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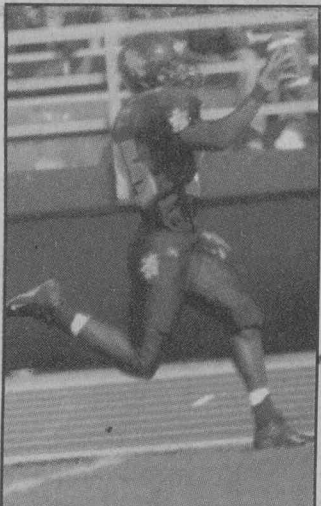
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North Carolina A&T State University

## Streeter Competes in HBCU Pageant, Plans Coronation

By Harold Chairs  
Contributor

Miss A&T Latiera Streeter represented the university at the Historical Black College Pageant this past weekend in Atlanta. The Miss HBCU Pageant consisted of 37 colleges and university queens all going for the coveted of Miss HBCU title. Streeter had a strong showing in the competition, placing in

the top ten. It was not exactly clear where she placed in the top ten because the names were read off alphabetically.

The HBCU Competition was hosted by the 1980s sitcom star Emanuel Lewis and Amoroso, the vixen from the reality TV hit "The Apprentice".

The theme of the pageant was Historically Black and Colleges and Universities: The Roots of the Black Community. The

competition consisted of talent, oratory, poise and projection and impromptu speech.

Streeter earned high praise from Amoroso during the poise and projection part of the competition. For talent portion of the competition, Streeter did a poem by former A&T student Armanis Howard entitled "The First Principal."

Despite a strong showing in all the competition

Streeter only placed in the top ten. Several students who traveled with Streeter to Atlanta for the pageant though the judging was very suspicious, but Streeter came to a different conclusion.

"The judging was fair; you didn't have the same judges in the preliminaries that were in the finals," Streeter said.

Streeter had been preparing for the HBCU pageant since March when

she announced as Miss A&T.

"Dr. Rasheed has always wanted Miss A&T to be represented in the Miss HBCU pageant," Streeter said. "It was a pleasure just representing A&T at the pageant this year."

Streeter said the pageant was a great way to network with the other queens.

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## Homecoming 2004: The Encore

By Chad Roberts  
Editor-in-Chief

It has been nearly a year since the greatest homecoming on Earth came to an end. On Oct. 2, the encore begins.

Starting with a Saturday night pre-homecoming gym jam, the A&T Student Government Association is planning a week of Homecoming festivities to celebrate the annual event that draws nearly 40,000 people and pumps about \$12 million into the Greensboro economy.

Saturday's gym jam is the first event planned for Homecoming.

On Oct. 3, A&T students can look forward to "The Amen Corner," a gospel play that will be presented by the Richard B. Harrison players. This will be the first time that a gospel play has been included in Homecoming events, but SGA president Calvin F. Williams Jr. expects it to be successful.

"This event is something that is brand new and innovative for Homecoming," Williams said. "Through this program we are expecting a very large turnout with this innovative way to share the gospel."

Later that night, SGA is teaming up with Couture Productions for "First Night Out," a formal ball. Williams said the event will give the student body a chance to party with a purpose.

"This ball allows for a real cool, relaxed, grown and sexy event that we will all remember for years to come," Williams said.

On Monday, the Holland Bowl will be the scene of the "Rock the Vote" block party. Food will be served for students free of charge if they have a meal plan on their AggieOne cards.

The Official Homecoming Comedy Show will be in Corbett gym on Tuesday. The comedy show is free for all students.

The Wednesday event will be a fashion show, entitled "A Beautiful Mind." The show is a presentation of Verge, with special guests Couture Productions. The cost is \$5 for A&T students and \$7 for the general public.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

### Homecoming 2004

- 10.02.04 (Pre-Homecoming): Homecoming Aggie Gym Jam Explosion (Moore Gym, 10:00pm - 3:00am, \$3.00 w/ College ID)
- 10.03.04: Gospel Play: "Amen Corner" (Harrison Aud., 5:00pm, Free for A&T students, \$5.00 for the public)
- 10.03.04: "First Night Out," A Homecoming Ball presented by SGA and Couture (Stallings Ballroom, 8:00pm; \$10.00 for singles, \$15.00 for couples)
- 10.04.04: Rock The Vote Block Party (Holland Bowl, 5:00pm, Free admission, food will be served with Aggie Meal Plan)
- 10.05.04: The Official Homecoming Comedy Show (Corbett Gym, 7:00pm, Free Admission)
- 10.06.04: "A Beautiful Mind" presented by Verge with Special Guests Couture Productions (Harrison Aud., 6:00 & 9:00pm, \$5.00 for A&T students, \$7.00 for the public)
- 10.07.04: Miss A&T's Coronation (Corbett Gym, 7:00pm, Free Admission)
- 10.08.04: The Official Homecoming Step Show (Greensboro Coliseum, 8:00pm, \$12.00 for A&T Students, \$17.00 for the public, \$20.00 The day of)
- 10.09.04: Best of Both Worlds Concert Featuring Jay-Z and R. Kelly (Greensboro Coliseum, 7:30pm, \$35.00 for A&T Students, \$49.99 & \$59.99 for the Public)
- 10.10.04: Gospel Concert (Harrison Aud., 5:00pm, Free Admission)

Homecoming week kicks off with a Gym Jam on Oct. 2. Scheduled events also include a block party, gospel concert and a fashion show.

Show times are 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Thursday at 7 p.m. is Miss A&T's Coronation, another free event. The coronation will be held in Corbett gym.

Friday, Oct. 8, is the Official Homecoming Step Show. Though the step show was held on campus last year, it is back at the Greensboro Coliseum for this year. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$17 for the general public. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20.

Saturday has the most events planned. First, the Homecoming parade kicks off at 8 a.m.

After the parade ends, the Homecoming game starts at 1:30 p.m. Due to an anticipation of a full stadium, no tickets will be sold on the day of the game.

Saturday night is the Homecoming concert, which will feature chart-toppers R. Kelly and Jay-Z. Tickets are \$35, \$49.99 and \$59.99.

On Sunday, Homecoming concludes with the Gospel concert in Harrison Auditorium. Admission is free.



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A&T fans stand and cheer during last year's game. The kickoff for this year's Homecoming game against Morgan State is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. No tickets will be sold on the day of the game.

## New Rules Await Street Vendors

By Chad Roberts  
Editor-in-Chief

The city of Greensboro is imposing several restrictions on A&T Homecoming vendors this year, in hopes of curbing trash and sanitation problems in the Lindsay Street area.

In the past, vendors have used the street as an open-air marketplace during A&T's Homecoming weekend to sell products ranging from Greek paraphernalia and T-shirts to food and soft drinks.

This year, all vendors will be required to obtain a license from the city of Greensboro prior to Homecoming in order to sell. In addition, all vendors will now be confined to the parking lot at War Memorial Stadium, at the corner of Dewey and Lindsay streets.

