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North Carolina A&T **State University Student Newspaper**

FEBRUARY 1, 1960

THE DAY THAT STUDENTS FROM NORTH CAROLINA A&T CHANGED GREENSBORO FOREVER



photo by Chad Roberts

It all started at the '5 and Dime' 45 years ago. Students from A&T College, as it was known at the time, on Feb.1 began a "passive sitdown demand" for service at the F.W.Woolworth's lunch counter. The lunch counter had approximately 40 stools, and by the third day of the protest, only four seats were left available for people other than students.

Jan. 27-Feb. 13

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Jan. 31

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Feb. 1

45th Sit-In Anniversary Breakfast Celebration 6:30 a.m. Cost: Free **Williams Cafeteria** Sponsored by Division of Student Affairs

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Pell Grants, student loan rates a hot topic in Congress

By CHAD ROBERTS
Editor-in-chief

The 109th session of Congress may decide the government's policy on higher education for the next eight to 10 years if law-makers are successful in passing the necessary legislation. The House Education and the Workforce Committee, led by republicans John Boehner and Howard "Buck" McKeon, is the committee responsible for higher education bills.

The necessary legislation is the Higher Education Reauthorization Act bill, which was first signed into law in 1965. About every decade, it is updated, or reauthorized, to stay in-step with cultural and economic changes like the costs of living and federal interest rates. The debate about the bills' details is expected to be intense because of the huge federal deficit, which is expected to limit government spending on many domestic programs.

Federal services, like Pell Grants, TRIO and student loans are directly affected by the Higher Education Act Reauthorization Bill. With more students attending college and receiving some form of financial aid, lawmakers are trying to figure out a way to help needy students and simultaneously close the gap in the federal budget. The Pell grant program, like much of the federal government, is running at a budget shortfall.

"There are a million more students receiving Pell Grants now than there were when President Bush took office," said Dave Schnittger, a legislative aide in the House Education and the Workforce Committee office. "Annual federal funding for Pell Grants is at an all-time high, but that's still not enough to match the program's actual costs," Schnittger said.

Boehner introduced legislation during the last session of Congress to award Pell Grants on a year-round basis and raise the maximum Pell Grant award, but the proposed legislation would have also changed the formula for calculating

financial aid. An analysis by The Chronicle of Higher Education showed that students at many historically black institutions would no longer qualify for a Pell Grant.

An estimated 100,000 students may lose the Pell Grant eligibility entirely, with as many as 2,000 in North Carolina no longer qualifying for the award.

Even though the legislation did not survive the last session of Congress, Boehner is committed to addressing the Pell Grant issue again this year.

"Unless steps are taken now to reduce the Pell Grant shortfall and ensure we are targeting resources to students in need, the prospects for the Pell Grant program's future will remain uncertain," Boehner said.

Another contentious point in the debate will be interest rates on student loans. Instead of fixed interest rates, Republicans are looking to move to variable interest rates. This switch in interest rates could cost graduates thousands more

in loan repayment fees, but Republicans believe it would free more money for future college students.

"Boehner's concern, and that of the GAO (Government Accountability Office) is that we are increasingly spending money on subsidies to nonstudents and graduates, who have already received an education, at the expense of incoming and current students who are in danger of being denied an education."

The fight over higher education legislation has attracted a lot of attention from groups representing colleges and universities, and some of them are not pleased with the changes that have been proposed. Two groups, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) wrote letters, which The A&T Register obtained, to the House Education and Workforce Committee's Republican leadership expressing disapproval with

some of the proposed changes.

The letter from NASUL-GC praised the committee's recommendation of providing year-round Pell Grants, but disagreed with many of the changes that the Republican-sponsored bill suggested. The NASULGC letter was especially critical of the possibility of changing the formula for calculating financial aid.

"We believe it is critical to realize that all of these funds go to needy study on campuses now, and that the proposed changes would essentially just 'rob Peter to pay Paul," C. Peter Magrathm, NASULGC's president, wrote.

Magrathm goes on to write that "the proposed redistribution fails to address the real problem – insufficient funding of campus-based aid programs."

AASCU president Constantine Curris echoed Magrathm's support of yearround Pell Grant awards, and also voiced disapproval with the legislation's proposed interest rates for student loans. "We support the bill's provisions of variable interest rates in the FFELP and DL Stafford and Consolidation loan programs. We believe, however, that a 6.8 percentage cap is more equitable for students than the 8.25 cap proposed in the bill," Curris writes.

The debate over higher education will continue as the 109th Congress progresses.

Find out more about higher education legislation, log on to http://edworkforce.house.gov

SGA: Inside & Outside View



BY SHARIKA BIVENS
Contributer

MAMBARS OF SGA AND

Calvin Williams
SGA President
Derrick Love
Senior and Computer
Science major
Matthew Melvin
SGA Vice President
Cory Adams
Junior and Chemical
Engineering major
Arnetta Moody
Senator
Carresse Gerald
freshman and Animal

THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT GOVERN-MENT ASSOCIATION

Science major

The aims of higher education are to aid an individual in realizing his/her potential, and in becoming an effective member of society. The means to this end are independence of thought, active of awareness and participation in various academic pursuits. The individual is the center of learning. Therefore, these aims have meaning only insofar as, they relate to the individual. Whatever is done in the educational community must be evaluated in terms of the effect on the student and his/her learning process. The Student Government Association, as the representative of the student community, must be committed to these goals of higher education in order to justify its existence.

