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# The A&T REGISTER

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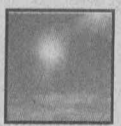
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#### Friday Saturday



Mostly Sunny  
Hi 60°F  
Lo 40°F



Partly Cloudy  
Hi 60°F  
Lo 40°F

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Partly Cloudy  
Hi 55°F  
Lo 40°F



Partly Cloudy  
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North Carolina A&T State University

## Student Turnout Big On Election Day

Chad Roberts  
Editor-in-Chief

Students flooded the voting booths by the hundreds when the polls opened on Tuesday, and they kept coming until voting stopped at 7:30 p.m.

Danita Lawrence, the chief judge at the student union, arrived to work at 5:30 a.m. She said within a half hour, students had already formed a line at the doors.

"They were lined up at 6 o'clock and it was non-stop," Lawrence said. Lawrence worked as a judge at A&T during the 2000 presidential election, and again as chief judge during subsequent elections.

"In 2000 it was steady but this year we had a bigger turnout from what I saw," Lawrence said.

In some cases, students waited more than two hours to cast a vote. Poll observers estimated around 800 students had voted by 6 p.m. At Bethel A.M. E., another polling location for A&T students, officials estimated close to 500 students voted.

Dorothy Brown, a long-time community activist in

the Greensboro area, served as a poll observer on campus until the polls closed. She said Tuesday's turnout was the biggest she had seen since she started observing polls in 1978.

"It is a pleasure to see so many youth dedicated to voting," Brown said. "It shows interest."

Several voter registration rallies were held at A&T through the year, and SGA President Calvin F. Williams stated over the summer that his goal was to see 2,000 students registered in time for the November election. The constant emphasis on voting seems to have paid off, because students came out to the polls in droves.

Along with standing in line for hours, students also had to wait for poll officials to verify that they were properly registered. Ron Carthen, a senior journalism major with a broadcast production concentration, was one of the last students to vote. He was forced to vote using a provisional ballot because of some confusion about his registration.

"I was registered, but my precinct or something did-



photo by Chad Roberts

Students get final approval before voting during Tuesday's election. Chief Judge Dawnita Lawrence said the turnout was possibly the biggest ever at A&T.

## Historically White Frat Coming to A&T

By Julius McKinley, Jr.  
Senior Writer

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated wants to make NC A&T University its home during the spring 2005 semester.

The Fraternity has the approval from the university and the national board to be on the campus of A&T, but needs at least 20 new members to become chartered.

"Lambda Chi Alpha has been approved by the campus and its national organization to become a colony on A&T's campus," says Dr. Cliff Lowery, director of minority student affairs.

"If it can receive a charter it would be the first historically white fraternity on a historically black campus," Lowery also added.

By adding this elite fraternity to the campus of A&T, the university will once again be making history and setting itself apart from other historically black universities.

Lambda Chi Alpha was founded on the campus of Boston University on Nov. 9, 1906 by Warren A. Cole. The fraternity not only has high Christian standards, but they are looking for students with good moral standards and a high degree of excellence in education as well.

Not only does the fraternity look for well rounded and diverse students they are looking for students willing to participate in community service as well.

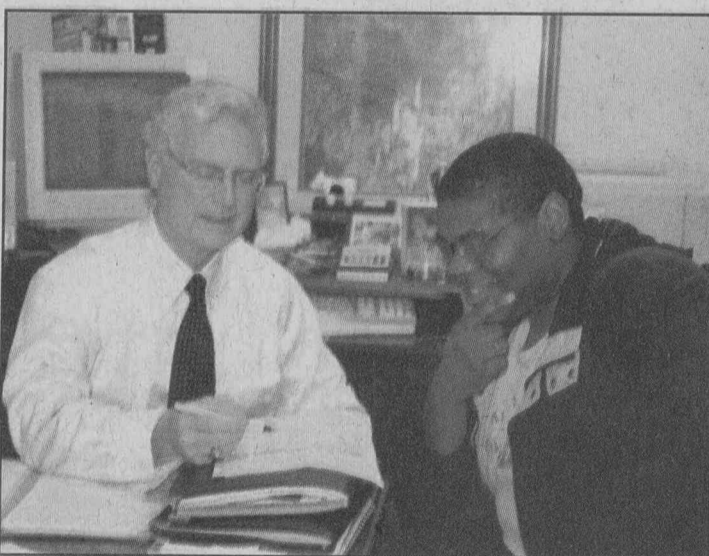


photo by Chad Roberts

Cliff Lowery, left, and Terrell Brown go over some figures in Lowery's office.

"Our big philanthropy is the North American food drive on Nov. 6," Lowery says. "We have also been involved in COP and other things as well," he also added.

Lambda Chi Alpha is a fraternity that is opposed to hazing and does not believe in building a strong brotherhood by using the forces of hazing.

"We were one of the first fraternities opposed to hazing," Lowery says.

"The fraternity has tried to put a stop to hazing on campus as well; we are one of the largest fraternities in the country, we have a commitment to leadership, personal development and to do things for the campus as well as the community," Lowery also added.

Diversity is a major part of this fraternity as well as

well as high educational standards and good morals.

"I'm looking for a person with good morals and good academics," says Chris Lo, junior business management major and recruiter for Lambda Chi Alpha. "We also are looking for someone with good leadership capabilities because we want to turn young men into professionals," Lo also added.

Lambda Chi Alpha is definitely a fraternity on the rise and could become a chapter soon if they get the amount of members needed. If anyone is interested in joining the fraternity please contact Dr. Cliff Lowery at (336) 334-7982 or email him at loweryc@ncat.edu.

## JOMC Goes for Full Accreditation

By Shevaun J. Lassiter  
Contributor

The Journalism and Mass Communication Department of North Carolina A&T State University is seeking full accreditation for the second time from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC) on Nov. 8, 2004.

Last year, the JOMC Department invited the ACEJMC to North Carolina A&T in hopes of becoming the second university in North Carolina to be fully accredited. The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill is currently the only university with a fully accredited JOMC Department in the state.

The Nov. 10, 2003 site visit from the ACEJMC was the first attempt by the Department for accreditation. Students in all five concentrations of Journalism and Mass Communication (Broadcast Production, Electronic Media & Journalism, Media Management, Print Journalism and Public Relations) were interviewed by ACEJMC representatives. A small number of JOMC students spoke to ACEJMC representatives about equipment available to them, the faculty, and what was needed to improve the Department.

The Department was reviewed on 12 ACEJMC standards: governance and administration, budget, curriculum, records and

advising, instruction and evaluation, faculty, internships/work experience, equipment/facilities, scholarship/research/professional, public service, graduate/alumni, and diversity. The department fell short of full accreditation but did earn a provisional accreditation from the council.

"We received unanimous provisional accreditation...not bad for a first-time school," said Dr. Teresa Styles, department chairperson.

The department was short on a few things, namely qualified faculty and curriculum that fit the guidelines of the ACEJMC.

The provisional accreditation gave the JOMC Department one year to get in compliance with the standards of the ACEJMC.

"We adhered to the suggestions of the council, strengthened the curriculum and faculty," said Styles.

The Department added classes to the curriculum of the major such as a research course for Public Relations students, JOMC 486: Research, Communication, Planning and Strategy. JOMC 486 is an extension of JOMC 476: Intro to Public Relations, which outlines the basics and lays the foundation of Public Relations majors. The Media Management course offered prior to the site visit was revised and photojournalism was added to the Department.

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## JOMC

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ments include a maximum of 20 students per class, a set maximum amount of hours that a JOMC major may have within their department, and new professors with doctorate degrees in various concentrations within Mass Communications.

"We have worked hard all along," said Dr. Linda Callahan, JOMC professor. "We're all working together as a team."

Dr. Callahan said that this time Dr. Kathleen Kelly, ACEJMC representative, will not be speaking to students as several representatives did last year. "It is possible that the team head will speak to students in the hall," but not in an interview setting, said Callahan.

According to Dr. Callahan students are not complaining about the changes being made.

Instead, students are curious and ask questions about how the accreditation will improve the department and their education.

In the Nov. 20, 2003 issue of "The Register", Dr. Styles said, "this [accreditation] will allow our students to compete for funds that will help build and enhance the program."

"I am confident that I have done all I can," said Dr. Styles.

Dr. Kelly will visit the Journalism and Mass Communication Department of North Carolina A & T State University the week of Nov. 8, 2004 to make a recommendation for or against full accreditation.

"On Nov. 9, Dr. Kathleen Kelly will reevaluate the department. She will let the chancellor and I

know if she supports full accreditation," said Dr. Styles.

Dr. Kelly's decision will be made by Nov. 9. Her recommendation will be given in a report submitted to the Accrediting Committee. In Feb., The Committee, composed of 20 people, will convene in Chicago, Ill. and make their decision based on the report by Dr. Kelly. Despite their decision, the Accrediting Council will vote on the matter in April in Portland, Ore. The Council has the ability to agree or disagree with the Accrediting Committee and can decide to grant North Carolina A&T's JOMC Department full accreditation.

"Their[s] is the one [decision] that really matters," said Styles.

## Aggies at Polls

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n't get right," Carthen said. Carthen stood in line for over two hours. He said despite having to fill out additional paperwork, he expected his vote to count. "It should," Carthen said of his vote. "It better." As another incentive, Carthen said he refused to eat until he had cast his vote.

Brown said the fact that students had to wait in long lines for hours at a time was a good thing. She said she saw students filling out their ballots slowly and deliberately, which showed they were con-

cerned about who they were voting for.

"Time was not a negative to me; it was a positive," Brown said. "They (students) seem to be thinking for themselves."

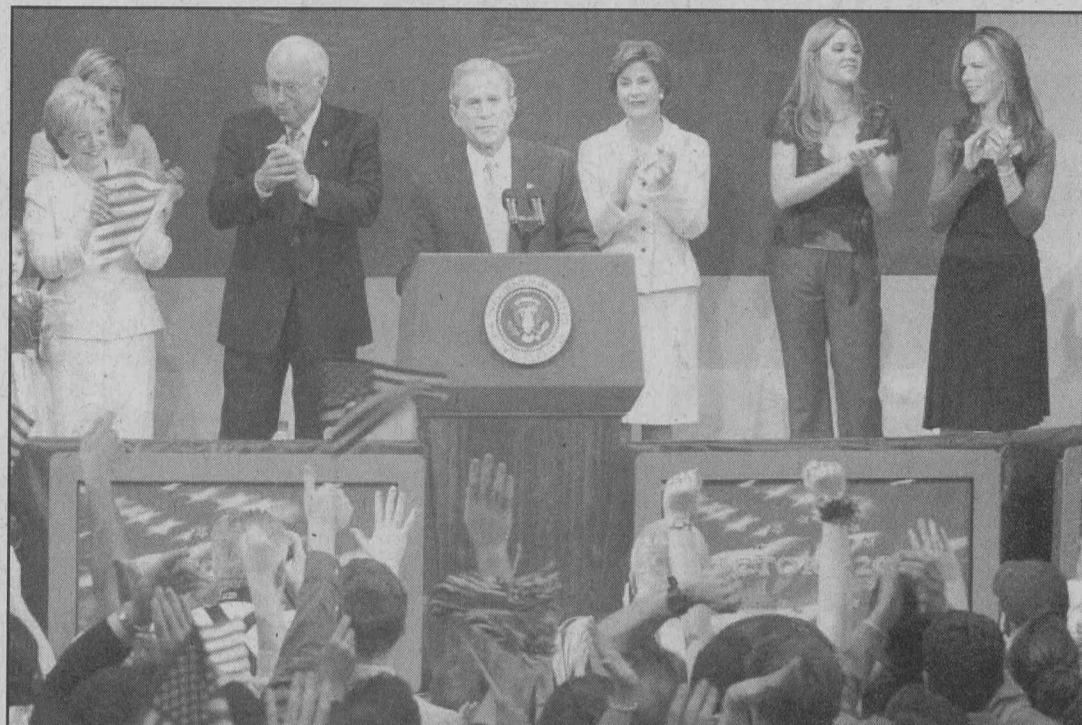
Lawrence said this year's turnout was the biggest she had seen since she had been involved with elections at A&T.

"We could see the end of the line at 7:20," Lawrence said. Even though the polls technically closed 10 minutes later, the last students did not finish voting until after 8

p.m. Carthen, still having not eaten all day, was among the last to leave.