Tobin Shepherd, of the Guilford County Environmental Health Department, said the regulations will help make the area more safe and sanitary during the weekend. Shepherd cited several problems in the past during Homecoming, such as food handling, a lack of running water and electricity and no public restrooms. Shepherd also said litter on Lindsay Street was a problem in the past and the city spent several thousand dollars in cleanup costs.

Though the city has already decided to put the regulations into effect, some local lawmakers, such as county commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston and N.C. Rep. Earl Jones have expressed concern about the new rules because they feel many vendors have not had sufficient time to be alerted to the changes and will not be prepared to follow the city's guidelines.

## Cate Edwards Stumps for Democratic Ticket at UNCG

By Patrice Withers  
Layout and Design Editor

Cate Edwards returned to North Carolina on Sept. 27-28, to continue a three-day college tour to encourage young people to vote. Edwards is the daughter of N.C. Senator and Vice-Presidential candidate John Edwards. Similar to the Bush twins, Edwards has hit the campaign trail hoping to gain more votes for her father and the Democratic Party.

Edwards, a Princeton University graduate, plans to attend law school and follow in the same steps of her father, who was a trial lawyer for several years. Edwards, 22, was the keynote speaker at town hall meetings held at UNC-Greensboro, Winston-Salem State University, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Pembroke and Fayetteville State University. The purpose of this campaign is to share with students the Kerry-Edwards plan to strengthen America.

Edwards made her first stop on the campus of UNCG in the Elliott University Center. The auditorium was more than half full with students, faculty, community residents and local media. Her speech lasted no more



photo by Patrice Withers

Cate Edwards speaks to the audience in the Elliott Center on the campus of UNC Greensboro. Edwards visited several North Carolina universities during her three-day tour.

than five minutes before she entertained questions from the audience.

One of the main themes for this election year is to encourage young people to vote. Colleges and Universities is such a huge population throughout the country that candidates are targeting this population heavily. Edwards said college stu-

dents can have a huge impact on the results of the race.

"There are 40 million of us [college students] across the country and we can decide who wins this next presidential election," Edwards said. "We have a right and a responsibility to decide what our future will look like."

that him and John Kerry are on the side of everyday working people."

Compared to the current administration, which has allowed outsourcing, Edwards said John Kerry and her dad think it is important to keep high-paying quality jobs here in the United States.

There is so much at stake this election and with the decisions and choices of college students they can decide which candidate suits them best for financial purposes, such as college tuition.

"We have a choice between an administration that has watched college tuition go up by 35 percent in the last four years, continually cut funding and Pell Grants," she said. "Then you have my dad and John Kerry, who think it is important for every kid to have the opportunity to go to college."

Overall candidates want college students to get excited about the 2004 election and vote for the best man. Not only are candidate commenting on voting but they also want students to know their voice can be heard and they can make a difference in the country.

Often times while Edwards was speaking she felt a little unsure about her father's talking points. She even admitted that she hasn't heard her father speak in over a month since she has been on her solo campaign.

"I don't have all of his talking points memorized," Edwards said. "There are a lot of themes

### Campus Briefs

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will hold an interest meeting on Sept. 30 in room 112 of Craig Hall at 7:30. All majors are welcome.

The Aggie Interdenominational Fellowship (AIF) will hold its Aggie Worship Experience on Oct. 3 in Stallings Ballroom at 11 a.m. Reverend Chance Lynch will be presiding.

The Ladies of Excellence will hold an interest meeting on Sept. 30 in the New Classroom Building. The meeting time is set for 7:30 and the dress is business.

The Sophomore Class will sponsor an Aggie Pride Bowling Night at AMF Lanes from 9-11 p.m. The cost is \$8, which includes two hours of bowling and the shoe rental fee.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon will hold a movie night on Oct. 1 in Marteen Auditorium. Admission is 75 cents and the movie is the documentary "SuperSize Me". Show time is set for 8:30 p.m.

On Sept. 30 at 8:22 in the Hodgin Hall Auditorium Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. will present "A Black Male Misunderstood: The Truth About Men."

## Research Department Gets New Degree Programs, Supercomputers

By Kiir Knight  
Contributor

Chancellor James Renick, North Carolina A&T's Board of Trustees and the Division of Research and Economic Development (DORED) introduced a new graduate degree program in Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) on Wednesday, Sept. 22, in the Fort IRC Building on campus.

N. Radhakrishnan, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, introduced the new program which is enhanced by three new supercomputers, the SGI 3900 and two IBM Cluster computers.

Within the program there are three areas of study that cater towards specific majors.

Computational Science and Engineering is geared toward math, physics, and engineering majors.

Computational Science targets biology, chemistry, animal science and business majors.

Computational Technology is aimed towards technology majors.

This interdisciplinary program, which took the

CSE committee only about four months to complete, utilizes areas in combined mathematics, scientific modeling and simulation and domains such as physical sciences, engineering, life sciences, agricultural and environmental sciences, technology and business.

Students of this graduate program will gain computer modeling, simulation and visualization skills to apply in fields of science, engineering, technology, and business.

Students will use the program to simulate and study car accidents, protein formation in genetics and other venues.

"The proposed graduate program in CSE builds upon the current curricular strength and research capability at the University," said Dr. Radhakrishnan, who is also the chairman of the faculty committee that designed the program.

The SGI 3900 and IBM super computers were acquired to assist in the research and consulting. Supercomputers' speed are measured in floating point operations per seconds, or FLOPS.

According to IBM, a floating point is "a method of encoding real numbers

within the limits of finite precision available on computers." By using floating-point encoding, extremely long numbers can be handled relatively easily by computers.

Computer operations can be measured with megaflops, gigaflops and teraflops. A megaflop is a million floating points per second, a gigaflop is a billion floating points per second and a teraflop is a trillion floating points per second.

The new computers for the CSE program have a combined processing speed of about 125 gigaflops per second, essentially 125 million FLOPS per second.

As Dr. Radhakrishnan explained it, "If a baby born today is a 'super duper' baby, who can add two numbers (2+3=5) in only one second and if 40 such babies continuously do this EVERY second for 100 years, our super computers can get the same results in only one second!"

An SGI alone has the ability to combine more than 500 CPU's at a time.

"Graduates of this program will be highly versatile computational scientists, engineers, technolo-



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## Chat With the Chancellor

**By Brett T. Harrington**  
News Editor

This past Tuesday Chancellor James Renick sat down in a roundtable style discussion with students to address their questions, concerns and to entertain any of their feelings about the school.

On Oct. 28 at 2:00 p.m. in room 101 of the Memorial Student Union the chancellor fielded questions concerning everything from the perpetual parking grievances to dorm room ants.

Chancellor Renick cleared up discrepancies and rumors concerning the UNCG / A&T relationship, the parking deck, and the vendor situation during Homecoming.

