consequences of their actions," added Collins.

NCADP feels that adolescents who commit crimes should be held accountable for their actions but they should not be subjected to death row, which is intended for adults who can comprehend their actions.

"Sentencing a child the death penalty is not the answer to solving a problem. People need to take action and stand against this so that more innocent lives will not be lost," said Darrel Hunt former death row inmate.

For more information on the NCADP and the Moratorium visit their websites at www.ncadp.org and www.ncmoratorium.org.

VOTE

Last Day to Register Oct. 8

By Brett T. Harrington
News Editor

"The Right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude," Article XV section one of the United States Constitution granted black men the right to vote in 1870. 50 years later women were granted the same luxury. While the effects of the amendments were not immediate because of discriminatory election practices all qualifying citizens of U.S. may now exercise their right to vote.

Traditional students meet the qualifying age of 18, and since there are no laws abridging race, color and sex much of the student body fit the criteria.

There is however one stipulation to the qualification of voting, and that is registration. To vote, one must be registered with the State Board of Elections. To be eligible to vote in this year's upcoming election everyone must be registered by Oct. 8 or 25 days prior to Election Day.

To get students registered many campus organizations are having voter registration drives, the Political Science Society is one.

The Political Science Society has planned up to four voter registration drives this year. The

first drive was on Sept. 1-2 in the Memorial Student Union. Members of the Political Science Society set up outside the Sit-In and solicited students to register as they went in and out. In two days the group registered 117 students.

"The first step in getting students involved is getting them registered," says Rochelle Johnson, Political Science Society president. In an effort to register as much of the student body as possible by the first Tuesday in November (Election Day-Nov 2) the organization is planning a three day election drive, Sept. 21-23, with stations in Williams Cafeteria, Memorial Student Union, and in front of Brown Hall. Johnson has lofty expectations for the next voter registration drive. "I hope we can register at least 500 [students]," says Johnson.

Johnson urges student to register in Guilford County mainly because "students are her nine months out of the year, and local politics affect students more..."

To insure that registrations conducted during freshman orientation are still valid Johnson suggest students call The North Carolina Board of Elections at (919) 715-5333 or visit their online at <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/> and check their registration status.

Virtual Competitions

A&T students compete on Playstation2 setup for bragging rights.

By Malik Moody
Contributor

North Carolina A&T students now have the option of playing the new Playstation 2 games at the Memorial Union game room. This new installment has brought students together in the game room for competitive match ups in games such as "Madden NFL 2005". Some of the other popular games include "Fight Night 2004", "NBA Ballers", "NASCAR 2004", "Hit Man", "MVP Baseball 2004", "World Tour Soccer", and the list goes on. A lot of students here at A&T have been in the game room to experience the new gaming equipment.

The installment includes four brand new 27-inch flat screen televisions mounted against the wall side by side in the game room area. The game room manager Mr. Timothy Phifer stated, "This new installment has been a big hit, I mean the students jumped on it really quick."

Phifer explained that the man responsible for the PS2's to be there is the game room director, Carl Baker.

Phifer said, "Carl Baker is responsible for the PS2's and in fact it was his idea".

Baker spent up to \$7,000 for the students to have such a new luxury here at school. The game room manager was asked the question of what truly triggered this asset here at school and he said "we just wanted to bring the game room up to date with a new kind of game system since the students did not play the arcade games very much anymore."

He further elaborated by saying "we wanted first to bring in more arcade games that were more up to date than Mrs. Pac Man, but the arcade vender did not believe it was a good investment to bring in brand new arcade games, so Mr. Baker then came up with the option of the Play stations in the

game room".

To play these games in the game room students just need to pay a \$2 fee an hour at each station. Therefore a group of students can all get on one station, but that one group is responsible for the \$2 dollar an hour fee as a collective. As long as an individual pays to play the \$2 dollar fee at one of the four flat screen televisions anyone can come join that individual to a friendly competitive game of "Madden" or any other game one may choose to



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play. When asked the question of wagers being taken on any of these play station games Phifer proclaimed, "No, we do not allow gambling and we look out for that kind of thing everyday, it just isn't tolerated down here".

Phifer has been getting ready to put a "Madden 2005" tournament together, which is expected to have a great turnout. The tournament is scheduled for September 20 and all students who would like to participate in the tournament must pay a \$10 entry fee by September 16 of this fall.

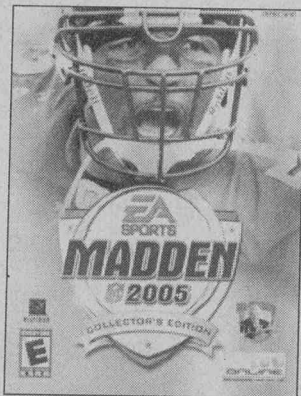
Students who know how to play "Madden NFL 2005" will be in true competition and the winner receives a \$100 dollar reward. That can go a long way for a college student here at this institution.

When Phifer was asked how he feel about this new edition of elec-

tronic goods here at A&T he said "I think the new edition was a good idea, and it shows the students that we here at the game room are true to our intentions of when we say we are going to do something, I mean Mr. Baker came to me with the idea and I suggested it to a few of the students and they loved the idea right away, so we made it happen".

The staff of the game room seems to care about the quality of entertainment down in the game room and they proved it by adding the new Playstation 2's in the union.

Students playing these games like "Madden 2005" and "Fight Night 2004", (which are two of the most popular games), can come test their skills by expanding their horizon to new competition in the Union game room. Therefore students who may not have known about this new feature in the game room can now go see the Play Station mania with their own eyes.



Williams Maintains 'A' Average

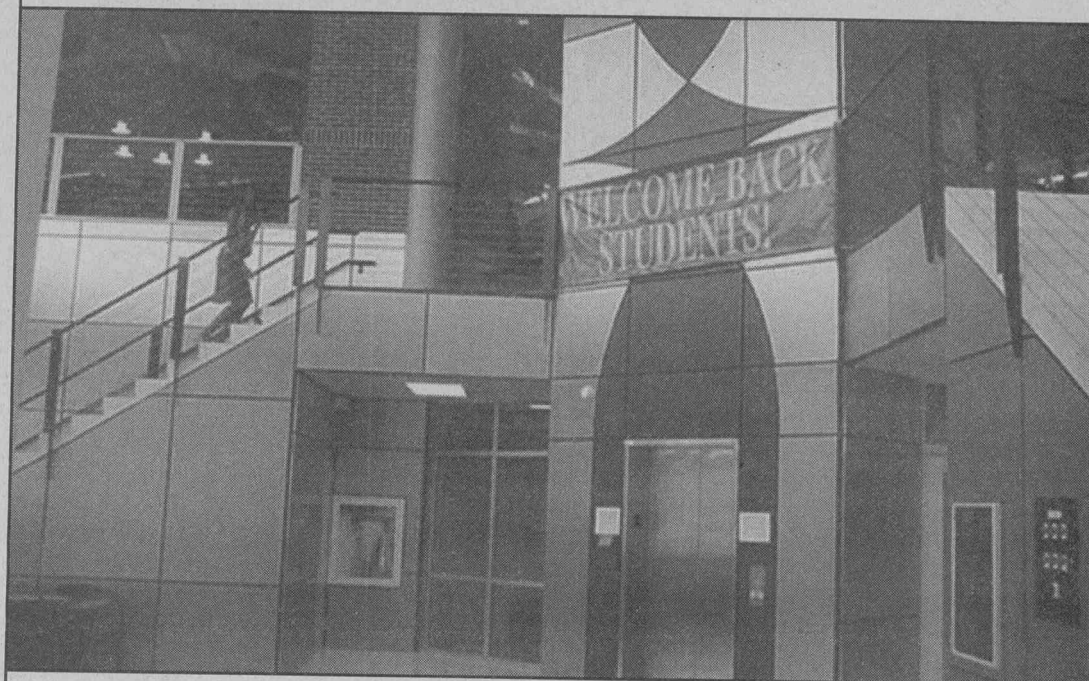


Photo File

By Crystal Williams
Contributor

Williams Cafeteria has received an "A" rating for three straight years and is preparing for another round of inspections. Godfried Ribeiro Yemofio says "the cafeteria staff is always ready for inspections."