"Anybody I spoke to was looking at me like a criminal when I told them that I hadn't voted yet," Carthen said. "Voting is the right thing to do. This is your future in your hands."

## Episode II: Return of the President



President George W. Bush makes his acceptance speech after his second victory in bid for presidency.

By Brett T. Harrington  
News Editor

In election 2004 the people have spoken and have decided to stay the course and re-elect President George W. Bush for another four years.

The night of Nov. 2 Bush maintained a substantial lead but awe-inspiring turnout and problems at the polls made it impossible to project a winner that night.

Well into the early hours of the morning a winner had still not been projected but Bush had been leading all night according to every network following the polls.

As expected Kerry held much of the overwhelmingly democratic north eastern states including his home state of Massachusetts.

Still early in the night Bush began to sweep the

South including North Carolina the home state of Kerry's running mate senator John Edwards.

At about 10:08 p.m. network television coverage had the Electoral College vote split 181 to 112 in Bush's favor.

Through the early portion of the night Bush held a marginal lead. Far after the southern states had closed their polls and winners were projected in every state between West Virginia and Louisiana the swing state of Florida was still undecided.

As polls started to close across the country Bush commanded a lead taking every state from Texas, of which he was governor, as far north as the Dakotas and as far east as Nevada.

For democrats the abundance of red states on the mapping had to disheartening

A little past midnight Kerry began to make some advance as he received all 55 electoral votes of Florida.

It was now half past twelve and most major networks with the exception of CNN projected that Bush won Florida.

After the announcement, every political analyst was on television explaining what Kerry would need to win or at least tie President Bush.

At that point if Kerry did not win Ohio he would have to sweep every state left on the map to remain a contender.

At some point in time I lost track of the count, but as you can tell from the headline and what you are undoubtedly aware of, The Bush Family will be making their residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington D.C. 20500 for another four years.

## This Week In A&T History

History Compiled By Shevaun J. Lassiter  
contributor

### Nov. 7, 1975- "Remarkable Gains Made by Blacks in Election"

Seventy-two African Americans were elected to offices in Mississippi and three in Georgia. Their offices ranged from state legislature to constable. The sudden increase in African American officials was due to switches made in the type of state elections held. Officials were elected by ward elections rather than city elections. The changes in Georgia were ordered by a state legislature, in Mississippi a federal court.

### Other Bits of History

**"Title IX in Effect at A&T"**  
North Carolina A & T State University complied with the government regulation, Title IX, by adding three female trainees to the athletic department. Trainees were taught through a hands on approach. Only one of the student trainees had considered coming back to A&T after graduation.

### Nov. 8, 1977- "WNAA-FM in Planning Stage"

WNAA-FM, a 10-watt radio station run by North Carolina A&T State University, was under construction on the second floor of Price Hall. General Manager of WRST-FM, Robert Snyder, acted as a consultant for WNAA-FM. Interested students were offered staff positions with the radio station. A two part workshop, offered by the Mass Communications Program, was mandatory for interested students.

### "Parking Lot Presents Problems"

Residence of Holland Hall complained about the lack of parking. They had to share a loading zone/ parking lot with Curtis Hall. Officer Norwood McMillan said that the real problem is that students do not want to walk anywhere. He said there were two solutions, close the lot or assign parking spaces. A new parking lot was out of the question because students would be charged \$50 for a parking sticker.

### Nov. 9, 1982- "University has \$47 Million Impact on Guilford County"

Dr. Samuel Woods, an associate professor of economics at A&T, released a report that shows A&T has a \$47.2 million impact on its community. According to research from the 1980-1981 fiscal year, A&T was responsible for \$31.4 million directly impacting the community. An additional \$15.8 million indirectly impacted the community.

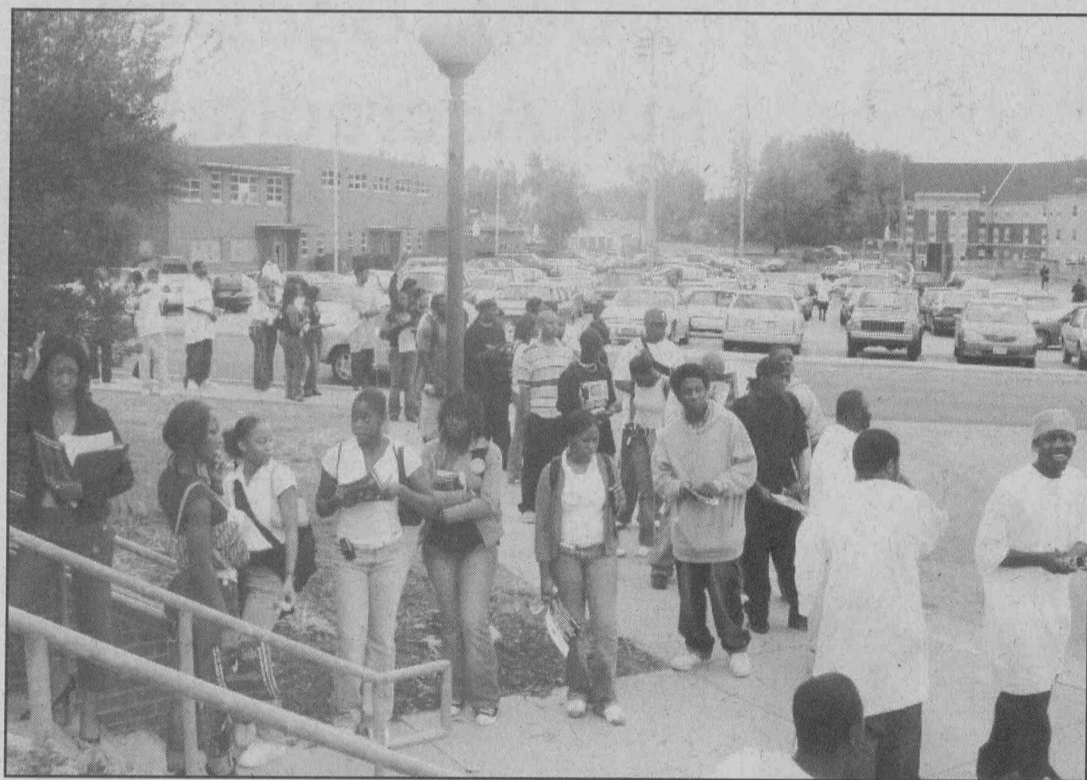


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Students stand in line outside of the Student Union and wait to vote on Tuesday. Some students waited more than two hours to vote.

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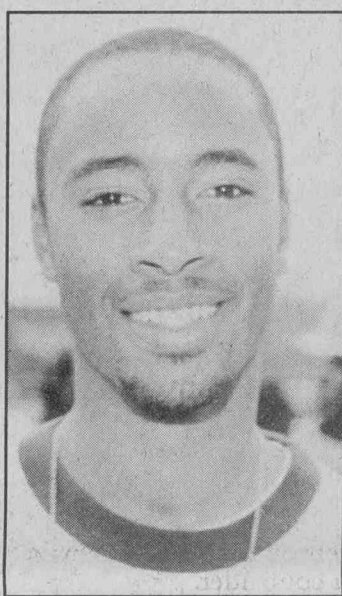
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## Aggies and Spartans Talk Back



### Who did you vote for and why?



*"I voted because this is critical to our election process and we need to let our voice be heard. My ballot is private but I vote on my issues."*

**Calvin Williams,**  
SGA President  
N.C. A&T

*"I'm voting for John Kerry because he is trying to bring jobs back from overseas."*

**Adia Dial,**  
sophomore,  
nursing major  
N.C. A&T



*"I am voting for John Kerry because I believe in all his issues."*

**Hayley Thieke**  
freshman,  
journalism major  
UNCG

*"I voted for Kerry because I think that Bush is an idiot and I don't want everyone to die in this county within the next four years. I believe what Kerry believes."*

**Leslie Swetman**  
Freshman, political  
science major  
UNCG



The A&T precinct was a voting site for several UNCG students.

## Mu Psi Chapter, Glover Rally A&T Voters

Shevaun J. Lassiter  
Contributor

On Nov. 2, Michelle Glover and the Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated held a voter registration rally at the A&T Memorial Student Union voting site with free pizza, drinks, and music to encourage students to vote.

Following the turnout from their "March to the Polls" event at 12pm, the Mu Psi Chapter organized a voter support party where they entertained voters waiting in line. They supplied a DJ that played music that appealed to the voting population on North Carolina A&T State University's campus.

The rally attracted candidate Skip Alston, uncontested for county commissioner, A&T radio station WNAA 90.1 and the local NAACP.

"It's a big success," said Fred Boone, a Spring 2004 initiate into the Mu Psi Chapter.

"Very few HBCU's actually have a polling site on campus. We're able to shine a light on local politicians who have a greater effect on our lives," said Travis Bond, co-chair of

the event.

The rally encouraged students to come out and vote or just to hang out. "We're attracting a lot of extras," said Bond.

Students like Quinton Dozier, a sophomore English major, and Paige Miller came to the rally just to hang out because of the music.

Chris Preston, a former president of the Mu Psi Chapter, said, "the rally was really good. We finally realized that we're the future and we came out to vote."

Michelle Glover, a sophomore Electronic Media and Journalism major, organized a pizza party for student voters.

"After seeing [Fahrenheit] 9/11, I got really involved. I wanted to do something," said Glover. She began to research, read and follow politics.

To improve voter turnout at A&T, Glover came up with the idea to have dance/pizza party in Moore Gymnasium. She had planned to let the party be free with an "I Voted" sticker but revised her plans.

The pizza party, coordinated solely by Glover, was



Photo By Chad Roberts

The A&T Omegas pose for a photo-op in front of the student union where they sponsored a cast your ballot rally

held in the Exhibit Hall lobby of the Memorial Student Union.

"The cafe donated the drinks and Pizza Hut donated the pizza," said Glover.

Volunteers for the pizza party poured drinks and served students slices of pepperoni, sausage, or cheese pizza.

Before the pizza was served, T.C. Muhammad spoke to the large crowd of students, on behalf of Glover. He asked questions about the student's

views on the voting process, political involvement, and the overall election.

"A&T is one of the largest voting blocks in the city... Make sure A&T stays a historically black college," said Muhammad.

He encouraged students to turnout in the same numbers for the Student Government Association elections.

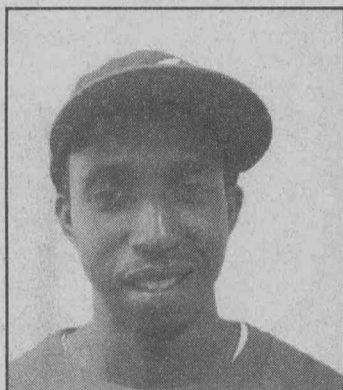
"We have a chance to be leaders," said Glover.

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## Bethune-Cookman Beatdowns Brett



By Chad Roberts  
Editor-in-Chief

The Bethune-Cookman College Wildcats beat the Aggies so bad on Saturday, even one of the A&T Register staff members got hurt.

Brett Harrington, my right-hand man when it comes to "newspaper stuff," was on the sidelines during the game taking pictures, along with myself. We both circled the field and tried to get as many different angles as possible. One, because we have to buy our own film and pay to get it developed. Two, because we have nothing better to do than shoot pictures of our losing football team.

At some point during the first half of the massacre I moved to the A&T sideline to photograph the action while Brett stayed on the Bethune-Cookman side. Just as I got settled in

and ready to shoot, the direction of the action changed. I think Marshall Glenn threw another interception, or one of the 6<sup>th</sup> string running backs fumbled the ball away. In any event, everybody was now on the other side of the field.

Being the news man that I am, I followed the action and went back to the Bethune-Cookman sideline, in the area that is designated for the media. When I got there and saw Brett, I noticed he had a fresh cut on his forehead and a small trickle of blood was flowing down towards his eye. I thought maybe Bethune-Cookman's coach, the ill-tempered Alvin Wyatt, had gotten a hold of him and smacked him with a clipboard.

Thankfully, that was not the case. According to Brett, he was taking photos from the sideline at what he thought was a reasonably safe distance. He had zoomed in with his telephoto lens when a Bethune-Cookman running back, presumably Xavier Butler, came barreling towards him. Evidently the view from the camera must have thrown off Brett's timing, because he did not get out of the way fast enough.

Brett's personal account of what happened next

went like this: He snapped an out-of-focus picture of Xavier Butler being chased to the sidelines by a couple of A&T defenders. By the time he got the camera away from his face, the Aggies had caught up to Butler and they fell to the ground, sliding toward the area where Brett was standing and taking out his legs.