After everyone in the room made a brief introduction, the chancellor extended his admiration to all the campus organizations who have been involved with getting students registered to vote for the upcoming election. Renick explained that getting people registered "is only half [of the voting process]" and continued by saying, "I hope people are going to vote."

The initial question presented before the chancellor involved peer mentoring programs.

Renick expressed the importance of peer mentoring to insure that freshman and sophomores do not lose focus and float

aimlessly through the system. Renick articulated that there are programs such as Campus Pals that are here for unfocused or academically unsure students to lean on.

Renick laid out that the campus has a high school (Middle College) which focuses on making sure young black men remain diligent in their studies so that they have an opportunity to have a collegiate experience.

Renick shared a story about how important it is to make a pre-college connection. He explained that students as well as the institution must make strides in "anyway we can to create and provide a stronger connection" to perspective students.

In the unique forum such as the one the chancellor has provided with the student body, the question of money will always crop up. In addition to scholarship and financial aid questions, Renick was asked a question concerning the availability of funds for students to attend professional seminars.

Renick answered, "There are students activities funds set aside for students to experience programs." He then directed the groups attention to Dr. Roselle Wilson, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, sitting in the back of the meeting and explained that she is the

authority on funding for student activities.

Following financial concerns the discussion also went into the importance of dorm activities and how they have slacked off in recent years.

Students expressed how helpful dorm programs were to them as freshman and sophomores during the adjustment process many students go through when they are away from home for the first time.

Renick agreed that the dorm programs are important and made a seemingly determined gesture to look into restoring them.

The meat of the conversation began when someone addressed the circulating rumor of an A&T / UNCG merger.

Chancellor Renick explained with authority that there is not, nor have there been any talks or considerations concerning a merger of A&T and UNCG. Renick said, "there is no merger; we're smart enough to now how to add value through partnership without being taken over. We can partner with anyone so long as it is in our(A&T) best interest."

Renick proceeded to dispel concerned student's fears by laying out the relationship of A&T and UNCG. He explained that the relationship between A&T and UNCG is for the creation of a

research park that is in the interest of both A&T and UNCG. Further explanation revealed that the collaboration has garnered \$14 million to create a research park that will span two locations and the institutions (A&T and UNCG) will bring on more partners as long as it is in their interest.

When you have the chancellor as your audience all grievances will arise, but there is one pesky, annoying, perpetual, festering and malignant grievance and it deals with parking.

Students present at the meeting offered up their opinions that included not allowing freshman to drive and the building of a parking deck.

Renick masterfully dodged the freshman car issue but assured students that the school will build a parking deck within a year's time that will add 500 spaces to campus. Renick said, "soil samples are being done," to find the most stable location to construct a parking deck.

The construction of the deck led Renick to volunteer some information concerning construction on campus. Renick said, "there will be an explosion of space next year."

Crosby and Merrick Hall will reopen soon and there will be an abundance of space. More space will become available when the New Science

Building opens and the Chemistry Department moves in.

The stage in Holland Bowl was supposed to be completed by Homecoming. The completion date has been extended to November due to the weather and the chancellor's request to move an unsightly gray control box from the front of the stage.

As the discussion wore down another hot topic was introduced. The topic dealt with the moving of the vendors during homecoming from Lindsay Street to War Memorial Stadium's parking lot.

It has been a long tradition to have food, clothing and souvenir vendors on or near campus during Homecoming. However, it seems in recent history that vendors are being pushed further away from campus and many students wanted to know what capacity the school had in that decision.

While Renick did not answer the question about the capacity of the school to invite the vendors on campus to avoid city entanglement, he informed the students that "the city made the decision and they made it seem as though the school was involved."

He continued by telling the students Assistant City Manager (Bob Morgan) made the

decision. He explained that the city made an issue of hot water, electricity and a fire hydrant and ended by saying, "you know what that's about," in reference to money the city will receive by forcing vendors to purchase licenses.

With time winding down the chancellor answered a series of questions that addressed the distribution of construction contracts to minority companies and the concerns about the state of the bullet-riddled Scott Hall wall that stood as a reminder to the history of the school.

Renick's answer to the first question stated that the school has a minority vendors program that actively seeks out minority owned firms to design and construct the buildings on campus.

To the second question Renick said that the bricks are in a safe place and there are plans to use them to build a monument.

Chancellor Renick ended the discussion with this - "My source of pride is the students. What you are as students speaks volumes about the institution. I don't want to keep and secrets... we can't communicate enough. This [Chat with the Chancellor] can only better the institution, Thank you for being here."

### Streeter

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for me to exchange ideas with other queens," said Streeter. "The pageant was also a very useful tool to get to know the other queens from other schools and learning the procedures that were conducted at their schools. Miss Morgan State doesn't speak at any of their functions on campus and Miss FAMU is an ambassador for their school trying to bring in freshmen to the university. Miss A&T has always placed in the top ten so I was happy to keep the tradition up."

Streeter said she was also happy about the support that she received during the competition.

"I was very happy that so many of the student body came to support me, especially seeing some of the former Miss A&T's coming out and supporting me," said Streeter. "It really inspired me."

Streeter is inspired by her predecessor Jocelyn Jacobs, former Miss A&T 2003-04.

"I would not change anything that as Miss A&T, she did a great job as Miss A&T," said Streeter. "But if I had to change something, I would not only go

to football games, but also try to support other athletics such as volleyball, basketball, baseball and etc as well."

With Homecoming right around the corner, Streeter is gearing up for the Miss A&T Coronation. The theme of this year's coronation will be: "Believe and Conquer the Impossible Conquering Dream."

"I just want the students to know that whoever they are they can conquer anything but in front of them," said Streeter.

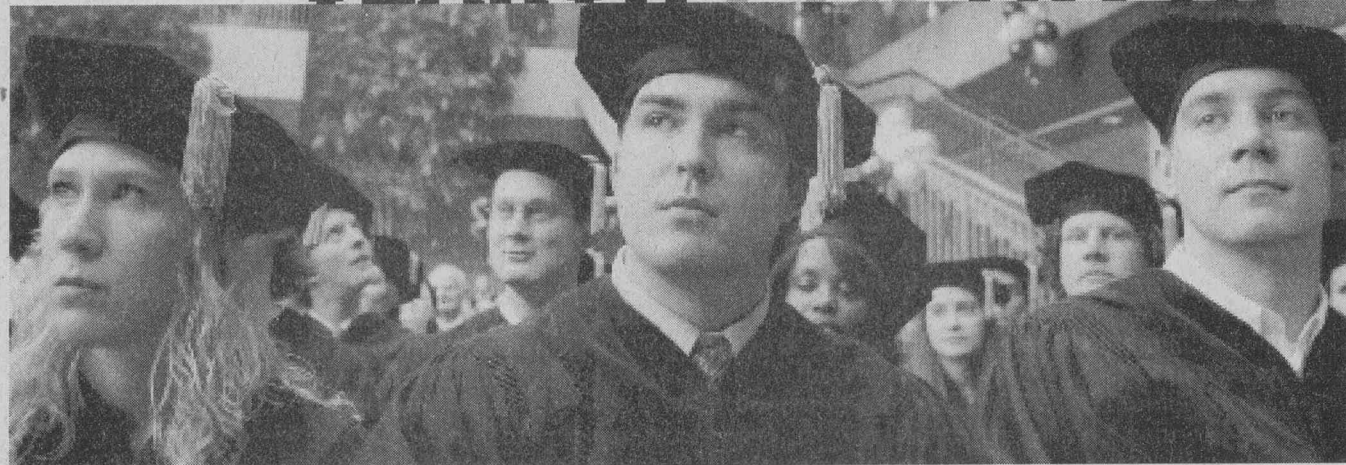
"There will also be some surprises that will be in store at this year's coronation."