"We always make sure the people are well-trained and ready every-time," Yemofio said. "It's an ongoing process."

Aside from the quarterly inspection done by the Department of Public Health, the Sodexo food service company inspects the cafeteria every other month. The inspection is based on food safety and protection, equipment, water supply, waste disposal, storage, pest control, ventilation and the overall cleanliness of the cafeteria.

Tobin Shepherd from the Guilford County

Environmental Health Division explained that North Carolina A&T's previous inspector retired. Therefore the inspection for the previous quarter was missed. Shepherd said the Health Department plans to hire a new inspector this week.

The A&T cafeteria has a food and physical safety committee that works to improve the cleanliness and food safety of the cafeteria. The committee is made up of 20 people who meet to discuss weekly updates and occurrences.

Yemofio explained that the staff always receives positive feedback from the students, including the Student Government Association. According to him the cafeteria collaborates with students to make appropriate improvements. He said that the cafeteria has not had problems in the past.

"Not at all," said Yemofio

Although the cafeteria maintains it's A average in cleanliness and food safety, students say that is no substitute for taste.

"The café is always clean. They try to make the food look appetizing, but the taste is terrible," said Ebony James, a freshman psychology major. Natalie Yates, a senior psychology major, agreed with Ebony James.

"Just because it has a bunch of colors doesn't mean its going to taste good," Yates said.

The cafeteria is the only place some students ever eat but more than that it is a social setting. Throughout the week there are different events involving a disc jockey, raffles and special menus but students say the food leaves something to be desired.

Senate Candidate Visits A&T

By Patrice Withers
Layout and Design Editor

U.S. Senate Candidate Erskine Bowles has been on the campaign trail as many other politicians at the state and national level, calling the 2004 November election has been said to be the most important election of our lifetime especially for college students. This is exactly why Bowles came to speak with Aggies on Aug. 31. Several students, professors and university officials gathered in Stallings Ballroom to hear Bowles issues on higher education.

The stop at A&T was a part of the Bowles "College Tour 2004." Bowles has visited other colleges and universities throughout the state of North Carolina, such as UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. Central University, N.C. State, Bennett College, UNC-Greensboro and Johnson C. Smith University.

Bowles was appointed to head the Small Business Administration in 1993. In 1994, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House under President Clinton's administration. As Chief of Staff he played a key role in negotiating a balanced budget between Democrats and Republicans in 1997. Today he runs for office to be a part of the U.S. Senate. He has highlighted major issues for college students such as Pell

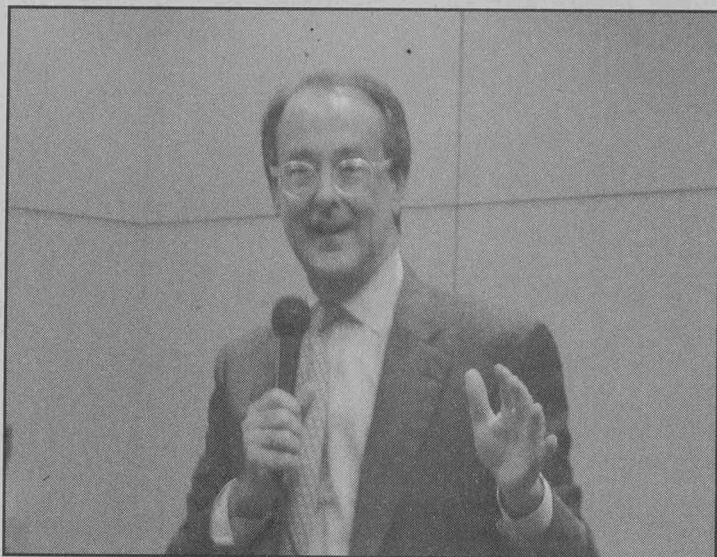


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Senate candidate Erskine Bowles speaks to students and faculty in the Stallings Ballroom.

Grants, job plans and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's).

Pell Grants covered 84 percent of the tuition cost of attending a 4-year public university in 1975-1976. In 1999-2000, they covered only 39 percent of the cost. Bowles wants to increase overall funding in order to meet raising demand and raise the maximum grant level.

"Pell grants are extremely important," Bowles said. "We not only have to increase the number of Pell grants so people can have the opportunity to go to school but also increase the amount of money given."

Today, with the economy and job markets sluggish, many college graduates are having trouble finding good jobs and inevitably are being forced to take jobs they are overqualified for.

"As I have gone around the state I have talked to fire fighters, bankers, students, people without jobs and they all want someone to put partisanship aside and go to Washington and accomplish something," he said. "This is the year we can really make a difference. I think this election cycle is the most important one in my adult life."

Bowles has presented a blueprint for protecting jobs in North Carolina by fighting unbalanced foreign trade and creating jobs by investing in small businesses.

"This job plan will really make a difference. We have got to have some sensible trade policy in this country," Bowles said. "Small businesses need three things to grow and create jobs. They need capital, advice and health care insurance."

Bowles believes HBCU's are critically important to extending access to higher education. He supported legislation to help HBCU's preserve their historic buildings. This legislation has provided millions of dollars to the 103 HBCU's across the country.

"I chose to come to A&T today because I want to earn your vote and I want to earn your respect. I want to get everyone excited about this race so you will get out and vote," Bowles said. "I want the young people in this country to understand what an important election this is and how it can really affect your future."

He also talked about the importance of everyone getting out to vote for the November elections and he urged many students to tell someone to get registered to vote.

"I have a big lead in this race but the name of the game is turn out. If we don't get people to go out to the poles then nobody has the chance to win. I want to ask each one of you to get in touch with friends, family members and neighbors to get registered to vote," Bowles said.

In his closing remarks he stated that his ideas weren't republican or democratic but rather good ideas that just make good common sense. "I think what we need is for someone to go up to Washington and bring people together and really get things done," he said.

National Briefs

From Knight Ridder News Service

Global poll finds 30 of 35 nations favor Kerry

Only 1 in 5 foreigners wants to see President Bush re-elected, according to surveys taken in 35 foreign countries this summer. John Kerry would win a "global election" for president in 30 of the 35 countries.

U.S. death toll in Iraq passes 1,000

The death toll for U.S. troops in Iraq passed 1,000 on Tuesday, a milestone marking the continuing high cost of the war 16 months after President Bush declared an end to major combat and more than two months since the nominal return of sovereignty to Iraq.

Kerry responds to Cheney, challenges him on failure to serve

Sen. John Kerry fought back hard against Vice President Dick Cheney, dismissing Cheney as unqualified to criticize him since Kerry had defended America in battle while Cheney had not served in the Vietnam War.

Poll: Undecided voters don't like Bush's Iraq war or Kerry's personality

There are only about 2.6 million of them, but they could hold the future of the nation in their hands. They are the undecideds, voters who haven't firmly made up their minds between Bush and Kerry. If this year's election is as close as expected, they are likely to decide it.