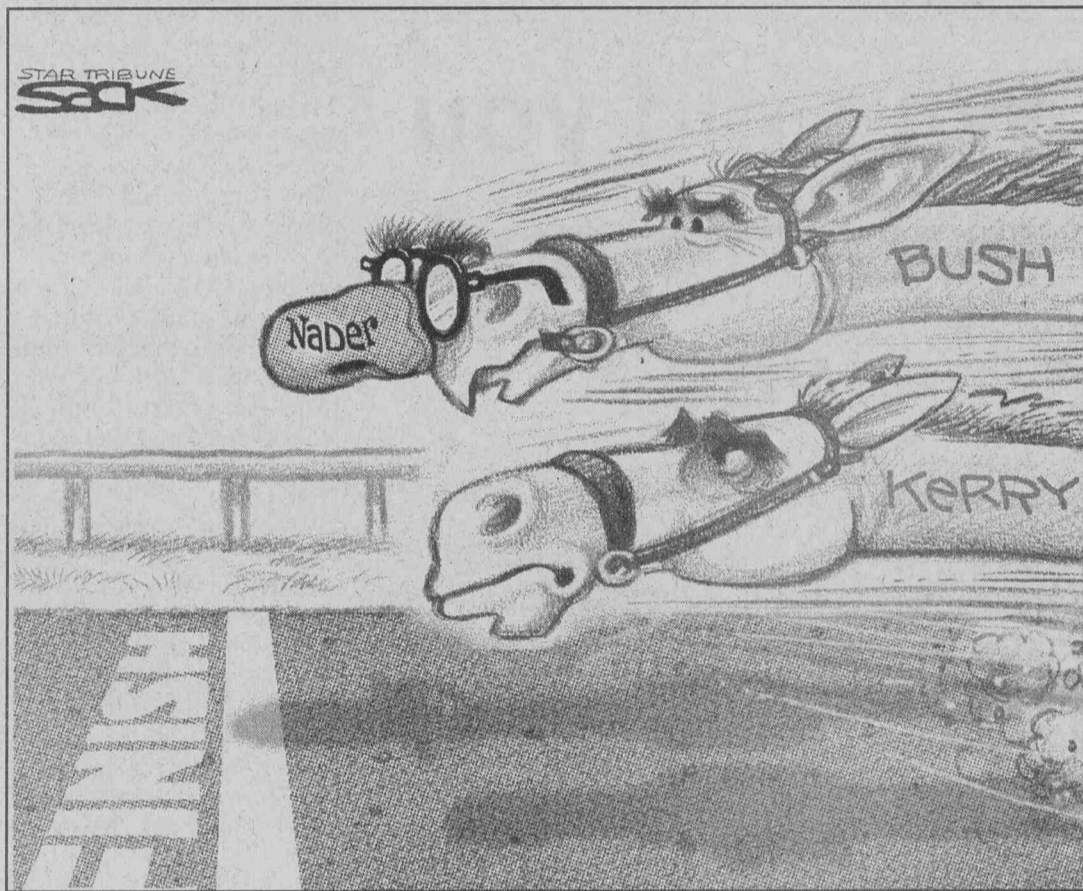
Being hit in the legs causes most people to fall forward, but Brett had an expensive camera to protect. He said he intentionally fell backwards and held the camera in front of his chest so it wouldn't hit the ground. Members of the chain crew and the A&T student television crew confirmed this story.

My point is this: Brett was willing to sacrifice his body, his equipment and whatever "cool points" he might have had to do his job as a journalist. It didn't matter if standing on the sidelines at a football game could be dangerous to one's health. We needed pictures and that was where the action was.

So, to all the aspiring journalists on this campus: If you're not prepared to be totally dedicated and committed to the craft of journalism, you should look into choosing a different major. Journalism is hard work.

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## Reality Bites

By Myna Watford  
Contributor

When I came to college in the Fall of 2001, I already had my career planned. I was going to major in Journalism and Mass Communications, and after four years I was going to graduate... with honors. Along the way I was going to meet my respective mate and we would live happily ever after. Well after three and a half years, you can guess which one of my plans got trashed; and it sure wasn't the first two!

I can remember thinking college was going to be like a "Different World." I was going to meet my 'Dwayne-Wayne' (minus the glasses), and life would be the bomb! However, reality set in when I stepped foot on A & T's campus. Instead of my 'Dwayne-Wayne' I met Leroy, who had no vision, no goals, and bad breath!

Now I mean no disrespect to the gentlemen on A & T's campus; but school just ain't what it used to be. Guys nowadays don't want a "wifey", until they've settled into their last year, and by then, they're too washed up from the three prior years.

Whatever happened to taking a girls books when you walked her to class, or talking on the phone all night, until that special someone said, "You hang up first."

Even movies such as "School Daze," "Higher Learning," and "Love and Basketball" had me believing in this almost unrealistic college dream.

In most of our minds, college is supposed to be all about fun, but what happens when the fun stops and maturity sets in; we're left with only memories of what could have been.

Now please don't get me wrong, education was the first and most important reason for me attending this wonderful university; however, along the way I was hoping to find a significant other while I was at it. It's almost like grocery shopping, your main focus is to buy what you need, but along the way you wouldn't mind picking up a few on sale items. Isn't that the American way?

Overall college has taught me many life long lessons, and as my time here narrows down, I think about all the relationship choices I could have made.

Maybe the quiet guy who sat behind me in my psychology class, wasn't as weird as I made him out to be; or maybe that loud mouth guy in my history class wasn't as vain as he appeared to be.

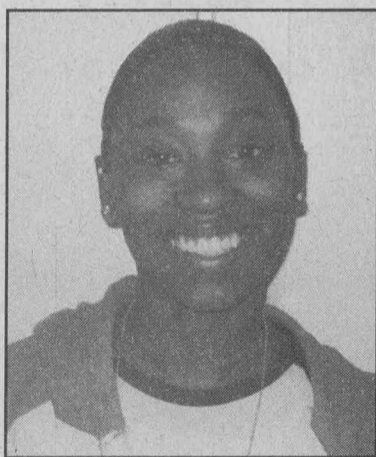
Your college experience is more than what you learn in your classes...it's everyday life. In essence when it comes to relationships...some of the best presents are left unopened.

## AGGIES

## TALK BACK

QUESTION:

What are you going to do with your "Vote or Die" T-shirt after the election?



"I'm gonna save it, most definitely. This is a memorable moment. This is my first time voting, so I'll be keeping my shirt."

Shianna Searcy, Sophomore  
Marketing major

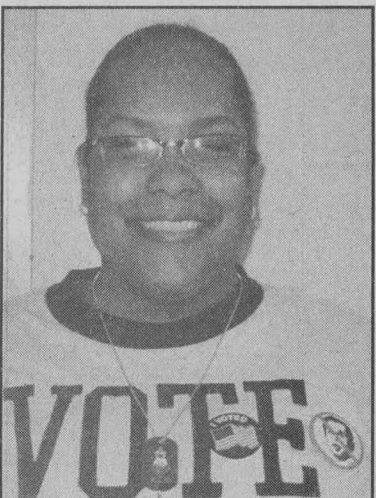
"There's more elections. There's elections in the spring for the councils around Greensboro. There's an election next year. Hey...voting is the key. So, I'm gonna keep wearing my shirt."

Keith McConico, Graduate Student,  
Elementary Education major



"I'll probably still wear it. It's not like this is the last election where we'll have to vote. We need to consistently utilize our right to vote every year. So I'll wear my shirt next year, the year after that, and the year after that; because the local elections are just as important as the presidential elections."

M. Paulette Foster, Senior  
Computer Science major



## Students Not A High-Risk Demographic For The Flu According To CDC

Brett T. Harrington  
News Editor

**"High-risk individuals include:**  
**\* People 65 years and older**  
**\* Residence of nursing homes or chronic care facilities**  
**\* Adults and children with a chronic (persistent) health issue and compromised immune systems as a result of medication, or illness, like HIV/AIDS**  
**\* Women who will be at least three months pregnant during flu season"**

There is a very short list of groups who are high-risk for contracting influenza. One group has been excluded by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and that overlooked group is college students.

This year the influenza virus vaccine is in short supply and the people on the CDC short list are priority to receive it. Those not on the list have to hope for the best this flu season.

Hospitals and clinics have looked like voting stations on Election Day with the large amounts of people lined up to get a flu shot.

High-risk individuals include:  
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 \* Residence of nursing homes or chronic care facilities  
 \* Adults and children with a chronic (persistent) health issue and compromised immune systems as a result of medication, or illness, like HIV/AIDS

\* Women who will be at least three months pregnant during flu season  
 The list of likely flu shot candidates excludes a large demographic. Everyone who lives outside of the bubble created by the CDC is at risk of contracting influenza.

One group that does not fall into the high-risk category is traditional college students.

Traditional college students, aged 18-25, are at the height of physical health, and normally would not be a high-risk candidate. However, college students become the perfect vehicles to perpetuate the flu because of their environment.

A traditional college student's environment usually

includes a communal bathroom and water fountain, as well as, rooms or suites that house two or more people. In communities like this, the flu can easily and quickly spread.

While there is an obvious risk of mass infection, only students who fall into one of the high risk categories above will be able to receive a flu shot this year so long as there is a vaccine shortage.

Physician at Sebastian's Health Center, Dr. Harvette Jenkins, said "students who fall into the high risk category should come in [to Sebastian Health Center] and get a vaccine."

High-risk students need to get vaccinated immediately to avoid sharing the flu with other students. The vaccine needs to be in their system at least two weeks to be effective and actively combat the flu.

"Anyone who comes down with it [the flu]... [should] be evaluated and put on medication" said Dr. Jenkins.

Students who contract the flu should begin taking medicine to fight it within 48 hours of contracting the flu for the medicines to be effective in lessening the severity of the flu.

Dr. Jenkins and Nurse Davis warn that students with the flu not able to go home or quarantine themselves can decrease the risk of infecting others by washing their hands, and covering their mouth when they cough.

Dr. Jenkins says, "it's not the breathing but the coughing," that spreads the respiratory virus.

There are ways to stifle the spread of the flu and lower ones risk of contracting the flu. Nurse Delzora Davis, a registered nurse at North Carolina A&T State University Sebastian Health Center, said, "you should increase your fluid intake, mainly water... Limit tea, soda and coffee." She explained that becoming dehydrated could compromise your immune system and make you more susceptible to the flu virus.

Many students complain about having the flu when in some cases it is a severe cold.

"The flu comes on much quicker than a cold," said Davis.

Flu symptoms include a fever that will not break, coughing and body aches explained Dr. Jenkins.

There is no way to prevent the virus if you do not get the vaccine but there are ways to minimize the affects. If at all possible, Dr. Jenkins suggested going home. If that was not possible, limit contact with the infected.

To find out if you fall into a high-risk category and are eligible for a flu shot you can fill out a medical evaluation form at Sebastian Health Center.

## President & Chief Executive Officer

By Jazmin Miller  
Contributor

Success is defined in Webster's Dictionary as the achievement of something desired or attempted. Calvin F. Williams Jr., a senior computer science major at North Carolina A&T State University, exemplifies this definition to its fullest potential.

Many young people are deterred away from starting their own company. The idea seems impractical and at times, even ridiculous. Williams has decided to go against all odds. He started XMG Internet Marketing Group which provides small to mid-size company's and organizations with virtual identities, about two years ago. Through strenuous research he found a need in the marketplace for XMG, so he took on this project with full confidence. For a while, he served as founder, accountant, operational officer and consultant. It wasn't until April 1st of this year that he decided to find a team.

Today, XMG is fully staffed with young inspiring professionals. Williams has managed to find a group of determined and

talented students to take his ideas and dreams and turn them into something amazing.

"I saw XMG as an opportunity to bring young people together to be successful and I have some of the best apart of my team."

As young black professionals, the XMG team faces many obstacles. Although some are eager to experience the abilities of XMG others are little hesitant.

"Many people discredit us because of our race and than they find out our age and than we are completely discredited. That is why we always go the extra to prove our professionalism. We always go 150 percent."

XMG has had an extraordinary beginning. Providing websites for various organizations and departments on campus, XMG is also responsible for the first year experience logo. Working with the campus has served as a great networking opportunity for Williams. He finds business with students, advisors, professors and political figures. A&T has given him a supportive environment to live his dream.