Streeter is working on several programs for the fall such as a Men's Appreciation Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, and Defense during Safety Conference.

"Being Miss A&T has opened up so many doors for me, it has expanded so many of my dreams," said Streeter.

The Miss A&T Coronation is Thursday, Oct. 7 in Corbett Sports Complex at 7 p.m.

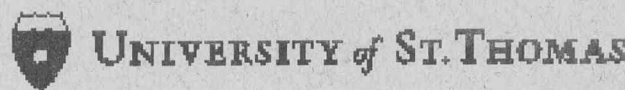
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### MICHELE BOWEN

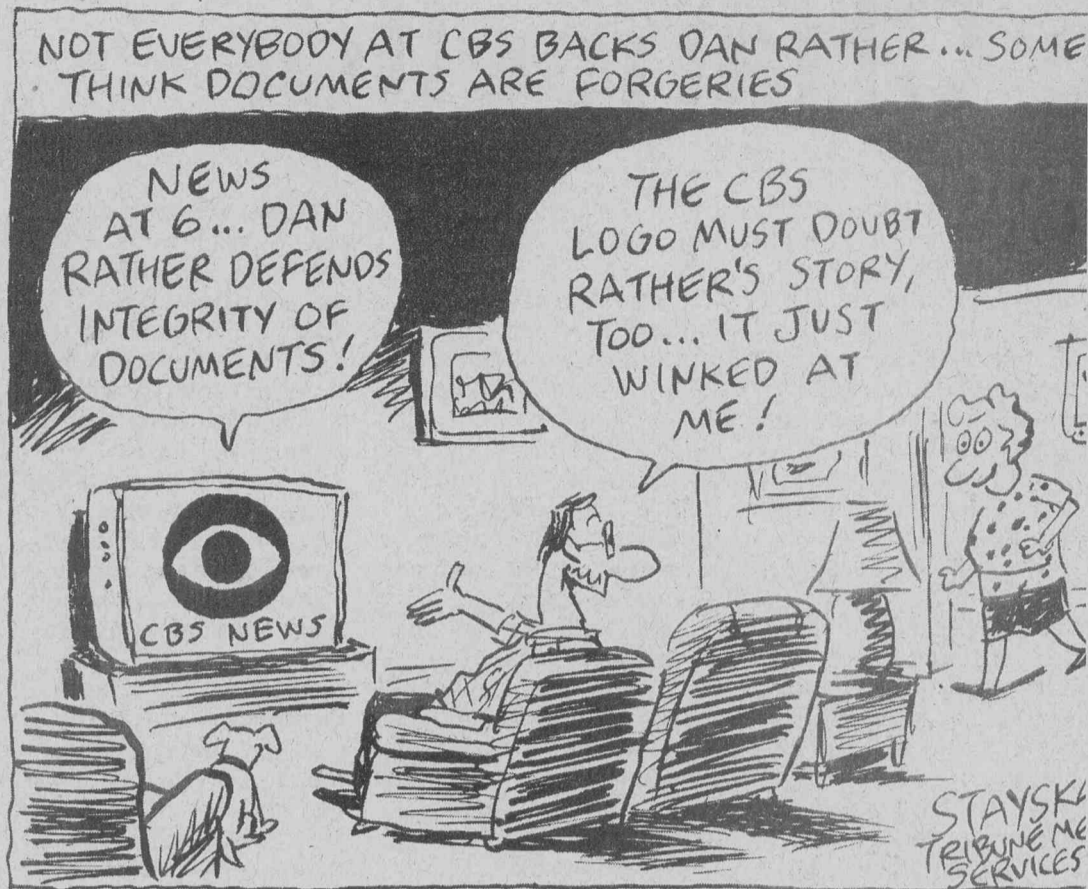
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Will read from her work and sign books on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Bluford Library (Laurel Street near East Market). Refreshments will follow.

Ms. Bowen graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master's degree in both history and public health. She lives in North Carolina with her two daughters. This event is free and open to the public.

For information, contact Anjail Ahmad at 334-7771, ext. 2370 or E-mail: arahmad@juno.com.



## Letter to the Editor

When I was in high school I had a variety of universities to choose from to attend. I always knew I wanted to go to a historically black university because my parents both attended one. Being that I was from Raleigh, I first looked at Shaw University and St. Augustine because both my parents graduated from the two. I could always remember our family sitting around the living room talking about the advantages to going to a historically black school and the disadvantages to going to a predominately white institution. Out of the four kids in my family I was the only one to take my parents advice and attend NCA&T University.

While I set off for A&T my three sisters decided to go to N.C. State, UNCW, and Cal State. Although all of us are getting educated I seem to be the only one struggling to graduate due to events that I feel are controllable. I was told, granted by my parents that if I came to a black university the professors and staff would be more compassionate to the struggles we as black students go through. Don't get me

wrong, I am not looking for any handouts from anyone in this world, much less this university, but I have experienced more problems within my department than is necessary. I have been advised wrong at a time when my mentors' advice should be at its best. Along with terrible advice, I have been treated like a terrorist when I ask for assistance with correcting mistakes made by the department. I would think that if I was put out of a class after three weeks of being in it because of my advisors mistake that I would receive ample help getting adjusted to the new one. The staff in the Communications Department must understand that if we are misplaced for three weeks and have brought the books and materials for that class that we might come to them and ask for help and advice. Is it too much for a student to ask for advice from the staff without them flipping out and acting in a totally unprofessional manner? In my particular situation, I asked to borrow a book that was sitting on top of a staff

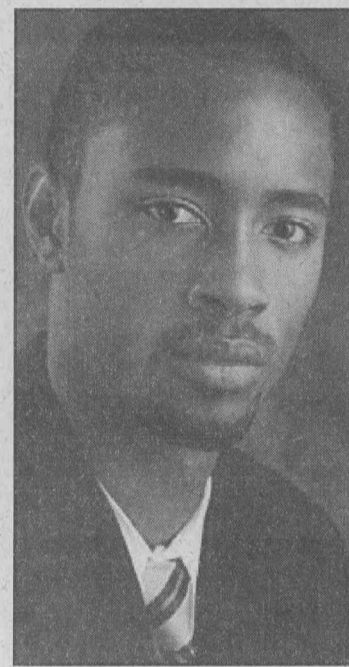
member's file cabinet. The only reason that I even had to ask was because I did not have the money to buy another book due to the money I spent on the first class I got kicked out of. Did she let me borrow that book, of course not! After seeing all the problems I went through and how professionally I handled the "mix up," you would think that she would show some compassion and let me read over a chapter while still in her office. What is wrong with these people and why have they lost focus? The focus is being educating and mentoring us so that we are prepared to go out in the world and contribute something positive to it. I cannot feel at ease with confiding in them and will not allow them to take away the confidence I have built up. If their behavior coincides with the rest of the university what do they expect our generation to produce and contribute to the world?