The 'God gap' in politics

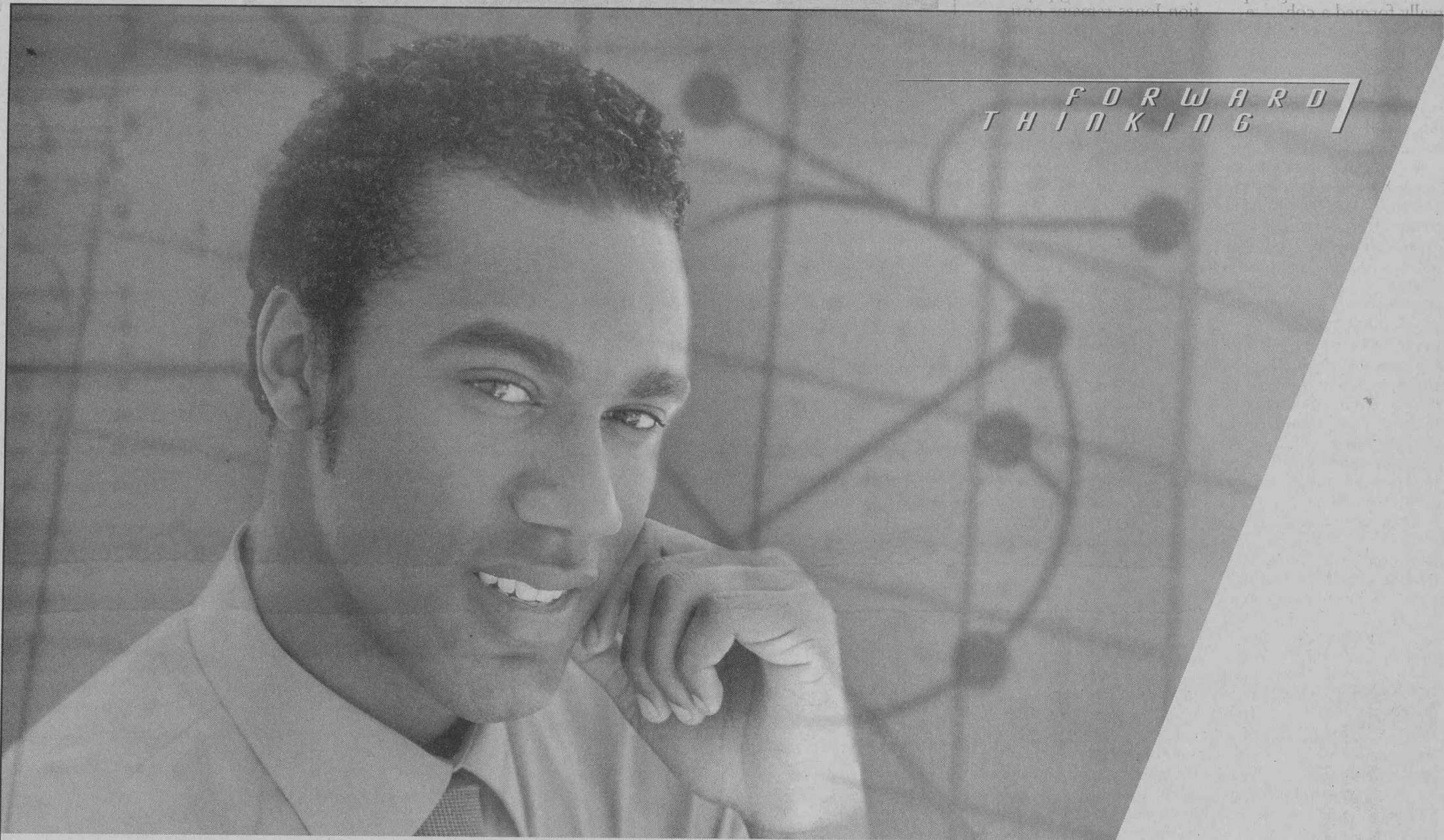
So the received wisdom this election cycle says that Republicans believe in God and regularly go to church, while Democrats don't do either. And this is just one values clash that is redefining American politics and (so we're told) dividing the nation.

Marijuana measure called effective by supporters and foes

Seattleites aren't going to pot or jail since voters passed I-75, the initiative that made marijuana the city's lowest law-enforcement priority. The number of people prosecuted for pot possession has plummeted, and despite predictions of naysayers, there is no evidence of widespread public pot consumption as a result of the measure, which voters approved last year.

Senate blocks gay marriage amendment

President Bush and supporters of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage suffered an embarrassing defeat Wednesday when the proposal failed to get even a simple majority in the Republican-controlled Senate. The amendment lost with 50 senators voting to block it and 48 voting to advance it on a procedural vote, leaving backers 19 votes shy of the two-thirds majority they eventually would need to pass a constitutional amendment saying marriage can be only between one man and one woman.



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this. Electrical Engineering major Jakiva Jerry said, "It is difficult to concentrate in overpopulated classrooms. Some people don't even have chairs to sit in. There has always been a problem with parking, but since more people have cars, parking is becoming a dilemma. I know people who were unable to receive housing due to the high population. Many had to find off-campus housing afterwards. I feel if A&T's student body is going to grow, then the campus has to grow along with it."

In response, when asked about the overpopu-

lation, Lee Young said, "We are looking at the space utilization of the classrooms and other areas on campus, such as the Student Union and Williams Cafeteria. We know that there is a concern with the campus being crowded. We are trying our best to address all issues."

Young stated in closing that it is important for students to understand that in order for A&T to become a "top university," it has to expand not only with technology, but also in numbers.

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dents, not turning them away.

"I believe it's our obligation to help," Jones said, "It seems like we gotten through this far. We relocated them [students]. We're just grateful we didn't have to go down that road."

In the end, the majority of the students returned to campus. Would a situation of this nature lower the morale for on-campus students?

"I don't think so," said Jones, "as a group, Holiday Inn Express became another hall. What I saw was that this group really formed a cohesive-ness and became really good friends."

Evan Freeman, a freshman who resided at the Holiday Inn Express, didn't seem fazed by the inconvenience.

"It was ok," Freeman said, "we had good service."

Kenise Taylor, a sophomore who resided at the Quality Inn, also felt unaffected; however she found the housing system to be unfair.

"I paid my \$150 in advance," Taylor said, "but it was messed up that freshman got first choice on housing before I did."

Despite the temporary housing snag the

Housing department is determined to press towards a more organized future.

"We need to do a better job with graduate and disabled students," Jones said, "They need housing as well."

Jones also met with the SGA President and plans to meet with him more often to determine the needs of the students. Jones also plans to delay renovating older dorms for the upcoming school year so that more spaces will be available for the students.

Regardless of A&T's increasing population Jones remains optimistic as he makes preparations for a new era of Residence Life as the students know it.

"There will never be enough beds, but we will just have to learn how to manage that," Jones said.

Managing will prove to be difficult for Jones since there will not be another dorm constructed for a few semesters. Students can only hope to share Jones' optimism.

"I think the students are really resilient," Jones said.

Voter Empowerment Week Set

By Tiffany Tinsley Contributor

In an effort to register more students to vote and to extend voter empowerment across A&T, the Student Government Association has planned Voter Empowerment Week. The campus-wide event will be held September 20-October 8 and will include various guest speakers and forums with different angles that will appeal to the diverse student body.

"The SGA developed Voter Empowerment Week when it tackled the issue of voter participation," said Calvin F. Williams, Jr., SGA president. The realization that getting people registered to vote is not getting people to vote gave birth to the idea of voter empowerment. "The SGA felt the need to empower people with an urge to let their

voice be heard, and we will do just that during Voter Empowerment Week," Williams added.

The SGA has been able to gain the support of various organizations, but is looking for more. Since the deadline to register for the November 2 general election is October 8, Voter Empowerment Week is designed to be the final push to get people registered before the deadline.

This year there has been an overwhelming amount of voter advertisement initiated by BET, MTV and other major networks. The target audience is people at the early voter registration age. There are many students that previously registered to vote, but this year they have been encouraged to vote.

"I am voting this year because I feel like Bush should be removed from office. In the past

year I didn't vote because I didn't have anyone to push me and I felt like my voice wouldn't matter" said Adriana Galbreath, 19, who is a junior at NC A&T. The encouraging and empowering of students will make a difference because all followers need a leader. Students and the voting public have been encouraged to believe and voice whatever it is they believe in.

When asked, "What is the ultimate message that SGA wants to get out through Voter Empowerment Week?" Williams responded, "the ultimate message is your voice is your power" he believes that "in this generation we are too quiet too many times and it is time that we let our voice be heard and prove to the world that we are the generation that will change the world for the better."