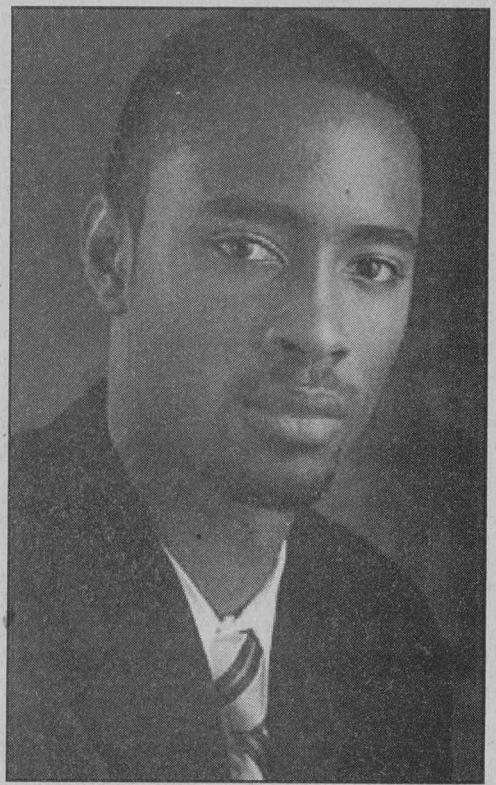
With aspirations of

becoming the website designer for A&T, Williams also sees XMG expanding to all regions of the country. Currently operating along the east coast, these aspirations don't seem too far away. Williams also sees XMG making their first initial public offer to the New York Stock Exchange.

Williams finds inspiration from his father who always wanted to be an entrepreneur. Although very successful, he was never able to start his own company due to the social climate.

He always encouraged Williams to start his own company and supports him every step of the way.

Williams, a native of Laurel, MD., is a member of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He also serves as the Student Government Association president, and enjoys playing basketball, reading and watching movies.



SGA President and XMG CEO  
Calvin F. Williams Jr.

Calvin defines success as, "waking up every morning being happy with what you do." How do you define success?

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## College Fund-Raising Group Milks Vulnerable Senior Citizens

By David Postman  
and  
Jim Brunner  
KRT

The College Republican National Committee has raised nearly \$8 million this year through an aggressive and misleading fund-raising campaign that collected money from senior citizens who thought they were giving to the election efforts of President Bush and other top Republicans.

Many of the top donors were in their 80s and 90s.

The donors wrote checks — sometimes hundreds and, in at least two cases, totaling more than \$100,000 — to groups with official sounding-names such as "Republican Headquarters 2004," "Republican Elections Committee" and the "National Republican Campaign Fund."

But all of those groups, according to the small print on the letters, were simply projects of the College Republicans, who collected all of the checks.

Little of the money went to election efforts.

Of the money spent by the group this year, nearly 90 percent went to direct-mail vendors and postage expenses, according to records filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

Some of the elderly donors wound up bouncing checks and emptying their bank accounts.

"I don't have any more money," said Cecilia Barbier, a 90-year-old retired church council worker in New York City. "That was all my savings that they got."

Barbier said she "wised up," but not before she made more than 300 donations totaling nearly \$100,000 this year, the group's fund-raising records show.

"Now," she said, "I'm really scrounging." In Van Buren, Ark., Monda Jo Millsap, 68, said she emptied her savings account by writing checks to College Republicans. Then she got a \$5,000 bank loan and sent that before totaling her donations at more than \$73,000.

College Republicans serve as the party's outreach organization on college campuses. The group has been a starting place for many prominent conservatives, including Bush Adviser Karl Rove, Anti-tax Activist Grover Norquist and former Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed.

Once a part of the Republican National Committee, the group is now independent. It is set to help get out the vote for Tuesday's election.

Officers of the College Republican National Committee did not respond to questions about their fund raising.

"I think the College Republican National Committee is an amazing organization which is getting a lot of young people involved in the political process," said Paul Gourley, the group's treasurer, who signed many of the fund-raising letters.

He referred questions to the group's Communications Director, Alison Aikele, who declined to comment.

Attorney and Adviser to the group, Craig Engle, defended the fund raising.

"We have tens of thousands of donors, and I

wouldn't extrapolate a message about an entire organization by sampling less than a tenth of a percent of the donors," said Engle, a Washington, D.C., attorney and outside adviser to the College Republicans.

"There are tens of thousands of very, very satisfied and happy donors that enjoy a relationship with the College Republicans and their fund-raising process."

But since at least 2001, some leaders of College Republicans have objected to the tone and targeting of the fund raising done by Response Dynamics, the Virginia company that handles the direct-mail campaign.

Response Dynamics officials could not be reached for comment.

"We felt their fund-raising practices were deceptive, to say the least," said George Gunning, former treasurer of the College Republicans.

Gunning said he and two other board members fought to cut ties with Response Dynamics but were blocked by other leaders led by Scott Stewart, the chairman of the College Republicans from 1999 to 2003.

However, Gunning said he was assured that fund-raising tactics would change.

The board debated the fund-raising practices after the family of an elderly Indiana woman with Alzheimer's disease demanded that her donations be returned. The woman's family said it had sent a registered letter asking that she be taken off the mailing list, but the solicitations continued.

Only after a newspaper reported on the story did the College Republicans refund \$40,000 to the family, according to Jackie Boyle, one of the woman's nieces.

"I think this is a nationwide scam," Boyle said on hearing of recent complaints. "They're covering the whole country ... they need to be investigated."

Currently, Stewart is the director of Bush's Nevada campaign operation, and campaign officials said he would not be available to comment for this story.

The Washington State Attorney General's Office received at least six complaints about the College Republicans fund-raising letters from 2000 to 2002, but has no record of any complaints since then. The complaints cited "fund raising representations" and "senior exploitation."

The Attorney General's Office wrote letters to the College Republicans, but a spokeswoman could not determine the outcome of the complaints yesterday.

In response to the Indiana family's complaints, College Republicans worked to be able to keep more of the money raised by Response Dynamics, got more oversight of the content of the letters and had been working to improve "the message of our solicitations and to change the contract further so that our letters target a wider age spectrum," according to a summary of a 2001 College Republicans board retreat.

The group considered ending its affiliation with Response Dynamics and was preparing a financial plan "so that we might terminate the contract in the future," the summary said.

But the young Republicans and the veter-

an fund-raisers stayed together.

This year, as millions of dollars flowed in, College Republicans falsely claimed in letters that checks were only trickling in and that the group was in a constant budget crisis.

Donors interviewed this week frequently expressed disbelief when they were told how much they gave to the College Republicans.

"That can't be true," said Francis Lehar, a 91-year-old retired music publisher, when he was told records showed he gave the College Republicans nearly \$25,000.

"I have donated to dozens of Republican causes. Some of them might be the Republican Party organizations."

Records show, from January through September, the Massachusetts man wrote 90 checks to the group.

"It surprises me that it goes to them and not to the other names that they had," he said. "I admire their skill in writing letters."

The letters are computer-generated, personalized form letters, but the recipients often view them as personal correspondence.

"All the kids that were the head of this organization, they would keep saying, 'You've got to keep on or we won't be able to keep up with Kerry.' So they kept on me," said a retired bookkeeper who was one of the group's most generous donors.

She spoke on the condition she not be identified.

She grew concerned when repeated letters came earlier this year asking for donations for a "Republican Headquarters 2004 Membership Card."

The card was merely a block of text inside a dotted line on the back of the letter. The holder was supposed to cut it out and carry it with her.

The letter was infused with urgency.

"If I do not have your completed RH membership renewal form within the next ten days, your membership will be put on suspension," one letter said.

"President Bush cannot afford your membership and involvement in the Republican Party to be wavering at this crucial time."

The group wanted a donation of \$25 to \$500 for the card. If the donor declined, he or she was urged to send at least \$5 "to cover the cost of having the card printed for you."

"You had to pay something for the membership card," the retired bookkeeper said. "I sent in four different checks to him and every time he said he didn't receive them."

The four checks totaled \$1,105.

"He kept saying he was going to cancel me. He was constantly asking for money."

For her and other donors, the mail was part nuisance, part companion. Several spoke of sorting the mail and writing checks almost as their job this campaign year. Many thought their work alone would make the difference in a Bush victory.

"And they kept telling me I've got to do this or we can't win," the retired bookkeeper said.

The College Republicans had another warning last September, when the Center for Public Integrity,

a Washington, D.C. based watchdog group, issued a report on the explosive fund-raising growth by the College Republicans. The report noted that several elderly donors who were contacted did not appear to know to whom they had given money.

Response Dynamics, its affiliates and other companies related to the fund raising, get most of the money raised by the College Republicans.

About \$9 million of the College Republicans' reported spending this year appeared to go into fund-raising expenses, according to an analysis of reports filed with the IRS.

About \$313,000, roughly 3 percent, went for travel, convention expenses and "hospitality." About \$210,000 went to payroll expenses, helping pay for campus organizers who have been drumming up support for the GOP ticket among young people.

The large amount of money devoted to fund raising, and the small amount for political activities, is unusual among the top ranks of the burgeoning field of so-called 527 independent political groups.

According to its filings, of the \$20 million the anti-Bush group, MoveOn.org, spent, 93 percent went to media, advertising, marketing and polling.

Of the \$13.7 million spent by the anti-John Kerry group Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, 90 percent went to media, adver-

tising and media consulting.

Officials of Response Dynamics have publicly described their strategy. "Direct mail fund raising means asking for money and asking for it often," President Ron Kanfer wrote in a 1991 article on the art of the pitch. "You must literally force them to send money."

An August fund-raising letter showed that aggressive approach, telling donors there was a Democratic conspiracy to intercept the committee's mail:

"Given what I've learned, you and I must take every precaution necessary... Apparently the Democrats don't have any concern about hurting you, your family or America... Their sole concern is revenge — vengeance — retribution."

Last Saturday, a donor received what appears to be a photocopied handwritten note from the director of one committee:

"Please understand, I have no one else to turn to. This is serious: We will have to close our doors! I need your help now!"

The group says it has tripled in size in recent years, with 120,000 members on 1,148 campuses.

Rove, Bush's top political strategist, spoke to College Republican leaders during the GOP Convention, and said the group's organizing was "absolutely vital to the election."

The College Republicans

this year got \$220,000 from another GOP group, the Republican State Leadership Committee.

They also received large donations from two more-traditional political donors, businessmen John Templeton, who gave \$400,000, and Carl Lindner, owner of the Cincinnati Reds, who gave \$375,000.

The College Republicans themselves are rarely mentioned in the group's fund-raising letters.

The focus is on the presidential campaign, congressional races and the constant threat of what they portray as likely liberal victories in November.

The letters imply close connections to Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Republican leaders and the party organization.

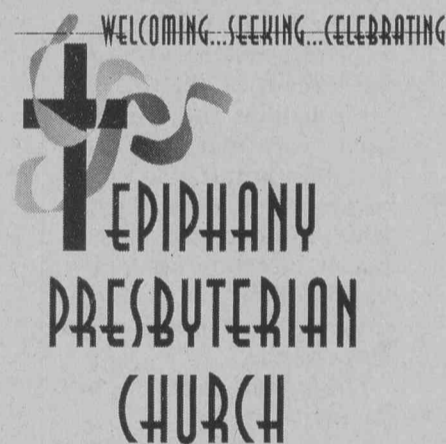
The pitches sometimes promise that special messages will be hand-delivered to Bush or others if they are sent back with a donation.

Most donors interviewed said they get up to 50 solicitations in the mail each day, with four or more from the College Republicans.

Baines was surprised to hear he had given more than \$63,000.

"I thought if I paid them off once it would send them away, but it just encourages them to send more," he said.

Staff researcher Miyoko Wolf contributed to this report.



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# Fewer Blacks Choosing State Universities

By Robert Becker  
KRT

Despite record numbers of high school graduates, state universities around the country are reporting a perplexing — and often sharp — decline in the number of African-Americans who matriculated this year.

From Georgia to California and throughout the Midwest, the number of black freshmen on state college campuses has declined, in some cases by hundreds, puzzling admissions and university officials. A survey of a dozen major universities, which have invested heavily in recruiting diverse applicants in recent decades, reveals a troubling snapshot, with fewer black freshmen and no sure explanation.

"We're very concerned about it," said Julie Peterson, associate vice president for media relations and public affairs at the University of Michigan, noting a 15 percent decline in the number of black freshmen at the Ann Arbor campus.