Q: What is the SGA's mission?

A: Williams: To recognize the needs that the student

body has through policies, events, and representations.

Melvin: To serve all the students to the best of their ability Moody: SGA is a liaison between administration and

Moody: SGA is a liaison between administration and the student body; to promote unity, awareness and self-direction for students. We provide opportunities for student participation in the university decision-making process.

Q: What are the benefits of joining?

A: Williams: Aside from getting to know more people, it's more like a human development because you're involved with the community. You also have an opportunity to showcase your skills and grow as a human being.

Melvin: You get to know what's going on inside, like the plan development and tuition. Depending on what administration you belong to, you can receive tickets to homecoming and different events. You also get uni-

Moody: You get to serve your peers and even though it's a lot of work, you get to meet many people.

Q: Do you feel that your peers pay attention?

A: Williams: I feel that students know if they need to come to us.

Melvin: There's a small amount.

Moody: Not a lot of offcampus students are involved. We need to find an efficient way to communicate for constituents.

Q: What's the difference between the past and present SGA?

A: Williams: This year we've focused on addressing the needs that the students may have had through a number of policies. For example, getting money back from the meal plan and the think tanks. With the last six months, we're going to try to provide more entertainment. Melvin: Full-body meet-

ings and SGA sound off.
Moody: Senators are coming from the colleges and schools, rather than the

dorms. Students living off campus are left out cause they don't know what's going on. So, we decided to go out of the school of our respective college. For example, if my major is Psychology and your major is Criminal Justice, you'll be able to talk to me. We're both in gears. You can tell what's going on. It's like an attempt to close a gap between SGA and the student body.

Q: What is SGA's mission to you?

A: Love: To me, SGA's mission is to provide a student's representation within operations of the university.

Adams: To provide and support the student body by listening, analyzing and reporting on the issues that affect the general student, insuring the highest quality of support and the development and enhancement of the student body.

Gerald: To make student life more accommodating.

Q: Does SGA affect you?
A: Love: SGA benefits me enough. They benefit me more mentally because it's letting me know that my voice is heard at the university.

Adams: The SGA does have affect on every student because they're the voice of the student body whether right or wrong. They have affect on me and every

Gerald: Indirectly, because they're probably doing something with the higher administration, like the Chancellor and maybe they changed the Aggie Flex Dollars, but I'm not sure. As of now, they're not doing anything that I'm being involved in.

Q: Do you pay attention to SGA?

A: Love: Yes.
Adams: Yes.
Gerald: Sometimes. If they're doing something cool, yeah.

Q: What differences do you see between the past and present SGA?

A: Love: There's a vast difference between the past SGA and the present. For one, the administration makes it a proper place on commences and it's a programming type of thing. Second, they're more interactive with the student body, they put more things out that are accessible, and they're much more open to students' ideas.

Adams: Students change academically, socially and financially. If we're not changing as the students are changing, than we're not being a factor.

Q: What message do you have for our SGA, for example, improvements?

A: Love: As a body elected or not elected, they're operating very efficiently this year and they should be commended for the things they're doing right now.

Adams: I expect the student government leader to be affective on what they were called to do after the election is efficient.

Gerald: Create more activities or programming that meets the students' interests. They need more communication.

Q: What's a message that you would want to give out to those who aren't involved?

A: Williams: For those students that are not involved or do not pay attention to SGAI ask do you really have Aggie Pride. Aggie Pride is caring about your university and not just speaking about it but taking action. SGA is the only student organization constitutionally recognized by the University, City, and State. There is power in the SGA and we need more students to realize that power.

Melvin: "That the only way that you can get anything done is by action and silence is acceptance.



'Coon' comment gets forecaster fired

Rob Blair was a weather forecaster on a Las Vegas television station.

By ERICA FRANKLIN Assistant News Editor

Weekend weather forecaster Rob Blair was fired on Jan. 16 for his on-air racial slur of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blair made the comment on KTNV-TV, Channel 13 of Las Vegas, Nev.

While delivering an extended weather forecast on Jan. 15 Blair said, "For tomorrow, 60 degrees, Martin Luther Coon King, Jr. Day, gonna see some temperatures in the mid-60s."

Blair attempted to apologize on later news segments aired at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. He said he made an accidental slip of the tongue when he spoke of the Martin Luther King holiday. He also stated that he in no way intended to offend anyone.

Due to his actions, Blair was fired. KTNV Vice President and General Manager Jim Prather informed everyone that Blair was no longer employed at the station. Blair was only with the station for three months.

"It is a sad state of affairs when the ignorance and intolerance of 1965 is now included in a weather forecast in 2005," said NABJ Vice President of Broadcast Barbara Ciara, managing

editor and anchor at WTKR-TV in Norfolk in a NABJ news release.

Prather said Blair stumbled, but the excuse was not enough to save his job.