Signed,  
Omar Bailey

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## From the Desk of the President



Williams

It is interesting because we seem to continually assume more and more responsibility, but no authority. Doesn't it make you wonder? Have you ever been told that your attitude affects others, being told to smile and laugh more? Or ever heard the comment, "I really like you, I don't even think of you as black?" Ever had someone return from a day in the sun and say, "Hey, I'm darker than you!" Maybe you presumed that all you had to do to get or keep the job was to work hard and get the job done?

If any these things have happened to you, I apologize, but they have happened to me. Becoming mad and feelings of rage are not the answers to the problem. Do not try to get rid of the rage, become aware of it and control it and use it to your advantage. We are better armed with degrees, resumes, and networks more so than any other generation of African Americans. Use the benefits of integration to move on and do something for yourself. If you must Work While Black, then Work While Black for YOURSELF. That is key!

That is the answer to the problem; we must create wealth for ourselves.

It is not about being as rich as Shaq, but being as wealthy as the man that signs Shaq's check. We can only do that through economic empowerment, so if you have an idea, turn it into a business and follow your dreams. I started my company and you can start yourself, if we must WWB then WWB4Yourself!

Calvin F. Williams, Jr. is SGA President.

I once read of an e-mail that was titled "Work While Black!" The e-mail had a list of the top 20 workplace scenarios that proved you were WWB. WWB is a term that may be new to a good number of students here at this university. Most of us enjoy the luxury of being surrounded with our own people and not having to deal with certain issues and problems. However, when we reach the work world, we shall enter a different beast.

Here at North Carolina A&T, we are afforded the opportunity to not deal with the real world. For four or five years, we are in a bubble of ourselves. We need not stretch outside that bubble because everything we need is here in that bubble. It is truly a blessing and a curse. The blessing and curse are about the same, nowhere else on God's earth can we be surrounded by so many positive and motivated African Americans.

When we leave this bubble, we enter the real world. The world where many of us will encounter what is said in black professional arenas, Working While Black. For all of those that may have had an internship, they may have seen or even experienced Working While Black. This creative phrase was coined from the Driving While Black or the (insert verb) While Black. This piece is in no way to say that the world is racist and we have to start marching again, however, it is to remind you that after you leave this place you enter the real world with real

problems.

I have experienced myself, you enter an office space and it almost seems like the whole office stops and no one is breathing as you move toward your cubicle on your first day. They may not mean to do it but it is done; those who have worked in the field know the feeling I am talking about. It is the feeling of being the only one of your kind in an environment. When your boss introduces you to everyone, it seems as if he or she makes sure to introduce you to the other black person in the office, even if they are not in your direct office. Like that makes it better.

Our generation is not in the situation that our parents were in. Our parents had to fight to be first to open the door. Now the door is open, we all know that, but we also know that when we enter that door, the field is not level. We have to perform at 250 percent just to stay even.

## Letters to the Editor

can be submitted by email at register@ncat.edu, by mail or delivered in person to NCB 328-G. Letters must be signed and should include an address and telephone number.

## The Perfect Way to Stay Dry During the Homecoming Concert

On Oct. 9, there will be many brave souls standing in the front rows of the R.Kelly/Jay-Z concert. I won't be one of them.

There will be shouting and screaming. There will be clapping, singing and foot-stomping. Bras, panties and hotel-room keys will fly towards the stage.

Such wild behavior is typical at a concert, especially a show where the majority of the audience is made up of college "students."

However, it is not the wild, rowdy "students" slinging their personal undergarments to the stage that worries me. The thing

that worries me is what might be flying from the stage.

I'm sure everyone has seen or heard about the infamous tape, with somebody "taking a leak" on somebody's daughter. I have never seen this footage with my own eyes. I have, however, performed a similar act while standing over a commode, better known as a "toilet bowl."

And just think, it costs a person almost \$30 more to be in harm's way, where sweat, spit and who knows what other bodily fluids will potentially be flying.

While I refuse to subject myself to such hazardous

conditions, for \$49.99, I will supply qualified concertgoers with my brand-new, custom-made, never-before-seen full-body poncho-suit with matching goggles and hoodie. This price also includes a cookbook with various mouth-watering noodle recipes.

Does \$49.99 sound expensive? Well, think about it like this - it's cheaper than a front-row seat. And you can cook like a professional noodle chef when the concert is over!

The hoodie portion of the poncho-suit is 110 percent preshrunk cotton, so after one wash it, of course, will shrink to a size

just big enough for a third-grader.

The goggles serve two purposes. One, they will completely block out all forms of light, so the wearer will stagger about aimlessly and recklessly until beaten over the head by concert security. Two, when the concert is over and it's time to cook noodles, you can be sure that one goggle-full of noodles is pretty darn close to what leading nutritionists would call a "suggested serving."

Of course, you can go to the concert dressed to impress. And when the "juices" start raining down from the stage like Hurricane Floyd, you will

quickly realize my poncho-suit and professional noodle cookbook would have been 50 bucks well spent.

By this time, I will be on my way to the next stop on the R. Kelly/Jay-Z tour, laughing at all the idiots who failed to capitalize on my ingenious invention, while counting all the riches I just made from the "smart" students who did take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime offer.

I don't want anybody to get the wrong impression. I'm not hand-making these poncho-suits for my health, and the secret recipes that will be unleashed in the world-class noodle cookbook

have been protected from noodle-recipe stealing "students" from around the world for centuries, until now. Rather, it is my wish to see everyone in the line of fire stay cool and dry during the concert. Besides, it is high time noodles became a part of everyone's diet.

Chad Roberts is Editor-in-Chief of The A&T Register. He was last seen riding a bike on Benbow Road, with thick goggles over his eyes and uttering something about a secret noodle recipe.

## Briefs

### University of Central Florida's foreign students hit with tracking fee

Foreign students will face a new \$50 fee each semester at the University of Central Florida to help cover the costs of tracking international students on campus and to inform them of new rules for studying in America.

"I don't like to see fees go up for any students," said Kevin Peters, the UCF Student Government president and a member of the Board of Trustees that approved the new fee Thursday. "But sometimes it's necessary."

A wave of new travel-visa rules imposed after the 2001 terrorist attacks have delayed foreign students who come to U.S. universities to get an education. Foreign enrollment has dropped at nearly all schools, including UCF.