To vote in the general election in Guilford County you must deliver a voter registration form in person to Guilford County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. before October 8, mail it to the Board of Elections with a postmark prior to midnight on October 8 or register in person at the Board of Elections Office by 5 p.m. before October 8. There are two ways to get a voter registration form: print one off the Internet at <http://www.co.guilford.nc.us/government/elections/regvote.pdf> or pick one up at a Board of Elections Office or a public library. The address is Guilford County Board of Elections, PO Box 3427, Greensboro, NC 27402 and the Greensboro location is First Floor, Old County Courthouse, 301 West Market Street.



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The Block Is Hot!!

Students Rush to Buy Homecoming Tickets

By Chad Roberts
Editor-in-Chief

Before sunrise on Aug. 28, while most of Greensboro was sound asleep, scores of college students began to assemble in front of Brown Hall at N.C. A&T to wait for tickets to go on sale for the 2004 Homecoming concert. A few miles west of campus at the Greensboro Coliseum, a similar scene took place.

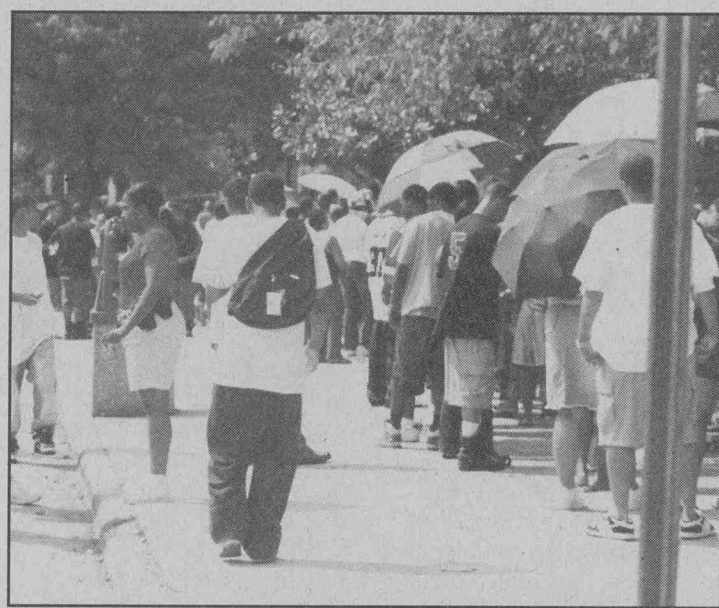
Most students use Saturday's predawn hours as a time of undisturbed rest or, just as important, partying. On that morning, however, many students instead chose to set their alarm clocks to get up and buy tickets to see the concert's headline performers, rap superstar Jay-Z and

singer/songwriter R. Kelly. The temperature rose as high as 90 degrees and most people had to stand in line for several hours. Tickets were as much as \$59, but students said the show would be worth the price of admission.

"I'm (standing in line) for Jay-Z," Sherman Blalock, an electronic media major, said. "I just want to see Jay."

Denada Jackson, a senior journalism and mass communication major, agreed with Sherman and said the price of a ticket was no obstacle in her desire to see the show.

"Jay-Z is worth way more than that," Jackson said. Her \$59 ticket guaranteed she would have a seat close to the stage at the coliseum, where the concert will take place on Oct. 9.



A&T students stand in line for hours, in 90-degree weather, for Homecoming concert tickets.

Photo By Chad Roberts

"I need to be real close," Jackson said.

Across town on A&T's campus, Sequoya Moore and Joi Bullock fought 90-degree heat and stood

in line for several hours to get tickets to the show. Bullock said when they arrived at Brown Hall's ticket office at 8 a.m., the line was already stretched to the paved area of the bookstore parking lot.

"They say some people slept out here," Bullock, a business management major, said. "This don't make no damn sense."

By 11 a.m., Bullock and Moore had convinced a friend to hold their place in line while they sat and rested on Brown Hall's front steps. A few feet away, the A&T Student Government Association distributed doughnuts, water and fruit juice to those who had skipped breakfast

and would likely miss lunch to get their tickets.

Having already secured a ticket, political science major Terrance Eady leaned on a car parked in front of the ticket office and gazed at the long line of people still waiting to buy tickets.

As he sipped a cool bottle of water in the afternoon heat, Eady contemplated the success A&T had in booking two of the most popular performers in hip-hop and R&B for the Oct. 9 concert.

"It's great that A&T got such high-profile acts," Eady said. "I don't think the line would be this long if we were at Duke."

Blokhedz Brings Hip-Hop to World of Comics

By Meredith M. Miller
Black College Wire

Blokhedz, a comic book dedicated to creating a 'hood hero for comic enthusiasts who love hip-hop, is infiltrating the white-dominated world of comic entertainment.

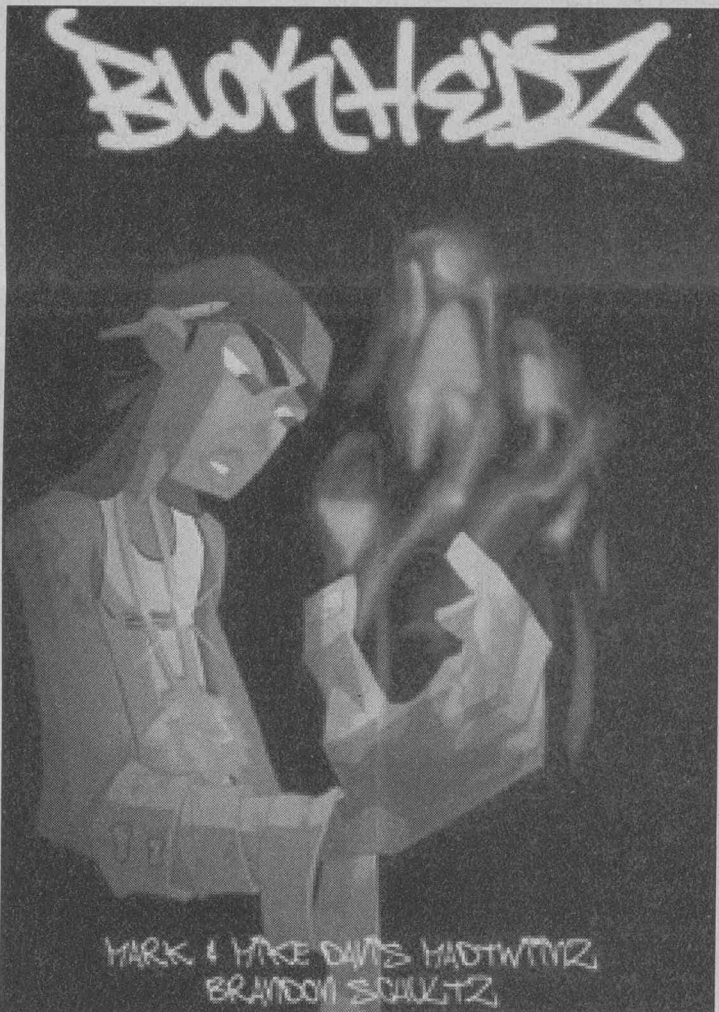
The comic's main character, Blak, is a young man from the street whose hand was slashed by a cursed knife during a gang attack. After the incident, Blak gains an array of powers, including the ability to rhyme, and begins his journey as a hip-hop superhero battling forces of good and evil in the streets and within himself.

The second cover of Blokhedz illustrates this theme by featuring Blak holding a gun in one hand and a microphone in the other. The hand holding the gun represents the infectious evil and the hand holding the mic represents the good.

Blokhedz "mixes inner-city struggle with fantasy and spirituality," Mark Davis, one of the creators of the comic, said to the Reuters news agency. It's the kind of struggle we all deal with daily.

The comic made its shelf debut in December, circulating 8,000 copies each of its first and second issues. With numerous references to pop culture, each edition comes with a slang glossary to explain words as they are used in a particular context.

Twins Mark and Mike Davis created the comic. Although their work deals with such subject matter as gang violence and drugs, the Davis twins said they aim to "create a story that will touch everyone by adhering to universal themes of friendship,



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Blak, star of "Blokhedz."

love and the fight against evil."