"This kind of incident is not acceptable under any circumstances, and I'm truly sorry that this event

occurred," said Prather.
According to the KTNV
website, www.ktnv.com,
Blair started his career on
the radio at the age of 14 in
Indianapolis, Ind. Later, he
attended Chapman
University after moving to
Orange County, Calif.
While there, he hosted
weekend shows on Top 40
radio in Los Angeles. Blair
has also worked as a weather anchor in Palm Springs,
Monterey and Chico, Calif.

On the KTNV website, Blair said he hoped to "give important information in a weather forecast and hopefully sprinkle a little bit of humor to put a smile on the viewers' faces as they head out the door."

Yet, what happened on Jan. 15 was not found to be humorous. Blair's comment cost him his job and made many people believe that racism still plays an important role in American society.

"It is a scary thought that even in the year 2005, we still have to live in a world of racism. Dr. King did not give his life for his children and our children to live in a world like this," said A&T SGA President Calvin F. Williams, Jr.

Jan. 15 would have been Dr. Martin Luther King's 76th birthday.

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U. of Michigan Graduation Gap Highest in U.S.

By Maryanne George

The gap between graduation rates of white and black students at the University of Michigan is the second highest among 11 similar elite universities, according to a study released Wednesday by a national advocacy group for minority and low-income students.

In 2003, 67 percent of black students graduated after six years, compared to 88 percent of white students, a gap of 21 percentage points. Only Brigham Young University reported a higher gap of 25 percentage points. New York University had the lowest with a 1.8-percentage-point gap.

The analysis of government data from nearly 1,400 colleges and universities found that at one in four schools, the gap between graduation rates of white and black students is 20 percentage points or higher, according to the Education Trust, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that conducted the study.

The gap in the 2003 U-M graduation rates came after U-M had spent nearly \$10 million in legal fees to defend its affirmative action admissions policy in the federal court system. The Supreme Court upheld the school's use of race as a factor in admissions but threw out a system that awarded extra points to minority

applicants.
Though U-M's graduation rate of 67 percent for black students is higher than the

national average of 40 percent, the fact that it is so much lower than peer institutions is cause for concern, said Kevin Carey, director of policy research at the Education Trust.

Schools with smaller gaps included the University of California at Berkeley, with a 12.8-percentage-point gap, and the University of Florida, with 9.2 percentage points.

Florida State University, a large state school that has virtually closed the gap, focuses on mentoring low-income and first-generation college students through programs to help them make the transition to college, Carey said.

"Nearly 25 percent of all students drop out in their first year," Carey said. "Institutions need to make connections with students."

The report recommends focusing on undergraduates and getting professors to focus on their classrooms instead of research.

Lester Monts, U-M's vice provost for academic affairs, declined comment on the report because he had not seen it. But he said U-M is constantly trying to improve minority graduation rates.

"Some of our prec-

ollege programs begin to engage students as early as sixth grade, creating a pipeline that will lead to students' success in college," he said. "Frankly, I believe we should celebrate the success of the 67 percent of African-American students who graduate, while doing what is necessary to narrow the gap."



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Secretary of State nominee hammered by Senate Committee

By JIM PUZZANGHERA KRT

WASHINGTON _ Senate Democrats hammered away Tuesday at national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, using a daylong debate over her nomination to be secretary of state as a high-profile forum to bash the Bush administration for the Iraq war.

Rice, 50, is expected to be easily confirmed Wednesday to replace Colin Powell, making her the first African-American female secretary of state. But what seemed last month like a smooth path to one of the most important Cabinet positions and the culmination of a remarkable life story that began in the heart of the segregated South _ took a bumpy detour last week after two days of contentious confirmation hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

For opponents of Iraq policy, Rice has become a symbol of what they say was the Bush administration's misleading case for launching war and the missteps after military victory.

"I cannot endorse higher responsibilities for those who helped to set our great country down the path of increasing isolation, enmity in the world and a war that has no end," said Sen.
Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., his voice booming at the end of a nearly hourlong speech. "Oh, when will our boys come home?"

Republicans countered that Rice is highly qualified for the job and Democrats were playing politics with the nomination, delaying her inevitable confirmation and possibly damaging her ability to do the job.

"Condoleezza Rice will be a great secretary of state," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "She has the capability, she has the trusted ear of the president, she has the knowledge of foreign policy from 25 years of experience."



Condoleezza Rice returns fire to a barrage of question from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who has delayed her Confirmation.

"Be cognizant the rest of the world is watching," said Sen. George Allen, R-Va. "Do not diminish Dr. Rice's credibility in capitals around the world."

Not all Democrats opposed Rice's nomination. Sens. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., Ken Salazar, D-Colo., and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., spoke in her favor. But Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., a moderate who voted to authorize the war in 2002, said he'd vote against Rice because "accountability is important."

important."

Democrats joined
Republicans in praising Rice
as an intelligent and experienced nominee who has the
trust of President Bush. But
opponents of her nomination said she needed to be
held accountable for her role
as a chief architect of the
Bush administration's foreign policy and a leading
spokeswoman for war in

"Voting to confirm Dr.
Rice as secretary of state
would be a stamp of
approval for her participation in the distortions and

exaggerations of intelligence that the administration used before it initiated the war in Iraq," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., "and the hubris that led to the administration's inexcusable failure to plan and prepare for the aftermath of the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, with tragic ongoing consequences."

Democrats specifically criticized Rice, who was not present during Tuesday's debate, for comments she made to CNN on Sept. 8, 2002, regarding Iraq's nuclear-weapons program.