### Scientists downplay global warming as cause for surge in hurricanes

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.- As hurricane after hurricane strikes the southeastern United States, many people wonder whether the rash of storms is the result of global warming.

The answer from scientists: Probably not.

Although many experts think global warming could increase the number or the intensity of hurricanes 50 years from now, they say this year's storms were caused by natural changes in the ocean and atmosphere. These include a multi-decade cycle of warm water moving through the Atlantic Ocean, and the unusual mildness of the hurricane-suppressing patch of warm water in the Pacific called El Nino.

"This isn't a global-warming sort of thing," said Hugh Willoughby, senior scientist at the International Hurricane Research Center of Florida International University. "It's a natural cycle."

In a letter last week to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was holding hearings on global warming, 10 climate researchers urged him to be cautious of "the erroneous claim that hurricane intensity or frequency has risen significantly in recent decades in response to the warming trend seen in surface temperature."

### Controversy over wireless networks at college stirs national debate

FORT WORTH, Texas- It's OK to make college students do more homework, write longer papers or even pay higher tuition.

But mess with their Internet access and you'll get some high-tech turmoil.

Through the power of blogs, or online journals, news that officials at the University of Texas at Dallas were trying to restrict students from using personal wireless networks grew from a local dispute to a national online debate on student rights.

"It turned into a much bigger issue than I had anticipated it would have," said Bill Hargrove, executive director of information resources.

Two days after officials announced the restrictions, the school in Richardson's silicon corridor was forced to back off on its demand.

### September 17-19

#### 04-1061 Larceny Cooper Hall

-A beverage delivery worker reported that someone had stolen several cases of beverages from a company vehicle while it was parked and left unattended. There is witness and suspect information.

#### 04-1067 Suspicious Activity Dewey St. /Boyd St.

-A traffic stop was initiated on a vehicle with expired

vehicle registration. The suspect driver stopped the vehicle, exited, and ran from the scene. No chase was made on the suspect, but the suspect's vehicle was searched, inventoried, and impounded. Criminal charges are pending upon positive identification of driver.

#### 04-1068 Sick Call Aggie Suites

-A student became ill after consuming too much alcohol. EMS responded, treated and later transport-

ed the student to the hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

### September 20

#### 04-1075 Drug Violation Bluford Library

-An off-campus student was charged with possession of marijuana after a Bluford Library security officer found marijuana in her purse. The student was cited and released by University Police Department.

#### 04-1077 Comm. /Threats Pride Hall

-A student resident of Pride Hall reported person(s) unknown placed a threatening note on his vehicle, while it was parked in the parking lot.

#### 04-1080 Disorderly Conduct Student Union (PVA)

-A male student verbally threatened a Parking Services Officer after he was issued a parking ticket.

The case remains open.

#### 04-1081 Assault Aggie Suites

-A female student, resident of Aggie Suites, reported that a male resident kissed her without her permission. The incident was referred to Housing and Student Affairs.

*Police Blotter compiled by Philip Morgan, from public records at the University Police department. All suspects innocent until proven guilty.*

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## Miss A&T Was Robbed!!

A Commentary  
By Lindsay Bowen



Lindsay Bowen

On September 25, in Atlanta, Georgia, at approximately 11:30 pm, a serious crime was committed, Miss North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University was robbed of her much deserving title as Miss NBCA (National Black College Alumni).

Competing against 36 beautiful and talented HBCU queens, Latiera Streeter, Miss A&T, placed in the top ten at the annual pageant. Colleges and universities from all over the nation were in attendance such as Spelman, Albany State, Lincoln and Jackson State. These queens danced, modeled, sang, performed spoken word and gave breath taking oratories to become the queen of this illustrious organization.

Miss A&T stunned the crowd full of HBCU students, faculty and alumni, with her dazzling dress, expressive talent and dynamic oratory. Being in the top ten out of 36 queens is a tremendous honor; however, she deserved more than just top ten.

Out of all the contestants, Miss A&T demonstrated the best overall performance. No other queen could compare to Latiera's sparkling personality, graceful walk or her crowd pleasing performances.

The winner, Miss Bowie State, along with second and third place winners Miss Lincoln; Pennsylvania and Miss Tennessee State gave entertaining and enlightening

performances, but lacked the consistency and savvy of Miss A&T.

When Miss A&T walked out behind the curtain during the formal wear segment, "ohh's and aww's" filled the reception hall, a response that no other queen received. During Miss A&T's oratory, her suit exemplified class style and professionalism, while other queen's outfits were not as complimenting. As she spoke on why HBCU's are the root of the black community, she projected her voice loud and clearly, demanding the full attention of the audience. Latiera's spoken word talent accompanied a beautifully designed dress from Africa.

While other queens stuttered and stammered through the question and answer section, Miss A&T's confidence and poise glowed through her spectacular smile.

When the winner's were announced, you could feel the unbelievable confusion and disagreement from the crowd, and not just from the Aggie supporters. With shouts of Aggie Pride and stares from rival HBCU's, A&T students, faculty and alumni showed the utmost respect and admiration for Miss A&T and the other queens competing.

Miss A&T may have been robbed of her title as Miss NBCA, but she still left a lasting impression on all who attended. Sometimes the most qualified queen doesn't get the opportunity to take her own thrown.

*Lindsay Bowen, Miss Senior 2004-2005, attended the pageant along with other queens and kings representing NC A&T State University*

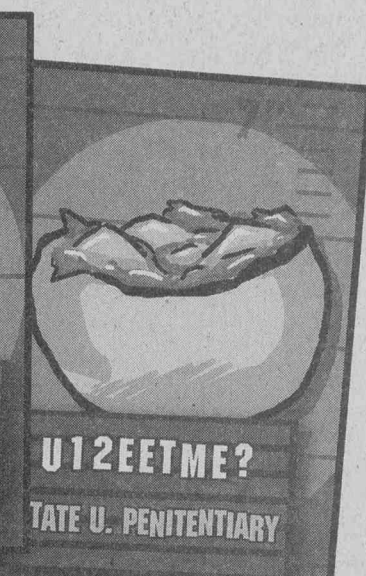
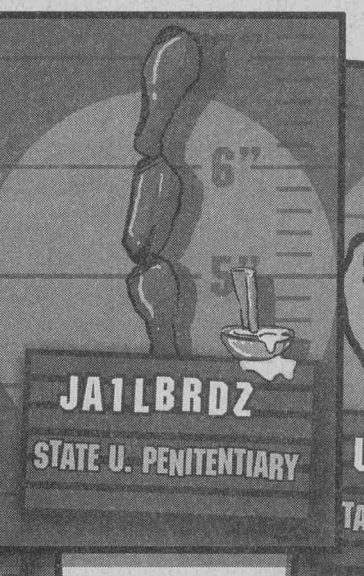
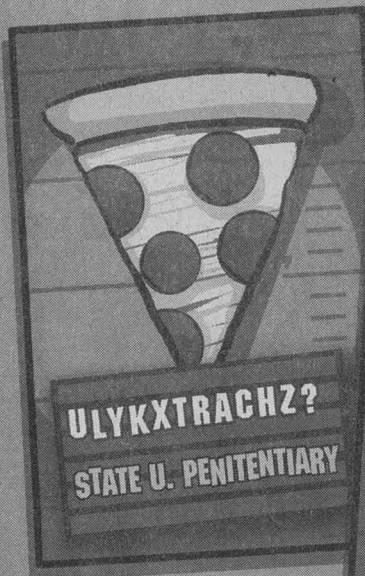
### 20 QUESTIONS