The Davises teamed with Michael and Brandon Shultz and Nicole Duncan-Smith, who all attended colleges in Atlanta, to create Street Legend Ink, a Los Angeles-based, urban comic company. It continues a tradition that, according to Reuters, began when the late Philadelphia journalist Orrin C. Evans founded All-Negro Comics, the first black comic production entity, in 1947.

"Comics is an area that I plan on getting into," said David Ferguson, a senior art major and illustrator for The Meter at Tennessee State University. "There aren't many popular black comic books."

Hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons is contributing his marketing and promotional sup-

port to the Blokhedz comic, which is marketing through Simmons' Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, the Reuters article said.

"I think the hip-hop aspect of (Blokhedz) is something that younger kids will be interested in," Ferguson said. "But, black people don't always have to be labeled hip-hop."

Blokhedz joins such others in black comic world as Static Shock, which is featured on the WB network's Saturday morning cartoon lineup.

The third issue of Blokhedz is scheduled for release in January. "I would like to see something that black people would feel," Ferguson said. "But, if other races read it, they could feel it too."

Meredith M. Miller, a student at Tennessee State University, is community news editor of The Meter.

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AGGIES COME OUT ON TOP: AGGIE EAGLE STEPSHOW

A Review by
Lindsay Bowen
Contributor

Not only did N.C. A&T return as football champions for the Aggie-Eagle Classic, but two A&T step teams returned to Greensboro as step show champions, the ladies of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the brothers of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Both teams captivated the audience with their creative themes and attention-getting outfits. The Kappa's theme was based around Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal." Dressed in slick white suits, with red ties and suspenders, the Kappas had the audience on the edge of their seat the entire show. With their smooth classic steps, cane twirling and love for the ladies, A&T's Kappas came strong this year, deserving their much-awaited win.

"A&T held the step show down. The competition was between our Alphas and our Kappas. It was close, but the Kappas were able to edge them out," explains A&T sophomore industrial engineering major Chris Baker.

A&T's Alphas definitely had a creative show, with

the theme of "In Living Color," full of hilarious characters and outrageous outfits. A&T's Sigmas also had an innovative show, dressed as mimes. Their music selection and fast-paced steps added appeal to their show.

As "Bring it On" cheerleaders, A&T's AKA's represented Aggie Land well, even including a signature Aggie cheer, that had the crowd full of liveliness.

Their outfits complimented the ghetto/preppy cheerleaders they were, along with their dance routines and steps. This high-energy show won them first place, edging out the Sigma Gamma Rhos from A&T. In a club scene, the Sigma Gamma Rhos had an animated show to accompany their attention-getting outfits.

The theme for A&T's Omegas step show was a mental hospital featuring comical characters including super-heros and straightjackets. Making the stage rattle with their intense steps and soulful songs, the Omegas had an over-all engaging show.

Although it seemed like A&T organizations were battling each other, many students felt like the real competition was between Central and A&T.

"It was like a battle over school pride between the

Aggies and the Eagles instead of each organization," explains Tarik Webb, a junior graphic communications major at A&T.

"A&T and Central have different styles. There were parts of the show that were appealing to the Central fans, and other parts that were appealing to A&T fans. It's like the school rivalry took over the step show," Kelly Christian, a senior management information systems major, said.

Central's teams were not as strong as A&T, in attendance or in performance. Not one sorority from Central stepped and only three fraternities stepped from Central.

The Omegas from Central carried out the "Speakerboxxx /Love Below" theme from Outkast, while the Kappas did a "ladies shout out" with music and seductive dancing. The Alphas from Central, who received third place, had a show full of Kanye West songs and a "Jesus Walks" dedication.

Step shows are always about the healthy competition between Greek organizations, but the Aggie/Eagle Classic this year was simply between A&T and Central. And to no one's surprise, A&T came out on top.

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20 Questions

By Miss Inquisitive B

1. Don't we all miss the shortcut that was in front of the old Scott Hall?
2. Why is almost every entrance onto campus restricted with cones?
3. Isn't that creating more traffic anyway?
4. Does anyone miss Holt Hall?
5. How many white T-shirts can you count every day? More than 20?
6. Isn't the strip slowly becoming non-existent?
7. Why is Homecoming so soon this year?
8. Seniors: Don't you secretly miss eating in the trailer?
9. Why is it that the total cost of books is more than one month's rent?
10. Now that Cooper Hall is co-ed...can we still have "CooperTroopers"?
11. Don't you hate it when people say North Carolina "AT&T" State University?
12. Why does Greensboro keep renaming clubs?
13. Does everyone go to Mayflower on Tuesdays?
14. Doesn't it seem like so many Aggies live somewhere off of Randleman Road?
15. When will parents realize that it's cheaper to live off campus?
16. Who waited in line more than three hours for Jay-Z/ R. Kelly concert tickets?
17. Is the south taking over hip-hop?
18. "Bang in my white tee"...are you serious?
19. Is this where music is heading?
20. What is A&T going to look like in five years?

****BONUS Question of the Week****

Isn't it time for females to retire the Chinese store beaded slippers?

Yeah...I said it!!

Have any questions you want to ask...email me at MissINQB@yahoo.com

NC A&T WNAA 90.1 TOP 10 of the Week

Gospel

Tonex and the Peculiar People / Out The Box
Israel and New Breed/ Live from Another Level

R&B

R. Kelly / Happy People / U Saved Me
Usher / Confessions

Hip Hop

Jadakiss / Kiss of Death
Terror Squad / True Story

Jazz

Joey DeFrancesco Plays Sinatra His Way / High Note
The Joe KapOrgan Trio / Street Noise

Smooth Jazz

Hidden Beach Recordings Presents Unplugged Volume 3 / Hidden Beach
Pete Belasco / Deeper

'Bus Stop' Opens Fourth Season of Triad Stage

Triad Stage announces the plays for its fourth season. The theater delivers another line-up of productions with the entertainment value and quality that have earned it accolades such as "One of America's 50 Best Regional Theatres," New York's Drama League; "Best Live Theatre," readers of Go Triad/News & Record and The Rhino Times; and "Professional Theater of the Year," North Carolina Theatre Conference.

The 2004-2005 Season features a heartland comedy, a supernatural thriller, a North Carolina family drama, an American masterpiece, a romance of a lifetime and a rompin', stompin' musical comedy. "This season continues to build on the tradition of dynamic plays such as "Debunked," "Proof" and "The Rainmaker" which have been so enthusiastically embraced by our audiences, including our over 2,300 season pass holders," says Artistic Director Preston Lane. "Combining comedy, drama and music, our fourth season brings six extraordinary stories to life."

Triad Stage kicks off its 2004-2005 season with "Bus Stop," a romantic comedy from America's heartland, by Pulitzer Prize winner William Inge. In the middle of a howling snowstorm, a bus out of Kansas City pulls up at a roadside diner. The highway is blocked, and five weary travelers hole up until morning. But the storm outside is nothing compared to what goes on inside. Endearingly off-key nightclub singer Cherie is



Photo by G. Allen Aycock

Michael Abbott Jr. as Bo and Melodie Sisk as Cherie in Bus Stop at Triad Stage, through Sept. 26.

the passenger with the most to worry about. She's being pursued by an amorous cowboy with the romantic subtlety of a headstrong bull. If you've only seen the movie starring Marilyn Monroe, the play will be a revelation - funny, touching and brimming with hope. Bus Stop runs Sept. 5-26.

Next Triad Stage presents "Dracula," in a new adaptation of the classic novel by Bram Stoker, Oct. 24-Nov. 14.

With the New Year comes "North Star" by Gloria Bond Clunie. Set in North Carolina in the 1960s, "North Star" is the story of Relia, an African-American girl searching for

her place to shine in both society and her personal life. The sit-ins that started in Greensboro have spread throughout the state and the joyous innocence of Relia's summer is transformed by the rising tensions of the growing civil rights movement. Relia's parents are hotly divided between letting her participate in the demonstrations and shielding her from the harsh realities of the civil rights struggle and their community's battle for freedom.

"North Star" celebrates the opening of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum. The play runs Jan. 23 through Feb. 13, 2005.