Michigan, the subject of a fiercely contested U.S. Supreme Court case on affirmative action that may have discouraged some potential applicants, enrolled 350 African-American freshmen this fall, a drop of 60 from last year.

"Some of it is concern about the lawsuit," Peterson said of the decline. "But it's very anecdotal; we don't have solid information yet."

The University of Georgia had a 26 percent drop, or 71 fewer African-Americans in its freshman class of 4,500 this year. Ohio State enrollment declined by 157 first-year black students, or 29 percent. The University of Wisconsin at Madison was down by eight students.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign saw a decline of 192 African-American students in its freshman class — a 32 percent drop that has mobilized the university's admissions office.

"This is totally unacceptable," said Stanley Henderson, associate provost for enrollment management. "We're pulling out the stops to ensure it cannot repeat. ... It will not repeat again."

Not all state schools saw declines, and some private schools recorded strong increases. Northwestern University enrolled 109 African-American freshmen, the highest number in four years.

The University of Chicago welcomed 55 black freshmen, one short of its record of 56 a year ago.

Education experts say it's too early to determine what's behind the apparent shift. But they say with the steady increase in African-American high school graduates, the explanation cannot be found in demographics.

Almost everybody involved has a different theory.

David Hawkins, director of public policy at the National Association for College Admission Counseling, said the drop may be the result of dwindling need-based financial aid and an increase in university selectivity. Those factors, he believes, may drive some African-Americans toward less-selective schools, such as

community colleges.

"Top colleges have a selective admissions process that's incredibly complex to get through," said Hawkins. "Low-income students are the least likely to have access to college planning."

At Georgia, officials cite fierce competition with other schools, especially historically black colleges and private schools, for minority students.

"It's really competitive because we're all chasing the same (students)," said Del Dunn, vice president

for instruction at the University of Georgia.

California officials say state legislation prohibiting any consideration of race in the admissions process has played a factor. Applications by African-Americans dropped 7 percent for 2004, and admission of African-Americans dropped 15 percent.

Ohio State officials contend that changes in the university's application process, which included four essay questions, may have contributed to the decline in black

freshmen.

At the Urbana campus, officials said there were no warnings of problems. Coming off a year in which the school enrolled 602 African-American freshmen, officials said black students were applying in similar numbers for fall 2004.

But as officials began processing the applications, Henderson said it became apparent that fewer academically suitable students had applied for admission.

"I think the bottom line

is that we have come to see that it is hard to pin down one specific cause, which is why we have been so far-reaching in our response strategies," he said.

Henderson said the drop-off has prompted a series of changes in his office, including speedier admissions decisions and selling the whole family, not just the student, on the benefits of a U. of I. education.

"We have to redouble our recruitment efforts," Henderson said.

At the University of Michigan, officials said African-American applications declined 28 percent for the fall 2004 class.

Peterson said the U.S. Supreme Court decision, which allows consideration of race as long as it is one of many factors for admission, forced the school to overhaul its application.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Peterson. "We cannot claim we are as diverse as we want to be."



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Prince Sparks Controversy with Explosive New Video

By Niraj Warikoo  
Knight Ridder Newspapers  
(KRT)

An Arab-American girl enters a busy airport, slips a bomb trigger from her purse and pauses. Her dark eyes anxiously darting around, she squeezes the button, blowing herself up in what appears to be a suicide attack.

It's a shocking image from a new music video by Prince that has sparked debate about race, terrorism and hate. Filmed in grainy tones that blend reality and dreams into a surreal tableau, the video illustrates the bias that many Arabs and Muslims in America say they suffered after 9-11. It also touches on a little-discussed issue — how the 2001 terrorist attacks aggravated the sometimes tense relationships between Middle Eastern immigrants and their American-born children. And it explores how violence can sometimes breed more violence, at least in our minds.

Some also ask: Does the video condone terrorism?

The film director and some Arab Americans say it doesn't, that it's more about thoughts than reality. But others, including at least one Jewish group, say it seems to legitimize suicide attacks. Regardless of the point of view, it has generated a discussion buzzing with ideas about the effects of terror in America, especially in Arab communities.

The video is based on a new Prince song, "Cinnamon Girl," that describes the life of an Arab-American girl after Sept. 11. It's a single off his new album "Musicology," and also touches on the Iraq war and on religion. MTV said it plans to air the video sometime in the next week. It also can be viewed for a \$25 membership fee on Prince's Web site, [www.npgmusicclub.com](http://www.npgmusicclub.com).

The four-minute video starts off with images of a shocked group of school kids as they witness a 9-11-like attack. The

main character is played by Keisha Castle-Hughes, the youngest Oscar nominee ever for her role in the movie "Whale Rider." Partly of Maori descent, she plays the daughter of Arabic-speaking parents in the video.

After the attack, she is taunted for her background. As the girl pedals home on her bicycle, the camera pans to a storefront with a sign in Arabic. Graffiti scrawled on its window reads, "Terrorist scum."

Prince sings: Cinnamon girl mixed heritage

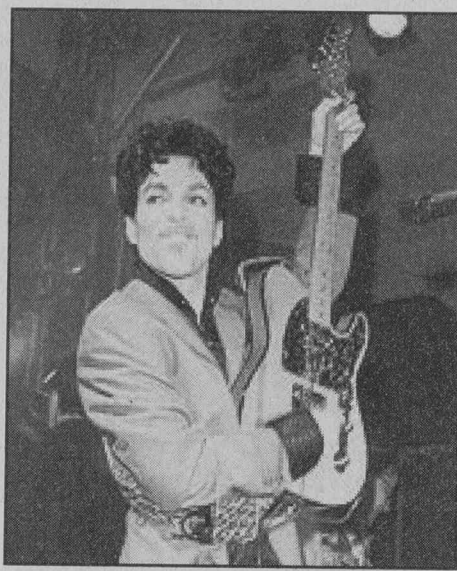
Never knew the meaning of color lines  
9-11 turned that all around  
When she got accused of this crime.

This portion of the video has drawn praise from all sides for its sensitive portrayal of bias after the terrorist attacks.

"It shows what Arabs and Muslims were going through," said Youssef Fawaz, a 21-year-old American-born Michigan resident of Arab descent. "We didn't do this horrific act, but we were getting blamed for it."

In the following scenes, the girl appears to argue with her parents over how she dresses and whether she should cover her hair, a touchy issue for some Muslim families.

Later in the video, the girl dons a scarf and prays, but then ditches the head covering to hail a taxi to a crowded airport. There, after nervously passing security, she detonates a bomb. Moments after the scene appears to explode, the video reverts to the scene just before the explosion. The final scene shows the girl, alive, staring into the camera, a single tear



Prince in earlier times.

trickling down her cheek.

"Was it just a dream? It was just her imagination," Fawaz said. "Because, in the end, she rejects the violence. She was probably contemplating how crazy are suicide bombers. She was trying to understand, but she does nothing like that."

The country's leading Arab-American civil rights group, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, issued a statement praising the video for its sophisticated portrayal of Arab Americans, especially given the plethora of anti-Arab images in American film and TV.

But others raised questions. "Using the suicide bomb imagery in this manner is inappropriate, misguided and disturbing," said Steve Silberfarb, head of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota, where Prince lives. "You know, there are real suicide bombers that are blowing people up in Russia, certainly the Middle East, Iraq. The symmetry that is suggested by the video ... is deeply flawed."

Silberfarb praised the video for tackling the issue of bias directed at Arab Americans, and he said he respects the right of artists to express controversial ideas.

"Everyone has bad thoughts," Silberfarb said, referring to the girl's visions of a suicide attack. "There's no such thing as perfection."

But Silberfarb said the girl is portrayed as sympathetic and is meant to symbolize a larger community, and so her suicide dream is all the more disturbing.

"It conveys a measure of understanding and an approval of her actions that is extreme," he said.

Moreover, Silberfarb doesn't understand why the girl would dream of killing innocents at an airport instead of her tormentors.

"It's not like she went and took out the bad people and taught them a lesson," he said. "She's taking out innocent people." The director said his video isn't meant to be taken literally. The scenery and images are sketched in vague watercolors that suggest a cartoonish, dream-like world.

"I didn't want a literal look, with real people and a real environment," said Phil Harder, who has directed hundreds of music videos. "I wanted a non-literal look that opens the door to more conversation. I don't want to put my points of view in the video. I hope it speaks for itself."

Prince called Harder earlier this year and asked him to direct the video.

"We had a conversation about music, and what's going on in the world today," Harder said. "His lyrics motivated this whole idea, of what it would be like for this young girl to be falsely accused of things because of her race."

This isn't Prince's first foray into controversial politics. Throughout his career, Prince has been obsessed with violence, war, religion and the apocalypse. His popular song "1999" exhorted the masses to dance away the night before a nuclear holocaust. And on his track "Ronnie Talk to Russia," he called on President Ronald Reagan to work with the Soviets "before it's too late." As with those songs, he wants to get people talking.

"Prince's goal is to stimulate discussion and conversation," said publicist Ronnie Lippin. "And I know he's succeeding."

## A Satirical Novel With Plenty of Soul

By Michael Arceneaux  
Black College Wire

Take a trip to Soul City, where you'll discover the world-famous 100-foot-tall Afro pick, the biscuit shop where the product is topped with butter straight from heaven, and streets filled with cars that play only the driver's favorite artist, like the Princemobile, the Billiemobile, and the Jay-Zmobile.

In Soul City, black is beautiful, black culture is celebrated and great music brings everyone together. It is the black utopia, and it is the place, as its citizens like to brag, with "more mojo than any city in the world."

Journalist Cadillac Jackson was sent by Chocolate City magazine to cover Soul City's mayoral election, but he has another plan in mind: to write the definitive book on the place. Cadillac does not understand what makes Soul City so special, but he is determined to figure it out and share his findings with the world. Along the way, he meets some of its quirky citizens:

"Reveren Lil' Mo Love, the pint-sized, 10-year-old preacher who never bothered to finish reading the Bible."

Ubiquity Jones, a woman who would always discover your biggest secret, then reveal it at the worst possible moment (in public, of course).

"Granmama, the feisty 200-plus-year-old biscuit shop owner, has enough sass for two Soul Cities."

Mahogany Sunflower, the take-no-nonsense woman equipped with the Jimmy Choo heels necessary to walk all over anyone who dares cross her. Cadillac cannot resist her beauty, and eventually falls in love with her — though he probably wishes she would be a little kinder toward him. The mayoral election is like no other. It's not about education, the economy or crime.

Only one issue matters: the music. In Soul City, that dictates the city's tone, and one has to have the right groove if one is to keep Soul City in order.

Unfortunately, we come to discover that even shady businessmen can threaten a great place like this. Enter John Jiggaboo, the man behind Jiggaboo Shampoo, a hair-care product that strips away at your

black pride with every wash. Once Jiggaboo hooks up with a crooked politician — the second component needed to wreak havoc in a city — the battle for the soul of Soul City is set in motion.

In his debut novel, Rolling Stone contributing editor Toure brings a comedic edge to such sensitive issues as race, culture and stereotypes. It's innovative, cleverly written and social satire at its finest. If you have become disillusioned with current literature, or are simply interested in stepping out of your reading comfort zone, take the voyage to Soul City — you won't regret it.



"In Soul City, black is beautiful."

Michael Arceneaux is a student at Howard University who writes for *The Hilltop*.

## Electronic Adventures: Fight Games Duke It Out With Different Styles

By Victor Godinez  
The Dallas Morning News  
(KRT)

"Mortal Kombat: Deception" and "Def Jam Fight for New York" each offer a different take on the fighting genre.

"Mortal Kombat" (\$49; ages 17 and up) is all about over-the-top martial arts, bloody finishing moves and some really bizarre mini-games.

And it's playable online for the first time.

Like Midway's previous "Mortal Kombat" games, you can win against the computer just by madly mashing buttons. But if you want to master the goriest attacks, you need to practice.

In addition to regular fights, you can play "Mortal Kombat" versions of "Tetris" and chess, and even play through a small role-playing game where you learn the different fighting techniques.

Online play is the highlight of "Deception."

I tested the Xbox version, and finding a fight on Xbox Live was a breeze.

Of course, if you let the computer pick your human opponent, you're likely to end up facing a player who will crush your skull in three seconds, so it's worth restricting opposition to players of similar skill.