Rice said then that aluminum tubes that Iraq had acquired "are really only suited for nuclear weapons programs," although later it was learned that there was an ongoing debate in the administration about their possible purpose. And she warned that "we don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud," an ominous statement about the potential nuclear threat from Iraq. After the war, U.S. weapons inspectors reported that there was no

evidence of an active nuclear-weapons program in Iraq.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., sharply questioned Rice on those statements during the Foreign Relations Committee hearings last week and Rice didn't retract any of the comments.

"I'm troubled because we gave Dr. Rice every opportunity to speak candidly and set the record straight and she just didn't do that," Boxer said. "Accountability matters. Truth-telling matters. The whole truth matters. Responsibility matters."

Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., was even more blunt, saying Rice lied to him about the threat from Iraq.

"I don't like to impugn anyone's integrity, but I really don't like being lied to, repeatedly, flagrantly, intentionally. It's wrong. It's undemocratic, it's un-American and it's dangerous," Dayton said. "My vote against this nomination is my statement that this administration's lying must stop now."

Dog's sniff equates to probable cause

By Stephen Henderson

WASHINGTON _
The Supreme Court gave
police broader search powers Monday, saying the
Constitution doesn't protect
motorists' vehicles from the
"nosy" inquiries of drugsniffing dogs during routine
traffic stops

traffic stops.

In a 6-2 ruling, the justices sided with Illinois state troopers who used a dog to sniff around Roy Caballes' trunk after stopping him for speeding. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, sick with thyroid cancer, didn't take part in the case.

It turned out that Caballes was transporting \$250,000 in marijuana, which was found after the dog alerted officers to the stash.

Caballes said the use of the dog violated his right to privacy, since the officers had no evidence to suggest he was a drug offender before the dog arrived on the scene. It was a traffic stop, he said, and to expand the scope of the stop, the officers needed probable cause. The Illinois Supreme Court had agreed with him and thrown out his convic-

But the justices said
Monday that Caballes had
no constitutional right to
privacy concerning illegal
drugs, and because the
police dog was trained only
to search for contraband
narcotics. The officers'
action didn't violate constitutional search-and-seizure
protections.

In short, the court said a sniff wasn't a constitutionally guarded search, so long as it was a sniff for contraband.

"We have held that any interest in possessing contraband cannot be deemed 'legitimate," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote.
"Accordingly, the use of a

"Accordingly, the use of a well-trained narcotics-detection dog ... during a lawful traffic stop, generally does not implicate legitimate privacy interests."

The ruling gives police, who can't search cars themselves without probable

cause, an easier way to apprehend drug offenders as a result of routine traffic stops. By simply using dogs, instead of their own powers of observation, they can avoid constitutional rigors.

That's what's wrong with the decision, said John Wesley Hall, an Arkansas defense lawyer who helped write a brief for the National Association of Criminal Defense lawyers in support of Caballes.

All this does is exacerbate the problem of profile stops," Hall said, explaining that police often target people who "look like" drug dealers for traffic stops, hoping to bust them for something bigger. "Now they just need to stop someone who fits their profile, and bring the dog. The court just said this is OK."

Hall's concerns were echoed by justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter.

Ginsburg said a drugsniffing dog was an "intimidating animal" and that injecting that animal into routine traffic stops fundamentally changed the encounter. "The stop becomes broader, more adversarial and longer," she wrote. The court has said before that police can't simply hold someone who has been stopped for a traffic violation any longer than it takes to write a ticket; any further delay has to be justified by reasonable suspicion.

In Caballes' case, Ginsburg wrote, "even if the drug sniff is not characterized as a Fourth Amendment 'search,' the sniff surely broadened the scope of the traffic-violation-related seizure."

Souter doubted the court's faith in the idea of a dog that will sniff only for drugs, and won't alert officers to other, lawful possessions that can't legally be the subject of a search without cause.

"The infallible dog ... is a creature of legal fiction," Souter wrote.

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We Owe...

We owe it to the A&T Four to put out a newspaper this week. We owe it to them to raise our awareness of what is going on around us, and to stay vigilant and knowledgeable about the issues that will shape

We owe it to the alumni of this university to remember what they did and what they went through so we could be here. We owe it to them to continue their history of greatness; but to step out, represent and think for ourselves, and to make our own deposits to this university's storied history

We owe it to Martin Luther King, Jr. to remember his dream and study his mission, to continue to reach for the goals of brotherhood, equality and freedom that he set for

We owe it to Stokely Carmichael, Dick Gregory, Jesse Jackson, Chuck D, Nas, Jim Brown, Claude Barnes, Sam Moseley and all the others who have tried and are still trying to erase the apathy that exists among us so we can achieve those goals.

We owe it to Malcolm X to achieve those goals through any means necessary.

We owe it to the future. We owe it to the children of East Greensboro, the ones who have never seen their father or who haven't

been taught to dream of big things, to be an example for them. We can show them that we don't have to be like the black people they see on BET and MTV. We can show them black people with a sense of purpose, and prove that baggy jeans and brains can mix.

We owe it to our mothers and fathers, our grandparents and everyone who has made a sacrifice for our sake, to try to do the right thing, and be responsible for our actions, right or wrong.