By Ms. Inquisitive B

1. Did you hear that A&T was thinking about charging students for the Homecoming football game?
2. Will the vendors for Homecoming be on Lindsay Street this year, or are they really making them set up in Memorial Stadium?
3. Won't this take away from Homecoming?
4. Is it fair that R. Kelly got off from his charges and is still able to perform?
5. Regardless of his personal life, who can deny his talent?
6. Who is funnier, Chris Rock or Dave Chappelle?
7. Why are students with parking decals getting tickets for parking at the meter?
8. Was the \$200.00 parking decal not enough?
9. And if those parking spaces are for visitors, what's the purpose of having designated visitor's parking spaces?
10. For those who took the bus ride or drove to ATL; didn't Miss A&T really deserve to win the NBCA Pageant?
11. Speaking of bus rides, why is it that we fought so hard to sit in the front of the bus, but now everyone rushes to the back?
12. Why do people from Charlotte I love Charlotte so much?
13. Is it becoming the next Atlanta?
14. Why is it that 20 minutes after eating at the café, your next stop is the bathroom?
15. Aren't we all glad that the sit-in is finally serving breakfast?
16. What females still wear silver lipstick with black lining?
17. Why do guys leave the sticker on the brim of hats?
18. What is with the dysfunctional printers in the first floor computer lab in Craig Hall?
19. Are the earrings with the names in the middle another repeat trend? I hope not...
20. Why is it that the students in the largest department on campus, Journalism and Mass Comm., never have any companies catering to them at the career fair?

#### \*\*BONUS QUESTION OF THE WEEK\*\*

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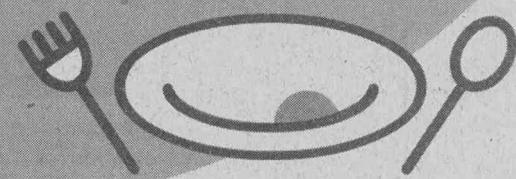


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## Aggies Pull Away From Elon 19-17

By Gregory Bond  
Sports Editor

Last year, N.C. A&T had to come from behind in the second half to beat Elon. This year, déjà vu happened all over again as the Aggies overcame a three-point deficit at half-time to defeat Elon 19-17 on Saturday Sept. 25 at Aggie Stadium.

"A win is a win," said Aggies head coach George Small. "It is a good win. That is what you play for." Elon is 2-4 all-time verses the Aggies.

"I commend N.C. A&T for doing what it took to win the game," said Elon head coach Paul Hamilton. "They made the plays in the second half and that is what a championship team does. That is why they got a conference championship. That is why they went to the playoffs.

"I knew when we came in here it would be a tough environment. There is no question that N.C.A&T have a lot of motive."

The Phoenix (1-2) running back John Taylor carried the team in the first quarter. Taylor touched the ball 15 (14 rushes, 1 reception) of the Phoenix's 19 plays in the first quarter.

"Physically, I feel beat up," said Taylor. "They are a real physical bunch. We had our chances but they just played well on both sides of the ball and we



Photo By Charles Watkins

**Cornerback James McCoy returns the interception for a touchdown.**

just came up short."

Taylor rushed for 154 on the game.

On the third drive for Elon, Taylor rushed eight times on drive for 38 yards to set up a 29-yard field goal by William Rawls to give Elon a 3-0 lead early in the second quarter.

A&T (2-2) got on the scoreboard off a screen pass by Aggie quarterback Adrian Moye to running back Micheaux Hollingsworth for a 84-yard touchdown to give A&T a 7-3 lead.

Moye, who is the fourth

string quarterback starting in place of injured quarterback Marshall Glenn, went 6-for-14 for 168, a touchdown and an interception.

On the ensuing drive, the Phoenix gave the ball to Taylor and he ran past Aggie defenders to for a 37-yard touchdown run to take a 10-7 lead at half-time.

Taylor had 126 yards rushing at halftime. Taylor had 147 of Elon's 205 yards at the half.

"I felt like they us pretty good in the first half," said coach Small. "Taylor had

a tremendous first half."

In the third quarter, Hollingsworth stepped up. Hollingsworth rushed six times for 26 yards, including running a 13-yard run to Elon's 2-yard line.

That sets up a 2-yard run by fullback/tight end Brian Johnson to take the lead again 13-10.

The Aggies put the game away when Aggie cornerback James McCoy picked off freshman quarterback Kye Hamilton for a 46-yard run to seal the victory.

"(Defensive Back) coach (Darien) Hart coaches us to read three-step, to keep an eye on the quarterback," said cornerback James McCoy. "(Defensive Coordinator) Coach (Alonzo) Lee puts us in good situations to make plays. We were in zone, I read three-step and I never looked back."

Hollingsworth rushed for 96 yards on 19 carries before leaving the game with an injured ankle.

The Aggie defense held Taylor to only 28 yards rushing in the second half.

Aggies' linebacker Lammon Ringgold led the team with 11 tackles and linebacker Billy McEachern added 10.

The Aggies will travel to Norfolk, Va. on Oct. 2 to face off against Norfolk State in the Fish Bowl Classic.

Game time is at 4 p.m.

## Lady Aggies Impressive at Invitational

By Harold Chairs  
Contributor

N.C. A&T bowling team continues on its quest for a fourth straight MEAC championship with a victory at the MEAC Southern Invitational I at Gate City Lanes, Greensboro, on Sept. 25-26.

The Lady Aggies bowled their way to a 4-0 duel win.

A&T earned victories over Norfolk State, Florida A&M, South Carolina State and Savannah State. The team bowled an average 167.85 at the Invitational.

The Lady's Aggies closest competition was South Carolina State, who was 241 pins behind the Lady Aggies.

"We struggled but as you can see the other teams struggled as well," said Lady Aggies head coach Courtney Stith. "Our heaviest competition is outside the conference."

Jamie Brungard led the Lady Aggies (1-0) with 2,177 total pins in 12 games for an average of 181.42 for the tournament.

"I did not think that I played as well as good as I could but overall I am happy with my performance," said Brungard.

They were without former Most Outstanding Player of MEAC Championship Hilary Cox, but Cox was there

to show her support on the sideline.

"We wish that Hilary (Cox) was bowling now but we enjoy her support on the sideline," said Stith. "But we need her to rest up and help us later in the season when we will truly need her."