"Mortal Kombat" has taken a lot of grief over the years for its grisly finishing moves and blood-splattered arenas.

But at this point, it has become something of a self-parody. Clearly, the title is not for kids, but this game is no more realistic than the scene with the comically dismembered Black Knight in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

On the other hand, Electronic Arts' "Def Jam Fight for New York" (\$49; ages 17 and up) is a gritty, urban fistfight. You fight in a New York underworld of thugs and gangsters, trying to make a name for yourself.

Each win earns you cash to spend on clothes, jewelry, tattoos and trinkets.

You can get up to four players involved in a fight, but there's no online play.

The fights themselves are plenty of fun, even against the computer, and button-mashing does no good at all. To win a

match, you have to knock out your opponent, and to do that you have to execute a specific move.

The graphics may not be as good as those in "Deception" (at least in the PlayStation 2 version I tested), but the punches and kicks hit with much more wallop.

The camera is occasionally a problem. My fighter got stuck behind pillars a couple times, so I had no clue what was happening.

That can be really frustrating when someone in the crowd grabs you in a chokehold so that your opponent can take a couple of potshots.

"Def Jam" has more of a hip-hop connection, with cameo appearances from big-name rappers. Along with that, though, comes plenty of M-rated language. Don't play this game in front of polite company.

Both games are fun. If you want online play, "Deception" is the way to go. But if you want a pure fighting game without all the monsters and puzzles, go with "Def Jam."

"Halo 2" is going to make a lot of money.

Microsoft said last week that it has 1.5 million preorders for "Halo 2" — the most ever for any video game — and that the game's earnings on its release day, Nov. 9, will exceed the one-day earnings of any movie in history.

If no other preorders came in between now and Nov. 9, and only people who placed preorders buy the game, that would equal one-day sales of \$75 million.

With additional preorders and people who buy the game off the shelf, release day sales could top \$100 million.

The original "Halo" sold more than 5 million copies. At this rate, "Halo 2" could hit that mark by Christmas.

The latest gossip is that Microsoft chairman Bill Gates will unveil the Xbox 2 at the Consumer Electronics Show in January ([biz.gamedaily.com](http://biz.gamedaily.com)).

But why make all those gamers who just bought "Halo 2," "Fable" and other stellar holiday titles feel like they're stuck with yesterday's news?

Don't be surprised if Microsoft stays mum at CES.

## "Dollar Green" a hit on A&T's Campus

By Shevaun J. Lassiter  
Contributor

Rayshawn Green and Reginald Nurse have stumbled upon a form of entertainment that's some what a college version of former BET show "Hits."

Cameraman, editor, producer, and creator, Reginald Nurse came up with the idea of a show that gets the student body's views on issues that effect them. It is a show by students, for students.

"I met Rayshawn two years ago. I just thought he was a live personality, a funny guy," said Nurse.

Nurse brought the idea to Green and the two agreed it was a good show idea. Green would be the host and Nurse would be the cameraman.

Green came up with the topic for the first episode of the show, parking. The two-man show interviewed random students outside of the Student Memorial Union on how they felt about paying \$200 for parking stickers when a parking space was not promised.

The first show opens with Green pointing out the numerous facilities under construction and the lack of parking. He pulls a random student to the camera and asks questions that most students think about, but just do not ask. The show continues through the parking lot of the union and surrounding areas with Green randomly asking willing students their views. Several students replied with the suggestion not to buy the parking stickers.

Kislyck Smith, a junior theatre major, commented that the university should build a parking deck with the additional money from the parking stickers.

Green interviewed sources from the University Police Department and the Student Government Association President, Calvin Williams.

In an on-camera interview, Williams admitted that there is a problem, and that he has noticed it too having \$800 in parking tickets.

According to Green, the Journalism and Mass Communication faculty had a problem with the show and temporarily took it off the website for Aggie Television. Green claimed that he was told by the administration that he was "promoting students not to buy parking stickers" and that they did not have permission to use the music on their show.

"I understand it but I feel students

should be allowed to express themselves... so you go into the world with a sense of who you are," said Nurse.

The Dollar Green Show recently returned to the website and featured a number of student opinions on the parking problem at North Carolina A&T State University. Lenairis Turner, an environmental horticulture major, was interviewed by Green for the first show.

"The demand for parking spaces is not being met... It's not right that I have to pay \$200 for a parking sticker," said Turner.

To keep students interested, "The Ghetto Crocodile Hunter" was added in the middle of the show.

"The concept was to find girls with cheap flip-flops and ugly toes," said Green. It was a way to combat the taunts from girls on guys who wear cheap white t-shirts.

In this segment, Green speaks with an Australian/Charlotte accent and chases down girls on cell phones, getting into cars, and just walking through campus. The girls are caught off guard and provide no answer to Green's question, "How much were your flip-flops?"

Nurse and Green have been receiving positive feedback and plan on continuing "The Dollar Green Show".

"Every time we do a show we get better. We're expanding to UNCG, downtown, it's just not about A&T. It's about what people our age are feeling," said Nurse.

"It's a career tool, it's just my first step," said Nurse.

Nurse, who will be graduating in May, plans to work behind the scenes doing what he is doing now. "I want to make films, I want to keep the show going," said Nurse.

Green, also expected to graduate in May, wants to work for a radio station as an on-air personality. "I want to have my own show like Big Tigger and have a syndicated radio show," said Green.

Green, who recently had a son, Amore Rayshawn Green, said that "The Dollar Green Show" is expected to have a new episode, "The Importance of Voting", on the website by Fri., Nov. 5.

Topics for shows can be given directly to either Rayshawn Green or Reginald Nurse.

## Genius at Work: A Review of "Ray"

By Amber James  
Contributor

Actor Jamie Foxx is genius on screen as the late blues and jazz singer Ray Charles. "Ray" is a triumphant musical bio-pic about the life of Ray Charles.

In this movie Foxx turns himself into an exact replica of the great singer.

Foxx succeeds totally in speaking and acting as if he were Charles in the flesh.

In preparation for the role, Foxx covered his eyes with blinders and a gel to truly embrace what it was like to be blind. To further commensurate the role, Foxx also went from weighing 190 pounds to 157 pounds.

Director, Taylor Hackford does a terrific job creating a film that gives audiences a glimpse into the life of a talented, yet flawed heroin addict who had the ability to make everyone love him and his music.

With a mix of raunchiness and complexity, music and drama, this movie shows how one man conquered the difficulties of blindness, prejudice and drugs, and finally leaves us with the music.

The childhood scenes, mostly in flash-

back, give us bleak drama, but it is Charles' secret life of sex and drugs that takes us deeper.

This movie is no walk in the park. It never lets up and leaves everyone wanting more.



Foxx performing as Ray Charles

Charles participated heavily in this production and tested Foxx on a number of occasions.

Foxx's performances as Charles were so unbelievably realistic, that when we hear the 25 songs in Charles' real voice one can hardly notice a difference.

Of course, Foxx doesn't sing like Charles, but the resemblance is so uncanny we find ourselves thinking for a moment that Foxx is really Charles playing himself. It's Charles'

voice we hear towering, howling and laughing, from "Mess Around" to "I Can't Stop Loving You."

Hearing these songs will warm your soul over and over again. One can only thank Hackford, Charles and everyone involved in this film, especially Foxx for presenting them so authentically, and the man so clearly.

"Ray" is a fit tribute to an entertainer who, no matter what hate or hardship threw in his way or how many mistakes he made, we can't stop loving.

### \*\*Movies Opening This Week\*\*

#### ALFIE (R)

Jude Law is a womanizing Manhattan limo driver, with Marisa Tomei and Nia Long among the many women in his life

#### FADE TO BLACK (Not Yet Rated)

Behind the scenes look at Jay-Z's legendary Madison Square Garden concert in November 2003

#### THE INCREDIBLES (PG)

Animated story of a family of superheroes who long for the simple life

## 20 QUESTIONS "Election Results"

Ms. Inquisitive B

1. What the f\*&%??? BUSH won the election??!!
2. What the hell was Kerry thinking when he decided to quit?
3. How is Kerry going to punk out like that when he said "Help is on the way"?
4. On the real, doesn't Bush's win make you think, "Why did I even vote?"
5. Weren't all the "red" states on television extremely discouraging?
6. Did the people who voted for Bush not see "Bowling for Columbine" or "Fahrenheit 911"?
7. Why are "Stupid White Men", as Michael Moore calls them, trying to take over the world?
8. Who are these individuals that make up the Electoral College?
9. Do they really represent the diverse make-up of each state?
10. If Bush re-instates the draft, although he said he wasn't, won't there be a lot of angry young republican voters?
11. When will Bush be arrested for the "weapons of mass deception" that have been found in the 9/11 report?
12. Speaking of the 9/11 report, did you know that the Bush Family has a plan to be the first family in American history to be full of presidents? Looks like they're on their way...
13. What do Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice really think of themselves?
14. According to the "Vote or Die" t-shirts, aren't we all dead now? Or was that really supposed to be a non-partisan t-shirt?
15. Speaking of "Vote or Die" t-shirts, weren't they getting on your last nerve after awhile?
16. What are people going to do with their "Vote or Die" t-shirts now?
17. Don't you feel sorry for the troops and the families of troops who will probably be in Iraq for the next ten years?
18. Now that Bush is president again, what's the next huge mistake that he's going to make?
19. Don't we all wish Bill Clinton was president again?
20. Wouldn't it be great if Barack Obama could be the first black president?

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

Does anyone else feel like America is going down hill now that Bush is in his second term?

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# SPORTS

## Wildcats Crush Aggies 45-17

### The loss guarantees a new MEAC Champ

By Michael Stanley  
Contributor

If the NC A&T football team wants to repeat as MEAC champions they would have to defeat a tough Bethune-Cookman team. The Aggies did not as they suffered their sixth loss of the season on Senior Day/University Day 45-17 on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Aggie Stadium.

The game was a must win for the Aggies after last week's win against Howard to gain some ground in the MEAC conference race and a chance to repeat as MEAC champions.

The game started off slow due to an ankle injury to Bethune-Cookman quarterback Jarod Rucker. The Wildcats capped off the opening drive with a 22-yard field goal by Jesus Cortez to take an early 3-0 first quarter lead.

The Wildcats' defense held the Aggies scoreless during the first half while their offense overpowered the Aggies defense to score 17 first half points.

"We had some breakdown areas and they took advantage of that," said Aggies head coach George Small.

The Wildcats (5-2, 4-1 MEAC) first touchdown came on a four-play drive. The drive covered 38 yards which ended with a pass

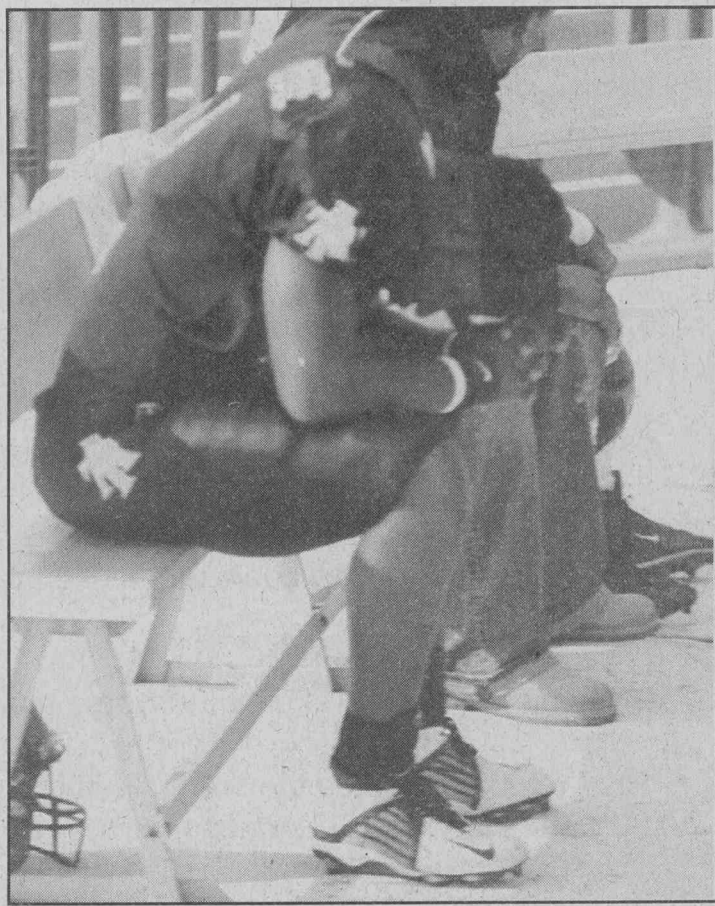


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**Ivan Larrimore (center) holds his head down during the 45-17 loss to Bethune-Cookman.**

from backup quarterback Jimmie Russell to wide receiver Jonathan Summers. The Wildcats then took a 10-0 lead. On the ensuing possession, the Wildcats drove 65-yards and scored on a two-yard run by Chauncey Hampton with 29 seconds in the first half to take a 17-0 lead over the Aggies.