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SPORTS

Last-Second Field Goal Edges Eagles

By Larry Barnhill
Register Contributor

Down 15-13 in the fourth quarter, former Aggie linebacker Joel Lowe would give the Eagles the ball by getting a sack on Aggie quarterback Marshall Glenn on a 4th down attempt late in the game, which gave the Eagles the ball on downs.

All N.C. Central had to do was to take a knee and the game is over.

Shortly after getting the ball back, NCCU would fumble the snap and the Aggies recovered with 1:09 remaining in the contest giving A&T another shot.

And the Aggies (1-0) took advantage of it.

Driving to the Eagles (1-1) 34-yard line, sophomore kicker Carlos Davalos made his first collegiate field goal on a game-winning 50-yard field goal which sent Central home on a bad note as the Aggies escaped with a 16-15 win at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh on Sept. 5 at the 11th Annual Aggie-Eagle Classic.

"Our nose guard just came off the football," said Aggies defensive coordinator Alfonso Lee.

"The offense is going out for just a victory. The quarterback relaxed. It was a huge blessing."

The Eagles played like the Aggies of last season. Controlling the clock with the running game, the Eagles held the ball for

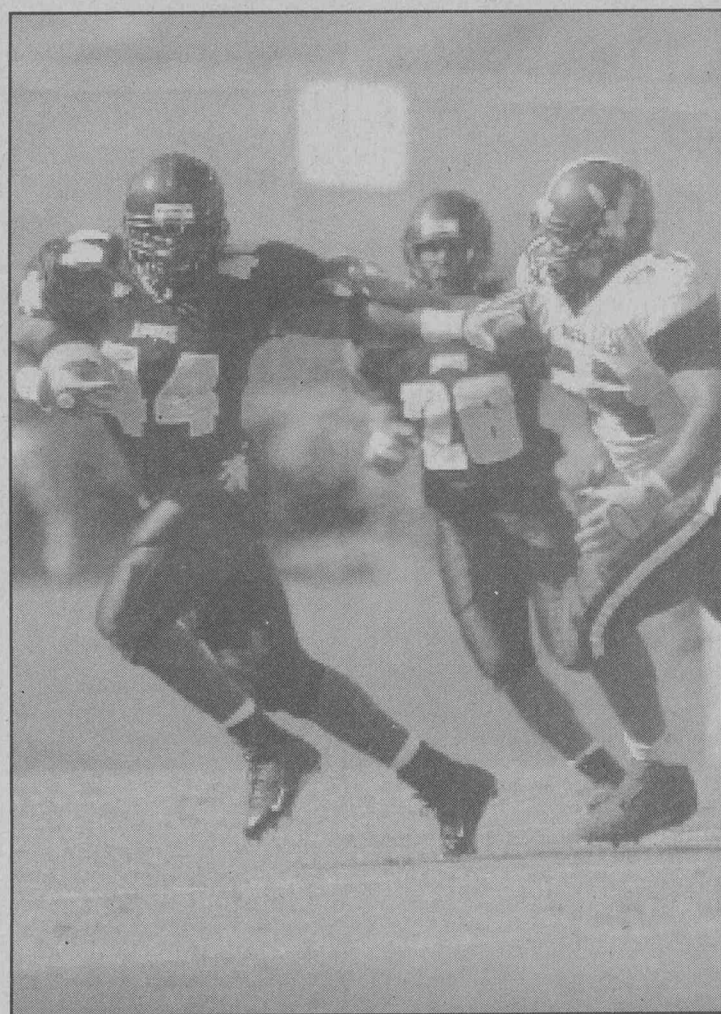


Photo by Charles Watkins

Aggies linebacker Billy McEachern returns the interception during the Aggie-Eagle Classic.

35:31.

"Central was a copy of us last season," said Aggies head coach George Small. "N.C. Central has a pretty good football team. Our hats go off to them for the way they executed against us. They have nothing to feel ashamed

about because they fought hard."

This was the first game that the Aggies played without linebacker Herbert Dixon, who was killed over spring break last year.

"We said that it was No. 33 (Dixon) stepping in for us," said Lee. "That's our

12th man all year long."

Following the opening kickoff, the Eagles formulated an impressive opening drive that started at their own 20-yard line and ended with a blocked field goal attempt by Rickie Lewis at the 9:20 mark of the first quarter.

Already up 3-0, Aggies quarterback Rico Watkins threw a pick which was returned to the Aggie 17-yard line with 10 seconds remaining in the half. The Eagles would cash in on the turnover with a 34-yard field goal to claim a 6-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, with the teams struggling all game on offense, the "Blue Death Defense" stepped in and made the impact play.

Defensive linemen Darrel Hamilton to make a crushing hit that caused a fumble. Lewis picked it up and scurried 36 yards to the end zone to give A&T a 7-6 lead.

"I don't know if the ball was thrown into my hands," said Lewis, who was named defensive player of the game for A&T. "I just grabbed it. All I saw was daylight."

N.C. Central outran the Aggies (202-55) and in total yards (276-221).

The Aggies will travel to Lorman, Miss., on Saturday, Sept. 11, to face Alcorn State.

Game time is 6 p.m.

New Head Volleyball Coach Ready to Go

By Chandre Dean
Register Contributor

A native of LaPlace, La., Millicent Sylvan begins a new era at N.C. A&T as the new head coach for the volleyball team.

Sylvan serves as one of the youngest head coaches in NCAA Division I.

"I don't think I have any problems that older coaches don't have," said Sylvan.

Being young has allowed Sylvan to have a closer relationship with her team.

"The women like that I'm one foot out of the game," she said.

Before coming to A&T, Sylvan was head volleyball coach at Alcorn State, where she compiled a 70-42 record in three years and won two Southwestern Athletic Conference Eastern division crowns as well as two appearances in the SWAC Tournament Championship games.

Prior to Alcorn State, Sylvan was the athletic director for Romeville Junior High in Louisiana.

While at Alcorn, Sylvan was a student athlete herself. She lettered in both

track and volleyball.

She was named Most Valuable Player for volleyball. She also was a USA Track and Field Indoor national competitor, where she is the league record holder in the heptathlon with 4,734 points.

Sylvan has received numerous awards for her athletic accomplishments. During the 1999-2000 school year, she was the winner of the E.E. Simmons Award, which is given to the top athlete at Alcorn State University.

Along with athletic awards, she has been awarded scholar athlete awards as well.

From 1996-2000, she was SWAC Scholar-Athlete, and for her academic accomplishments she received the Arthur Ashe Scholar Athlete Award.

In May 2000 Sylvan graduated Cum Laude from Alcorn State University with a bachelor's degree. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

Just like any other coach, Sylvan says she has a goal of bringing a championship to A&T.



Former Aggies in the NFL

Congratulations to the former Aggies who made the NFL 53-man roster.

Curtis Deloatch,
Cornerback, Rookie,
New York Giants

Dwaine Carpenter,
Safety, Second Year,
San Francisco 49ers

Donald Willis,
Offensive Lineman,
Seventh Year, Kansas
City Chiefs

Jason Horton,
Cornerback, First
Year, Green Bay
Packers

Qasim Mitchell,
Offensive Lineman,
Third Year, Chicago
Bears

MEAC Football Standings

Team	MEAC	Overall
1. Hampton	0-0	1-0
2. S.C. State	0-0	1-0
3. Morgan State	0-0	1-0
4. N.C. A&T	0-0	1-0
5. Bethune-Cookman	0-0	0-0
6. Howard	0-0	0-1
7. Delaware State	0-0	0-1
8. Norfolk State	0-0	0-1

Results

N.C. A&T 16, North Carolina Central 15
S.C. State 51, Benedict College 0
Virginia State 17, Norfolk State 7
Alabama State 27, Howard 12
#19 UMASS 51, Delaware State 0
Hampton 38, Jackson State 19
Morgan State 41, Bowie State 35
Bethune-Cookman vs. Savannah State cancelled (due to Hurricane Frances)

This weekend's games

Delaware State vs. North Carolina Central, 1 p.m.
N.C. A&T vs. Alcorn State, 5 p.m.
Hampton vs. Howard, 6 p.m.
Morgan State vs. Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman vs. Savannah State, 6 p.m.
S.C. State vs. Wofford, 7 p.m.