Stith was proud with the play due to the conditions the Lady Aggies were performing under. The coach puts more oil on the lanes to challenge the field.

"It was not any way of trying to make it harder for my team or easier for the other team," said coach Stith. "It was a level playing field for everyone. I just wanted to challenge my team. It will help them once they get deeper into the season."

Bethune-Cookman was supposed to be at the tournament but due to the hurricanes they were unable to make it.

The Lady Aggies were really looking forward battling the Lady Wildcats.

"We are really looking forward to facing them, it will be another challenge that we must face," said Brungard.

The Lady Aggies will have their next meet against these same teams next week in MEAC Southern Divisional Invitational II. Florida A&M will be hosting the event on Oct 1-2 in Tallahassee, Fla.

## Lady Aggies Fall to UNC Asheville 3-1

By Michael Stanley  
Contributor

N.C. A&T women's volleyball team had their hands full as they were defeated by the Lady Bulldogs of UNC Asheville, 3-1 (30-20, 30-26, 21-30, 30-24) at the Corbett Sport Center on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The Lady Aggies (3-10, 2-0 MEAC) have lost their eight straight games, including 11 of the last 12.

Throughout the game, A&T played great defense with nine team blocks, but the outcome of the game was determined by mistakes such as 23 attacking errors and 18 service errors.

The first game was an early indication of how the Lady Bulldogs were trying to set the tone. They led the entire game dominating the Lady Aggies on the floor winning 30-20.

UNC Asheville (7-9) took that same attitude from the first game into the second. They led by as many as six points over the Lady Aggies and won 30-26.

The Lady Aggies found an answer for the Lady Bulldogs in the third game as they had their best start in the contest. They began the game with a 6-0 run that set the tone for their only win of the match.

A&T led by as much as nine before UNC Asheville score their first point of the game. The Lady Bulldogs rallied late in the game to bring the led down by as much as three, but that was not enough as A&T answered back by

winning the game by nine 21-30.

The final game was close in the beginning as both teams exchanged points. The game was tied at 4-4, but the Lady Bulldogs pulled away leading for the remainder of the game.

The Lady Bulldogs won 30-24 in the fourth game.

"Every game that we have played so far has been under our control," says Lady Aggies head coach Millicent Sylvan. "They had no big hitters or anything we just didn't come ready to play."

As the Lady Aggies are approaching conference play, Sylvan feels that her team should not have any problems being successful if they come ready to play as a team.

UNC Asheville's Rose Butler led with 14 kills and setter Amanda Wiles handed out 40 assisted and 10 kills. Also contributing was Enif Unlu with 11 kills and 10 digs.

Throughout the four games the Lady Bulldogs hit .301 as a team, Wiles hit percentage was .474 and Butler hit .440.

Arlene Mitchell led the Lady Aggies with 19 kills along with teammate Krystal Cooper who added 15. Brendan Chatman added 38 assists and seven digs.

The Lady Aggies have a week off in their schedule as they prepare to compete in conference play. They will face the Lady Spartans of Norfolk State on Oct. 12 at Norfolk, Va., at 7:00 p.m.

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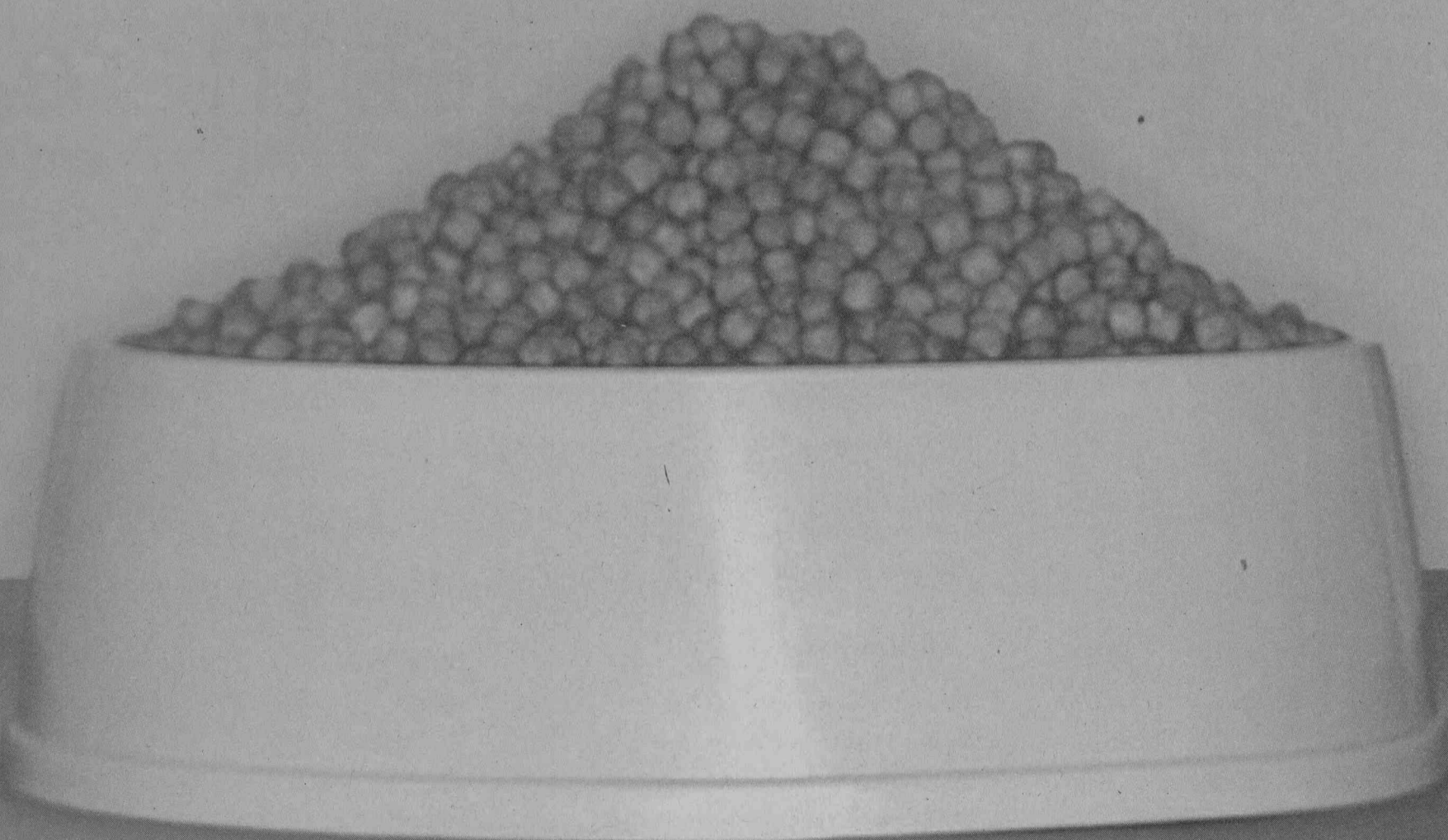
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