As the third quarter began, the Wildcats struck the scoreboard first after

they recovered an Aggie fumble on third down. Bethune-Cookman converted quickly as Russell connected again to Summers on an 18-yard touchdown pass for a comfortable 24-0 lead.

Seemingly, the Aggies got their offense together as they finally had a successful drive. The Aggies drive consisted of five plays for 85 yards. The drive began with a com-

pletion to Brandon Trusty, who recorded his second career 100-yard receiving game. Trusty ended the day with 102 receiving yards. The drive ended on a 30-yard pass from Marshall Glenn to Kenneth Perry for the touchdown to bring the Aggies within 17 points.

"We just had a lack of consistency as a unit," said Glenn.

The Wildcats continued to pour it on the Aggies as they capitalized on a penalty that cost the Aggies 15 yards.

The Wildcats drive began with a three yard loss by Rodney Johnson, but bounced back with a 32-yard quarterback keeper by Russell.

The drive ended with a 7-yard touchdown run by Eric Weems for a 31-7 lead.

"I didn't feel that it would be a defensive battle, but I did know that it would be a hard fought football game," said Wildcats' head coach Alvin Wyatt.

The touchdown sparked the Wildcats offense as they went on to score again on a 43 yard touchdown pass from Russell to Summers. Later, P.J. Smith scored on a 2-yard run for a 45-7 lead with 0:50 remaining in the third quarter. The Wildcats scored 28 points in the

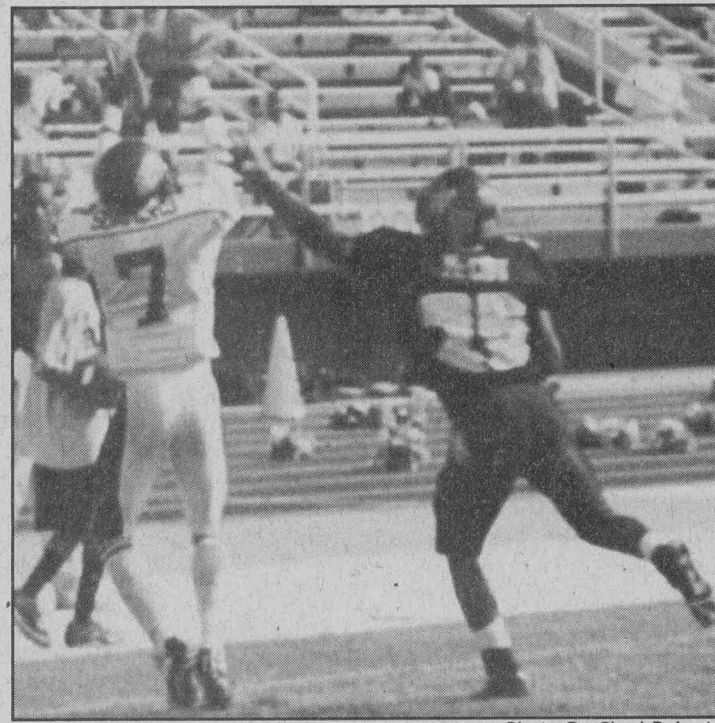


Photo By Chad Roberts

**Jonathan Summers (7) ran past James McCoy (25) for one of his three touchdowns.**

third quarter alone.

"It never amazes me how many points we score, I didn't think the game was over until the last second ticked off the clock," said Russell.

The Aggies continued to struggle against the Wildcats, but attempted to keep putting points on the scoreboard. The Aggies drove 41 yards and ended the drive with a 19-yard field goal by Carlos Davalos.

Finally, new Aggie quarterback Adrian Moye connected with wide receiver Douglas Brown with an 11-yard strike for the

touchdown.

"We always feel like we're a play or two away from turning the game around," said Brown.

The Aggies have a week off to prepare to play the Hampton on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Armstrong Stadium in Hampton, Va.

Game time is set for 1 p.m.

## A&T Football Grades at the Bye Week

Here are the grades for each position up to the bye week.

**Quarterbacks**-The quarterback position went down hill before the season started. Randall Rankins was ineligible at the start and then Rico Watkins was out for the season with a broken foot in the second game of the season. Marshall Glenn dislocated his shoulder against Wake Forest and has not played like he did last year. Glenn has thrown 11 interceptions this year. **Grade-D**

**Running Backs**-The injury bug hit the running back position very hard. It was so bad the coaches had to move up some scout players to fill in the position. With all of the injuries happening to the position, the Aggies could not produce a consistent running game. **Grade-D**

**Wide Receivers/Tight Ends**-The receiving squad have been inconsistent this year. The group has dropped a lot of wide open passes this year. Wide receiver Brandon Trusty is the only receiver in the top 10 in the MEAC by averaging 54 yards per game. **Grade-D-**

**Offensive Linemen**-The O-Line are second to last in sacks allowed this year behind Delaware State. The quarterback was sacked 23 times this year. **Grade-D**

**Defensive Linemen**-The front three has not been the dominating part of the Blue Death Defense up to this point. Rickie Lewis has been the biggest impact at this department. His fumble recovery against North Carolina Central probably saved the Aggies from losing to the Eagles. **Grade-C-**

**Linebackers**-The squad was hit with the injury bug again with at this position. Senior Billy McEachern has stepped up for the Aggies. He has 65 tackles and is ranked 11th in the MEAC with 7.2 tackles per game. **Grade-C+**

**Secondary**-The secondary is the only ones on the defensive side that can use the Blue Death Defense name. They are second in the MEAC in pass defense and fifth in the nation with 137.4 yards per game. **Grade-A**

**Special Teams**-Kicker Carlos Davalos kicked the game-winning 50-yard field goal against Central which gave the Aggies the win. Davalos hit 7-for-14 field goals on the year and has the longest field goal this season with 50 yards. Punter Dominique Brown is ranked fifth by averaging 36 yards per kick. **Grade-C**

**Overall**-The Aggies had high expectations this year. The MEAC and the media voted the Aggies to repeat as champions. A&T edged 2-A N.C. Central and lost to teams like Norfolk State and Delaware State who were dead last in the MEAC last year. The Aggies are guaranteed to finished below .500 this year. With all of the situations and injuries that happen to the squad, the team will now play spoilers against Hampton and South Carolina State. **Grade-D**

## #25 Florida A&M Swept Lady Aggies 3-0

By Gregory Bond  
Sports Editor

Florida A&M showed N.C. A&T why they are ranked 25th in the nation in volleyball. The Lady Rattlers swept N.C. A&T 3-0 (30-16, 30-15, 30-26) on Sunday, Oct. 31 at Corbett Sports Center for their final conference home game of the season.

Florida A&M (20-2, 10-0 MEAC) is undefeated in the MEAC and extend their winning streak to 71 games. The last time the Lady Rattlers lost this season was a 3-0 lost to Michigan State in September.

The Lady Aggies have lost three in a row, all at home against Bethune-Cookman, and Elon, since going on a five-game winning streak. The loss pushed the Lady Aggies (9-16, 7-4) into third place in the Southern Division behind Bethune-Cookman.

This is the second time this season that a MEAC opponent swept the Lady Aggies and the seventh time overall.

Leading the way for the Lady Rattlers was Adriana Kostadinova. Kostadinova led the game with 19 kills. Andreina Ruiz had nine kills and 15 defensive digs for the Lady Rattlers as well.

Mariela Portocarrero,

who leads the MEAC with 13.09 assists per game, had 42 assists on the night.

Both teams were almost even in errors, (Florida A&M 13, A&T 16), but Florida A&M led the way with kills. The Lady Rattlers had a total of 58 kills and the Lady Aggies only had 31. Florida A&M out killed the Lady Aggies 39-14 in the first two games.

"We created a lot of errors," Aggie head coach Millicent Sylvan said. "We missed a lot of serves. We had miss communications. Inconsistency cost us the game."

A&T only had 30 defensive digs to 55 by Florida A&M. Florida A&M's defense is ranked first in the MEAC in opponents hitting percentage with .138 per game, held A&T to an .142.

Leading the way for the Lady Aggies was Arlene Mitchell. She had a team-high 11 kills and also had seven errors on the night. Darlene Mitchell had eight kills to chip in for the Aggies.

The Lady Aggies will travel to Orangeburg, S.C. to face against South Carolina State on Nov. 5 and will play their final home game of the season on Nov. 9 against Campbell at 7 p.m.

# SPORTS

## MEAC Football Standings

Teams	MEAC	Overall
Hampton	4-1	7-1
Bethune-Cookman	4-1	5-2
South Carolina State	3-1	6-2
Howard	2-2	5-3
Morgan State	2-3	3-5
Delaware State	2-3	2-7
N.C. A&T	1-4	3-6
Norfolk State	1-4	1-5

### Saturday's Results (Oct. 30)

S.C. State 28, Delaware State 14  
Howard 35, Norfolk State 17  
Bethune-Cookman 45, N.C. A&T 17

### This Week's Schedule (Nov. 6)

Morgan State at Norfolk State, 1 p.m.  
Howard at S.C. State, 1:30 p.m.  
Bethune-Cookman at Hampton, 2 p.m.  
Delaware State-Bye  
A&T-Bye

## "Aggie Pride! What!?"

**Commentary by  
Ronald Carthen**  
Contributor

It is bad enough that Aggie basketball season is around the corner, but we had to sit through a horrible football team this year. Nothing was more depressing than watching this team get "Big Mama" spanked by the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats on Saturday.

I know you guys have injuries, but I didn't see any "Aggie Pride" from any of you. It was a good example of putting on a jersey just to be seen.

Let's talk about our offense first. This unit is as helpless as the Miami Dolphins. Your running backs have the holes but can't finish it out. You ended up with only 103 rushing yards with three running backs. Okay, three of your top backs are out, but it's time for you guys to step up and stop getting scared to make an impact.

Marshall Glenn, what exactly were you doing on the field? You threw three interceptions on this Wildcat defense. It was not just receivers not running their routes, you just threw the ball anywhere

you please. It is because of your mistakes that the Wildcats were able to score.

But how about the receivers we have on this team. How many times do we have to see the receiving core dropped passes over and over again. We can only catch losses in the

MEAC. Now it is time to talk about this so-called "Blue Death Defense". This is the right nickname for you guys because you guys flat out died on the field. This defense allowed the Wildcats to show your offense how to step up when someone is hurt.

Explain to all of us on this campus how you let a second-string quarterback look like an All-American player of the year. You let Jimmie Russell throw all three of his touchdown

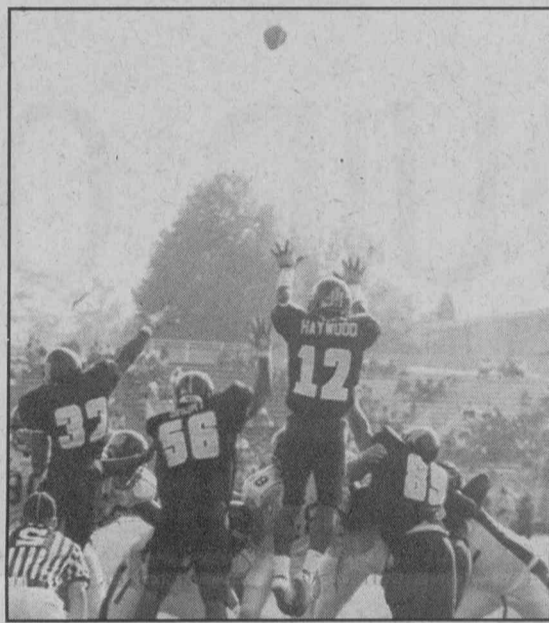


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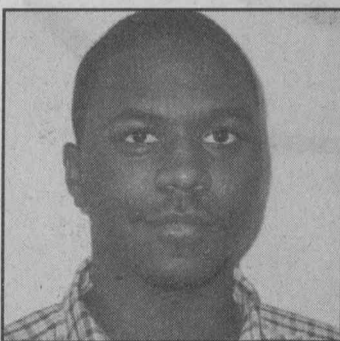
**The Aggies are off this week and will face Hampton on Nov. 13.**

passes to Jonathan Summers. Not one defensive back can stop this guy from catching the ball and taking it to the house.