Aggies Ready to Face Off Against SWAC Foe

By Gregory Bond
Sports Editor

This Saturday at Alcorn State, if the N.C. A&T Aggies plays the same as what they did against North Carolina Central this Saturday, don't expect the team pulling out another victory.

The Aggies are heading to Lorman, MS to take on Alcorn State. For the Aggies, a lot of mistakes were made against North Carolina Central and they must improve before their battle against the Braves.

"We can't play the way we played this past weekend going to

Alcorn (State) and expecting a victory," said Aggies head coach George Small. "We are going into their territory. They are a good football team. They just beat Grambling State University and that wasn't an easy task."

The Aggies offense puts up only 211 yards total, including just 55 rushing yards against Division II rival Central.

"We must put up more points," said Small. "These are all correctable. We need better execution at the quarterback position. We need better concentration with the receiv-

ing core and catching the football. We would like to correct those inconsistencies going to our second game."

There were some positive signs from the "Blue Death Defense." The passing defense allowed only 74 yards passing with two interceptions.

Alcorn State defeated Grambling, but they also had some problems with their defense. The Braves' defense allowed 510 yards of total offense to Grambling.

"All I know that they beat Grambling," said linebacker Chamar Milton.

N.C. A&T vs. Alcorn State Preview

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Lorman, Miss.

Radio: WNAA 90.1

A&T last week: beat N.C. Central 16-15

Alcorn State last week: beat No. 17 Grambling State 34-23

A&T key players: Quarterback Marshall Glenn (Aggie-Eagle Offensive player of the game; 8-15 135 against NC Central); and Defensive End Rickie Lewis MEAC (Defensive Player of the Week seven tackles, a sack and a 36-yard fumble return touchdown)

Alcorn State key players: Quarterback Donald Carrie (SWAC offensive player of the week; 17-27, 276 TD over Grambling State) and Linebacker Leo Nobles (SWAC defensive player of the week; 14 tackles)

A&T Notes: The Aggies are ranked No. 3 in the Sheridan Broadcasting Network Black College Poll. The Aggies' total rushing yards was 55 yards.

Alcorn State Notes: Alcorn State put up a total of 435 yards on offense while their defense gave up 510 of total offense to Grambling State.



SPORTS

Former Aggie takes Giant Step in the NFL

By Gregory Bond
Sports Editor

At the start of his collegiate career, former Aggie star Curtis DeLoatch never thought that he would be playing in the NFL.

Well, now it is official. DeLoatch manages to survive cut day to make the 53-man roster for the New York Giants.

After his years with A&T, DeLoatch, a native from Hertford County (Ahoskie, N.C.) High, was signed as a rookie free agent by the Giants on May 7.

The coaches were impressed by his resume. Not only can the 6-2, 217-pound DeLoatch play corner, he can also be used as a punt returner.

As a sophomore, he was a first team All-American and All-MEAC as a punt returner, and a second team All-MEAC as a defensive back during his senior year. He also helped the Aggies win the 2003 MEAC championship last year.

DeLoatch broke a NCAA I-AA season record for returning five punts for touchdowns in a season. He also holds a school season record with 530 yards on punt returns on the year.

With the former Giants punt returner Delvin Joyce placed on injured reserve, DeLoatch was promoted to first team punt return unit. DeLoatch learned the punts in the NFL are different than the ones he sees in college.

"He is catching the ball well," said Giants' wide receiver Amani Toomer, who used to return punts during his first three seasons with the Giants. "The punts are a little higher because college punts are a little different from the pros punts. In college punts, the punter really don't get ball in the air for the hang time as they do in the pros. It kind of shocked him a little bit, but he rebound."

From mini camp to the end of training camp, veterans watched his confidence rise from each practice. One of the biggest positives that DeLoatch had was his size and speed.

"He is so long that he just oppose a

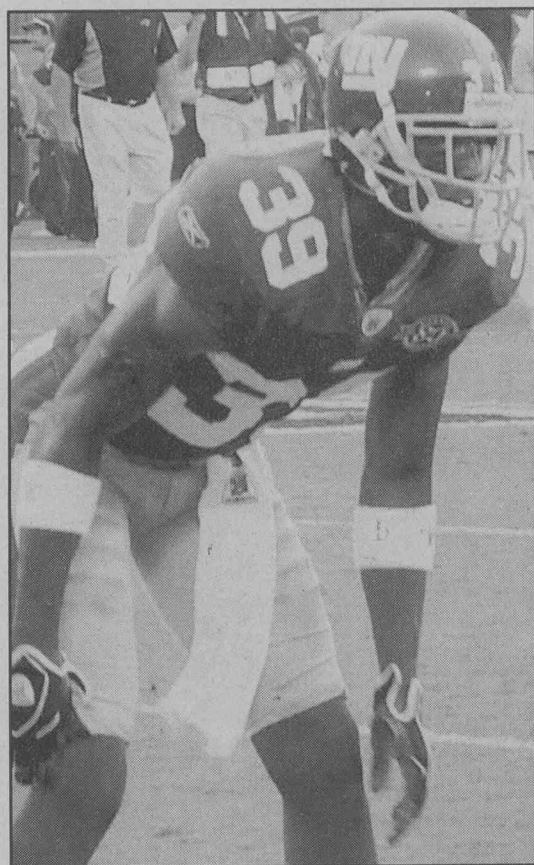


Photo by Gregory Bond

DeLoatch, warming up for the Panthers preseason game.

problem to every receiver he plays against," said Toomer.

During training camp, DeLoatch has learned a lot from the veterans from returning punts to playing defensive back. He is learning how to adjust to the professional style of play with some of the veterans giving him some tips.

"Yeah they talk to me," said DeLoatch. "Mostly Terry Cousin and Will Allen. They told me that there is more pressure on me now. Compose yourself and you should be good."

Asked about the biggest difference between college and the NFL.

"Speed and physical play," he said.

MEAC Volleyball Standings

As of Sept. 8

Teams	MEAC	Overall	Pct.
North Division			
Howard	1-0	1-3	.250
Md. Eastern Shores	0-0	2-2	.500
Morgan State	0-0	1-5	.167
Delaware State	0-0	1-5	.167
Hampton	0-0	0-4	.000
Coppin State	0-1	0-5	.000
Southern Division			
N.C. A&T	1-0	2-3	.400
S.C. State	0-1	4-1	.800
Florida A&M	0-0	1-2	.333
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	0-0	.000
Norfolk State	0-0	0-2	.000

This weekend's schedule

Friday, Sept. 10

Howard vs. Lafayette, 10 a.m.
S.C. State vs. Xavier (N.O.), Noon
Del State vs. Robert Morris, 12:30 p.m.
Bucknell at Morgan St., 1 p.m.
S.C. State vs. Miss Valley St., 3 p.m.
Hampton vs. UMBC, 4:30 p.m.
UMES vs. George Mason, 5 p.m.
Howard vs. Fairleigh Dicksn, 5 p.m.
FAMU at Nebraska, 7 p.m.
BCC vs. Fla. Atlantic, 7 p.m.
Princeton at Morgan St., 7 p.m.
Del State at WVA, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

S.C. State vs. Jackson St., 9 a.m.
Del State vs. High Point, 10 a.m.
BCC vs. Dayton, 10 a.m.
Wagner at Morgan State, 10 a.m.
William & Mary vs. Hampton, 1:30 p.m.
Howard vs. Sacred Heart, 2 p.m.
S.C. State at Alabama St., 3 p.m.
UMES at Georgetown, 2 p.m.
St. Francis at Morgan St., 2 p.m.
Norfolk St. at N.C. A&T, 3 p.m.
BCC vs. Ga. Southern, 4:30 p.m.
Loyola vs. Hampton, 4:30 p.m.
UMES vs. Wright St., 5 p.m.
Del State vs. Bowling Green, 5:30 p.m.
FAMU vs. Maryland, 6 p.m.
Morgan St. vs. St. Franc-NY, 6 p.m.