We owe it to our deceased loved ones, to remember them and be thankful that we are still here; still alive, still with the chance to change the world for the better.

We owe it to our friends, the ones who never finished high school or went to college, who have struggled to keep food on the table, clothes on their backs and roofs over their heads. We can show them the importance of making good decisions right now that will payoff in the long run.

We owe it to ourselves. We have the same physical attributes as those who the writers of history proclaims to be the greatest, most brilliant, most talented and courageous of all-time: two eyes, two arms, two legs and a



Unleash The "Old" Condi

The following editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Thursday, Jan. 20:

The Condoleezza Rice who was a force for making peace with the Soviet Union and reunifying Germany was renowned for her brilliance, her knowledge of international affairs and her diplomatic skills.

The Condoleezza Rice who helped sell the Iraq war to the American people played a large role in severely damaging our relationships with some of our closest allies.

Now she is signaling that she wants to make diplomacy her No. 1 priority if _ as widely expected _ she is

Bush's new secretary of

A return of the "old" Condoleezza Rice in her new role would be welcome news for all Americans and our allies.

"The time for diplomacy is now," Rice told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday. 'Our interaction with the rest of the world must be a conversation, not a monologue."

Bush is expected to make unity the theme for his second term during today's inauguration. Critics who watched him impose his will on the world during his first term will find ample

reasons for skepticism.

those critics would be to unleash the Condoleezza Rice who dazzled Mikhail Gorbachev, among others, during the early 1990s, and let her go to work in building a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Rice's associates, at Stanford and elsewhere, have always warned against underestimating her abilities and the strength of her char-

She can begin rebuilding her reputation by using her close relationship with the president to get started on the hard work of mending our relationships with our

Duties and Responsibilities

Recently the SGA has decided to invoke a constitutional by-law they have neglected to enforce in the past. The rule says the student body should elect a fellow student in an open election to the position of Editor in Chief of "The A&T Register."

For the past several years the professors of the JOMC have elected the Editor in Chief of "The A&T Register". The internally elected official was not chosen based on popularity or affiliation, but by his or her performance in classes that focus on AP Style, editing, layout, and writing; skills essential to executing the job of Editor in Chief.

JOMC professors know best who is qualified for the editor position because they teach the necessary skills to the students that want to make journalism their life.

The process has produced some very good editors, editors that are committed to producing a solid newspaper each week. Editors who have made key decisions regarding the evolution of the student newspaper you see today.

Today's newspaper is professional and responsible. Like a professional paper The A&T Register is not infallible. There is no such thing as a perfect paper, some issues are just better than others.

The student newspaper has a responsibility to the student body to be critical, balanced, and honest. We may report things that rub people the wrong way, but we have a duty to report the truth. Generally when people do something wrong they do not want to be exposed. If the editorial staff feels an exposé will benefit the students we have a responsibility to print it.

The register has done, in our opinion, a

good job of being fair. The entire staff is made up of JOMC majors and rarely are there stories concerning the JOMC department, because we make a point to cover the rest of the campus before we cover home.

Everything that is submitted does not make it to publication and every tip is not investigated. We encourage students to write in and we have meetings every Monday at 5 p.m. open to any student who

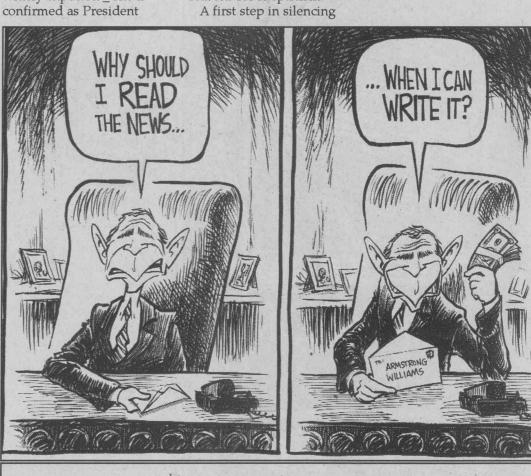
would like to write for "The A&T Register." The few students who do write in usually submit opinion. The only thing that keeps opinions from being published is excessive vulgarity and incoherence. Solid pieces are checked for typos and printed just like it would be done at any other publication.

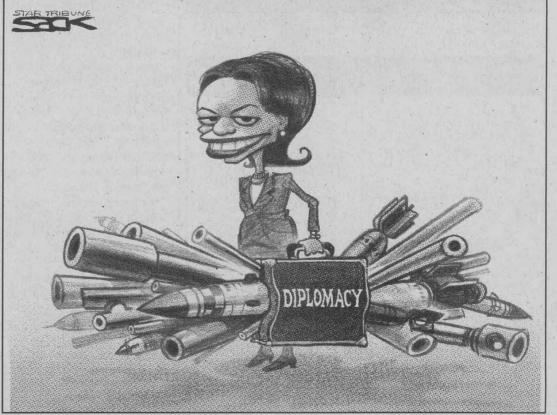
We have a duty an responsibility to inform the student body. We have a duty to highlight the student body. We have a duty to continue the efforts of those who came

The framers of the U.S. Constitution were on to something big when they said "There shall be no law abridging the freedom of

In the United States editor of paper, television/radio producer, Webmaster are not elected they are free to be critical so long as they responsibly report the truth. The Editor in Chief of "The A&T Register" should not be elected and should not be apart of any governing body, including Student Government Association.