The only way to stop this horrible madness is your bye week. The best thing for you to do is take the rest of the season off and get ready for next year.

## Disappointing Year

**Commentary by  
Gregory Bond**  
Sports Editor



Before I came to N.C. A&T, all I heard about the school was three things, the parties, the engineering department and the football team.

I was so excited to be at a school that has a very good football team and I was excited to brag at my friends at Hampton, Norfolk State and Elizabeth City State on how good we are in football and to laugh at them when the Aggies crush them.

I watched the Aggies blowout Howard at my first football game as an Aggie my freshman year. I

watched them go 8-3 before being snubbed for a playoff position at the end of the regular season.

Now it is my senior year and my last home game was a 45-17 mud hole stomping loss to Bethune-Cookman on Senior Day/University Day. I have never watched such a butt-whipping that the Aggies took against an I-AA school (Wake Forest does not count because they are I-A).

On the back of Bethune-Cookman's warm up shirts, it said, "Dream Killers". They lived by those two words as they killed our dreams as repeated MEAC champs.

I have never seen Aggie stadium empty. Now I know how the other teams felt when we gave them their butt-whipping at their home.

This was not the way I wanted my last home game as a student to go. In fact, I was hoping that we would win another MEAC title this year. Now we are playing as spoilers now

when we play against Hampton and South Carolina State.

I am hoping we can just not finish the season in the bottom of the MEAC toilet. I can take it if it was my freshman, sophomore or my junior year if we finished this bad, but this is my final football season as a student! I wanted to end my senior year on a high note. Not like this.

This year, they barley edge N.C. Central, a Division 2-A school, losing to Delaware State, giving Norfolk State their first win since God only knows and losing to Morgan State at homecoming again.

After the last two games, that's it. No postseason for us. The players can go home for Thanksgiving Break now.

As former Indianapolis Colts head coach Jim Mora would say,

"Playoffs!? Are you kidding me? Playoffs!? Playoffs!? I just hope we can win a game."

Seriously, I just hope we can win A GAME.

## MEAC Volleyball Standings

As of Wednesday, Nov. 3

Teams	MEAC	Overall
Md.-Eastern Shore	7-2	15-14
Morgan State	6-4	15-17
Delaware State	6-4	11-20
Howard	4-6	6-16
Hampton	2-8	6-24
Coppin State	1-8	2-18
Southern Division		
Florida A&M	10-0	20-2
Bethune-Cookman	7-3	10-10
N.C. A&T	7-3	9-15
South Carolina State	4-6	17-8
Norfolk State	0-10	0-26

### Thursday, Nov. 4

Morgan State at Md. Eastern Shore, 7 p.m.  
Delaware State at Loyola, TBA

### Friday, Nov. 5

Coppin State at Hampton, 6 p.m.  
N.C. A&T at S.C. State, 6 p.m.

### Saturday, Nov. 6

Howard at Delaware State, 2 p.m.  
Florida A&M at Central Florida, 2 p.m.

## A&T Sports Briefs

**Swimming**- Radford defeated the Lady Aggies 157-98 on Oct. 29 at Radford.

Gia Wright finished first in 100-yard Free with the time of 58.52 for the Lady Aggies.

Wright also won the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke.

A&T finished in the top three in 200-yard intermediate medley. Andrea Perry finished first with a time of 2:33.02.

Asha el-Shair finished second and Sujotta Pace finished third.

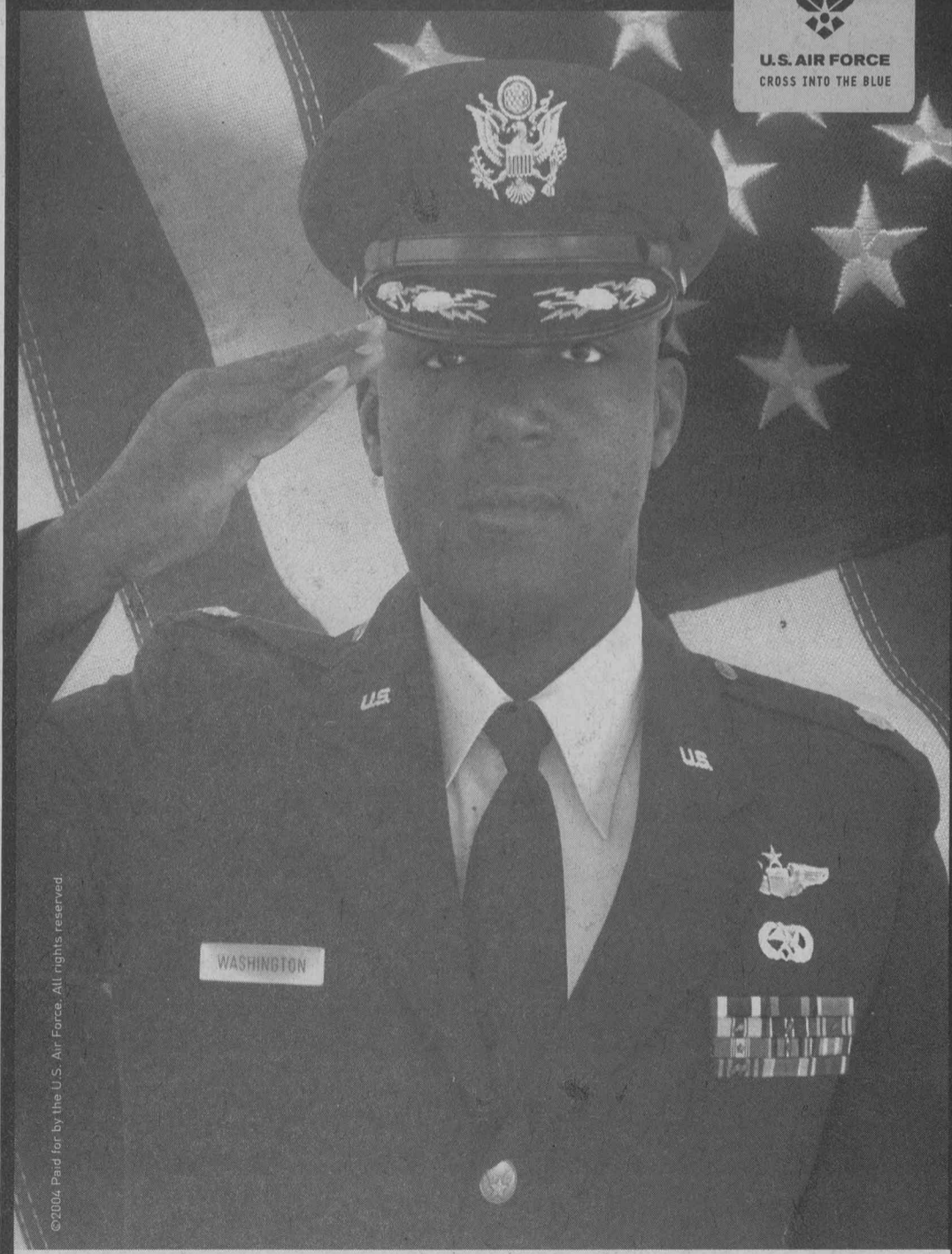
A&T finished in the top three in the 200-yard Free Relay.

The Swimming team's next meet is

against Campbell/Gardner-Webb on Nov. 5 at Corbett Sports Center at 6 p.m.

**Bowling**-The Lady Aggies will travel to Marietta, GA in the Brunswick Southern Classic on Nov. 6-7.

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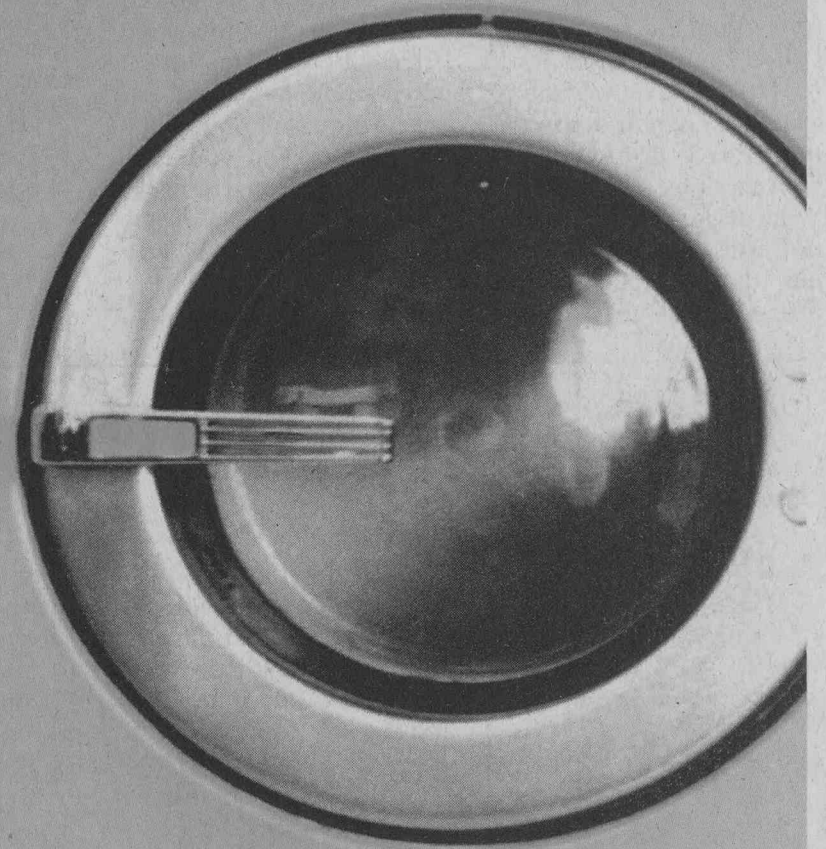
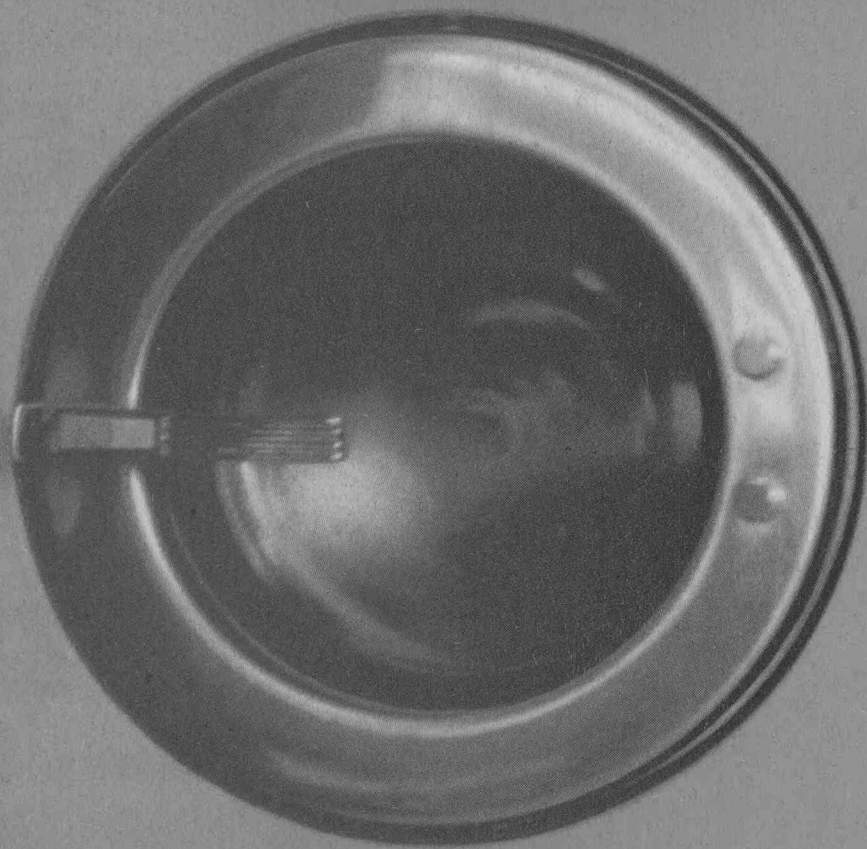


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