Lady Aggies Volleyball Team Go 1-2 in Aggie Classic

By Julius McKinley
Staff Writer

The Lady Aggies of N.C. A&T dropped two straight contests in the Aggie Classic to Navy and Texas A&M- Corpus Christi at the Greensboro Sports Complex on Sept. 3 and 4.

Navy (5-0), which defeated the Aggies 3-1 (30-19, 30-17, 25-30, 30-18), were led by Ashley Van Hartesvelt who posted a double-double with 25 kills and 11 digs. Ashley Muller also helped Navy by dishing out 40 set assists.

Navy, who went 4-0 during the classic, held the Aggies to a .009 hitting percentage on their way to their fifth victory of the season. Hartesvelt and Muller were named to the All-Tournament Team for their outstanding performances.

"We played well throughout the tournament," says Aggie volleyball head coach Sylvan. "We are still young and still learning, we could have had better decision making, but overall I was pleased with our effort."

Although the Aggies struggled throughout the game, there were some bright spots. Arlene Mitchell and Brendan Chapman were named to the All-Tournament Team. Mitchell led the Aggies with 14 kills and Chapman led the Aggies with 20 set assists, which were both season highs.

"Arlene is still learning, but she played well," says Sylvan. "She's consistent on serving, but we need a team effort from everyone to be successful."

Texas A&M-CC (3-1) defeated A&T 3-0 (30-28, 30-17, 30-11), but had a hard time putting the Lady Aggies away during the first game. The Lady

Aggies rallied late during the first game, but A&M eventually put them away and cruised to victory.

Lauren Carter led the Islanders with a remarkable all-around effort posting 16 set assists, seven digs, six kills, and six of the team's 12 service aces. Kati Broom and Lauren Smith had nine kills apiece adding to the Islander offense which hit at .272 percent during the match.

Leading the Lady Aggies were Darlene Mitchell who had seven kills and Chatman who had 14 set assists.

Completing the All-Tournament Team were Tabitha Turner (Campbell), Sarah Dillon (Campbell), Patricia Ortiz (Savannah State) and Satin Kinsey (Savannah State).

The Lady Aggies (2-2) thumped Savannah State in their first match 3-0 (30-

18, 30-12, 30-5).

"Our maturity played an important part in our win over Savannah," says Sylvan. "We improved a lot during this game and throughout the course of the tournament and it showed when we played the other teams."

The Lady Aggies will host Norfolk State for a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference match on Saturday, Sept. 11, in the

Corbett Sports Center.

Records at the Aggie Classic

Navy 4-0
Texas A&M CC 3-1
N.C. A&T 1-2
Campbell 1-2
Savannah State 0-4

Aggie Classic All-Tournament Team

Tabitha Turner (Campbell)

Sarah Dillon (Campbell)
Patricia Ortiz (Savannah State)
Satin Kinsey (Savannah State)
Arlene Mitchell (N.C.A&T)
Brendan Chatman (N.C.A&T)
Ashley Van Hartesvelt (Navy)
Ashley Muller (Navy)

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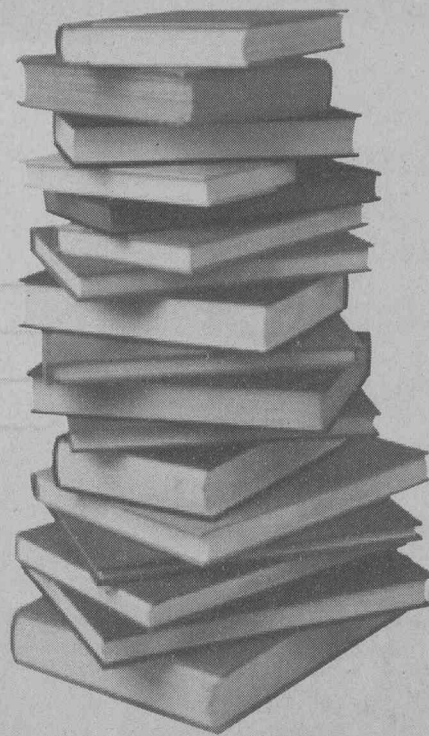
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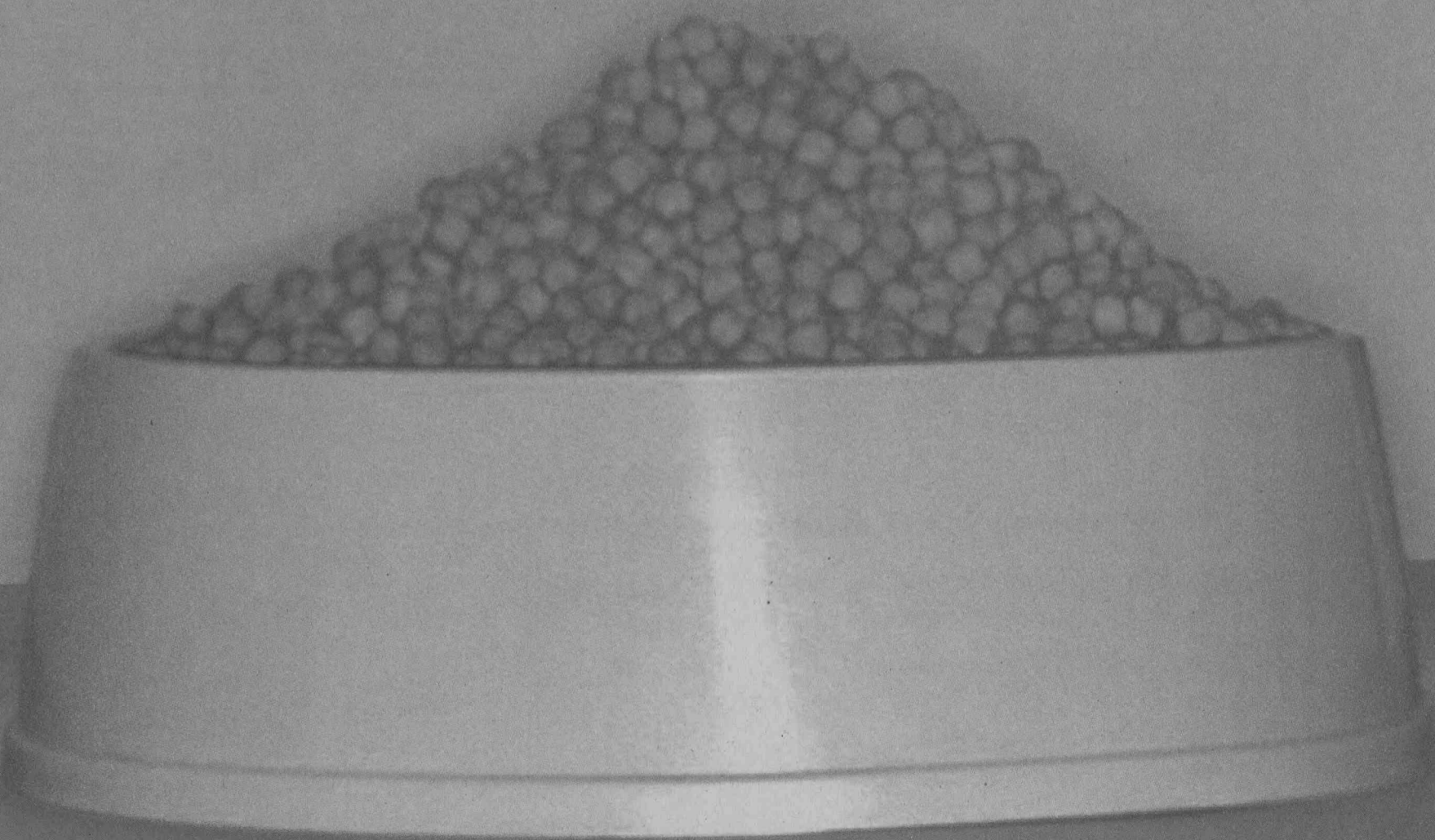
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