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WORDS OF WISDOM: "The heights by great men reached and kept were not obtained by sudden flight. But they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night." Thomas S. Monson

"What's Next?"

2004 Fashion Review



By CANDRA WHITLEY Contributor

Here we are at the beginning of a new year in fashion. The "fashionista" within us all had a great year in

The year brought new colors to many peoples' blank canvases and allowed the men to become more fashion forward. Let's travel back to 2004 and review the styles that we all dared to

Two of the hottest trends in ashion this past spring and summer, was without a doubt accessories and shoes. Girls turned into ladies by outting on stiletto pumps

and strappy sandals. The higher the shoes, the better! But what made some stand out the most

was how exotic the actual shoe was. Ladies went to great extent to "out do" their friends with the latest and hottest shoes! Tweed jackets made a big

showing in women's wear this past fall. The best trend, by far, the winter season has brought us is metallics!! From shoes, bags and belts to scarves, if

it was metallic, we wore it. The ladies had it easy this past season, almost all the trends were geared towards being extra feminine and

ultra sexy. For men, this past season was one to try new things and veer away from the normal day-to-day looks. The most popular style that all men adored, and still do, came from this season. The

white t-shirt. In 2004, one could never go wrong with white t-shirts, jeans, fresh sneakers, and a fitted cap to bring the outfit together. Men were finally allowed to bring out their "metro-sexualism" last season and actually dress to

impress. Colored polo shirts made a debut for men, giving them a reason to finally wear the pinks, yellows and purples usually not socially acceptable on college campuses. With the emergence of button down shirts (thanks to Jay-Z) boys from ages 12 to 40 were putting down their play-school clothes and turning into full grown, GQ men overnight. With the button up, came the best trend of the year for men, the blazer!

The year was a great for fashion. It allowed people to become more of an individual and take certain styles and tweak them to their own liking. Some turned out good while others turned out not so well.

A&T has always been a very fashion forward campus, and in order for us to maintain our status, we must know what's hot and what's not.

Stay tuned for my next installment, so you can see if you're up on What's Next!

STEP AFRIKA MAKES THE CONNECTION

By Makeda Tillman Contributor

On Jan. 25, Step Afrika USA (SAUSA) presented a celebration of history of African American stepping and dance.

Students gathered in Moore Gym to enjoy a presentation of culture.

The show began with the history of stepping shared by African-American sororities and fraternities in the

PaulWoodruff, a charter member of Step Afrika, asked 10 brave students, who have never stepped before to come to the stage. Woodruff showed them simple steps that they would follow and show to the audience.

The group took the audience on a trip to South Africa, imitating dance movements from the land while dressed in African attire.

SAUSA is a dance ensemble based in Washington, D.C. The organization was founded in Dec. 1996 with Brian Williams as its founding director.

The ensemble also performed a rendition of the gum boot dance that mine workers did to express themselves socially and physically. This was done by hand-clapping, foot movements and tapping boots. It created a rhythm similar to those performed by African-American sororities and fraternities today.

Step Afrika was the first to



UNITY steppers from Zeta Phi Beta, Delta Sigma Theta and

link stepping and the gumboot dance.

"I like the fact that the show really educated us, as students, about the roots of stepping," said Gerilyn Sampson, a jun-

The organization also stresses the importance of finishing college and educating one's self.

"Our performance shows a connection between African culture and African-American culture, primarily gumboot dancing and stepping," said Zakiya Harris, a member of Step Afrika.

The organization aims to celebrate the history of African dance and preserve it as a tradition and learning

The ensemble also has an International Cultural Festival to teach young students and adults about the art of dance.

Members of the organization that performed at the

Guordine, Aisha Lord, Zakiya Harris, Brian McCollum and Jason Nious. All of Step Afrika's members are members of African-American greek organiza-

"I enjoyed the show. It was a good and free way for students to have fun and learn as well," said Kwashawn Berry, a junior JOMC major. To close out the perform-

ance, the Pan-Hellenic step team UNITY performed. The event was sponsored by SUAB.

To get more information about Step Afrika go to: www.stepafrika.org

By Kim Robinson Contributor

Q: My man is always telling me what to do, what to wear and where not to go! How do I stop him from controlling my every move?

A: Well, this is a common problem with men. It seems like your man wants to tell you what to do like property. Promptly let him know that you are your own person and cannot be told what to do. If you obey him every time he gives you a command you are letting him know that it's okay to treat you like that. If a man has any respect for you he has to treat you like a lady.

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Ice Cream Social w

event were Brian Williams,

Paul Woodruff, Darrius

By Sharika Bivens Contributor

The Ice Cream Social took place on Jan. 25 in Room 101 at the Memorial Union.

"It was just a theme, like other organizations use movie nights. I thought that we should do something different and everyone likes ice cream," said Jasma Johnson, founder of P.R.I.D.E.

The purpose of the social was to get more people involved.

P.R.I.D.E is trying to make a difference on our campus.

"I feel that we're making a difference because when I was a freshman, there were no organizations that catered to the lesbian, gay and bisexual community.

So now, gay and lesbians have an organization to belong to," said Johnson. Johnson also stated that P.R.I.D.E. is building student awareness and also dispelling stereotypes that people may have about the gay community.

Those that attended the Ice Cream Social had various views on the event. For Amaris Llamas, a freshman here at A&T, her presence was "to support the community as a heterosexual."

Others had a different view on the Ice Cream Social. Some attended because there was free ice cream and sweets, while others came to mingle with each other.

"I didn't have a good experience because no one talked to me at all, except

for the lady who sponsors the group. I also didn't get an overall view of what it's all about," said Desiree Busey, a freshman electronic media major. "I thought it was a meeting from what the flyer said. I was looking for some input on what the club was about but no one explained it... it says that we are all welcomed, but are really welcomed is the question cause I didn't feel welcomed."

P.R.I.D.E. meetings are held every other Thursday in the commuter lounge in the Memorial Union.

"We're here just like everyone else. We're not trying to go after you or turn the straight people out. Everyone's invited," said Tunisha Ferguson, vice president of P.R.I.D.E.

The Last Word

What does 'I Need Space' mean in a relationship?



By ERICA FRANKLIN Assistant News Editor

To the Ladies

When a male says he needs space, he means that it is time to break up. Ladies, the moment your man says this to you, pack your bags because he has found somebody else. Why else is he not answering his phone or spending time with you?

Men, if you do not want to be with a female, get it off of your chest and tell her. There is no need to cheat.

To the Fellas

When a female says she needs space...well I guess it all depends on what type of female you have. If your girl is nasty, then she means that she wants you to leave her alone so she can cheat. And she is probably cheating with more than one guy. Guys beware; some females are very sneaky. Don't fall in their traps.

On the other hand, if you are in a relationship with a "good" girl, then you don't have anything to worry about. She may want to teach you a lesson. Guys, if you are too controlling or smothering, then your girl will probably be asking for space in the near future. Men please act right, and I promise that your "good" girl will love you for life.

Send questions or remarks to www.register@ncat.edu



By Julius McKinley Arts & Entertainment Editor

To the Ladies

When a guy says that he needs space that is exactly what he means. He doesn't want his girlfriend breathing down his throat day in and day out wondering about where he is and what he is doing. Women make the biggest mistake when they assume that their boyfriend is cheating on them because they ask for space. Why is it so wrong for a man to spend time alone away from his girlfriend to relax? So a word of advice for the females, don't panic when a guy says that he needs space just give it to him and eventually things will be fine over time.

To the Fellas

When a female says that she needs space that may be a problem. From past experiences, most women who "claim" to need space have someone else in mind they'd rather be with than you. Women are capable of cheating. Honestly I believe that women cheat more than men do they just don't get caught like we do. One of the biggest mistakes that guys do is brag about who they have had sex with and how many times they "hit it." Women on the other hand keep theirs on the "low," but do just as much as we do.

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Word on the Street

"In the Enertainment World"

BY MYNA WATFORD Contributor

The Fox Goes Back Home

After failed ventures with both Island Def Jam Music Group in 2002, and P.Diddy's Bad Boy Label, Foxy Brown has found her way back to Def Jam again; but this time as one of Jay-Z's new prize possessions. Before her first initial departure, Foxy recorded a numerous amount of songs to go on her double disc set Ill Na Na 2:The Fever. Since then, Foxy has started fresh; working on her soon to be recorded Black Roses LP. Rumor has it that some of her collaborations include Barrington Levy, Dido, and Luther Vandross. It still seems to be up in the air, on whether or not the signing will be in conjunction with Jay-Z's rumored S.Carter imprint, but what ever her ventures are, I wish her the best of luck.

The Cube Blows up at the Box Office

Seems like Ice Cube is making a strong impression at the box office, with his most recent film "Are We There Yet." Now of course most of us know him for his humorous role as 'Craig' in "Friday", "Next Friday", and "Friday After Next", but Ice Cube is definitely switching the game up. The movie, which co-stars Nia Long, is a family flick about a materialistic bachelor who falls for a single mother of two children. Now these two kids go to extreme lengths to make sure that Cube's character does not enter their mother's life. Even though the weather may not

have been permissible on the East Coast, the film still managed to bring in \$18.5 million, which in movie terms is "Fantastic".

There's Always at Least One Bully Standing...or Sitting in the Crowd.

Most of us saw the infamous attack on Dr. Dre, at the VIBE Awards, but for those of you who didn't, I'm pretty sure you read about it. However, it appears Jimmy James Johnson, the man accused of punching Aftermath CEO and super producer Dr. Dre in the face at the awards show; was paid by Marion "Suge" Knight. Well at least that's what he told police anyway. Johnson allegedly told the Santa Monica, police that Knight hired and paid him \$5,000 to carry out the attack in an attempt to embarrass Dr.Dre. As if he was in a giving mood, Knight also agreed to forgive Johnson's brother's debt if he carried out the assault. But I guess in the hip-hop world, "One wrong deed deserves another"; because sure enough, allegations stemmed that Johnson was stabbed by G-Unit member Young Buck. Knight's lawyer denied the allegations on their behalf, but "Suge" had this to say after the show... "One thing about me, if I do something wrong, I claim it. I'm not no rat, I'm not the kind of guy who just wants to start stuff". Now is it just me, or doesn't that statement seem a little flaky. Besides, what person do you know sits calmly in their chair, while their arch -enemy is being attacked in front of mil-

lions? I guess only "Suge."

Winning an Academy Award Ain't All it's Cracked up to be

Even after winning an Academy Award, Halle Berry finds that she isn't bombarded with roles for great movies. The best thing to have happened to her after winning the award, may have been an invitation to play a part in an Oprah Winfrey production of "Their Eyes Were Watching God." Berry stated "The struggle for a woman of color to find good material is still very present, and it's a struggle I fight every day. I think women have a hard time finding good material in general, be it black, white, sky blue, or pink." The movie appears on ABC this

Simon Doesn't Think Beyonce is 'Idol' Enough

One of music's most well known critics, doesn't think Beyonce is so bootylicious. Simon Cowell, a judge on the hit Fox television show, 'American Idol', had a few words to say when it came to singing sensation Beyonce Knowles. "I find the whole Beyonce thing mystifying". "She's not sexy, she hasn't got a great body, and she's not a great singer." Personally, I think this is one of the many times Simon is wrong, but hey who am I to judge. Now, if you want to catch the complete article, check out Esquire magazine. It hit stands this past Friday.

All information was contributed by Rapdirt.com, Rnbdirt.com, Allhiphop.com, and 940news.com.

College Hill returns to BET

SHANNON PITTMAN Contributor

Television's first black reality show, College Hill, returns for its second season January 27 at 9 p.m. The season premiere will be a one-hour show that will introduce an all-new cast of eight members.

Last season the cast was located on the campus of Southern University in Louisiana. This season the cast will be students of Langston University. Langston University is a historically black university that is located in rural Langston, Okla. The university is a liberal arts institution that was founded in 1897 as the Colored Agricultural and Normal University.

The producers decided to put a twist on the show.
This season the cast will be

staying off-campus in a Western-themed ranch. The cast will surprise you with all of their crazy antics they do when they are all together in the house.

The cast members are Brittani, Israel, Stacey, Nafiys, Peaches Jon, Tanisha, and Coti. Each member brings his or her own kind of excitement to



Courtesy of BE

the show. Brittani ,19, is from Oklahoma City. She used to date Israel, who is from Pawnee, Okla. Stacey is a 21-year-old from

Bakersfield, Calif. who dreams of being a "video girl." Nafiys, 21, is from New Jersey and he is the "player" in the house. Peaches, 23, is from Frankfurt, Germany. Jon, 22, is from San Jose, Calif. and likes to run around the house without any clothes on. Tanisha, 21, is an Omaha, Neb. native, and her goal in life is to become a minister. Last, but not least is Coti, 20, another Oklahoma City native, and

a male cheerleader.

The cast this season is very interesting. Be sure to tune into BET on Thursday at 9 pm. to get a glimpse of what goes on in a black college student's life on the campus of Langston University.

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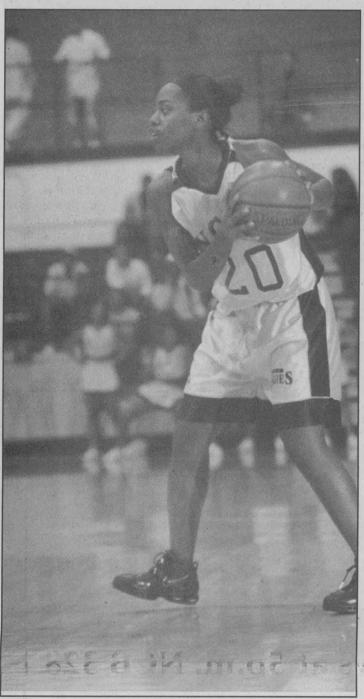


Photo By Charles Watkins

Sherman was 9-for-10 from the three-point line against Florida A&M.

BY GREGORY BOND Sports Editor

Yanumbe Sherman had a career night on Jan. 22. Sherman, who came off the bench, scored 29 points and hit 9-of-10 from the threepoint land as the Lady Aggies defeated Florida A&M 80-77 in overtime in Gaither Gymnasium at Tallahassee, Fla.

The bench was very supportive to the Lady Aggies in the first half. The Lady Aggies bench outscored the Lady Rattlers 24-12 in the first half.

A&T's defense forced the Lady Rattlers to shoot 33.3 percent from the floor. Kira Tillman scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds and Shareka Glover scored 10 points and had 14 assists.

The Lady Aggies were 60 percent from the three-point line on the night. Florida A&M turn the ball over 25 times on the night.

A&T jumped out ahead of the Lady Rattlers (5-10, 3-4 MEAC) going ahead 40-28 at halftime.

In the second half, Florida A&M reversed the momentum. Florida A&M outscored A&T 42-30 in the second half. The Lady Rattlers scored 17 points off of turnovers and outscored the Lady Aggies in the paint 18-6 and had 44 rebounds than compared to A&T's 38.

A&T was ahead 70-68 with 32 seconds left in the second half, Lady Wildcat Tene Miller stole the ball

from Sherman and drove the ball down court. Miller missed the three-pointer and Ariel Towns grabbed the rebound and made the shot with one second left in regulation.

Towns scored a gamehigh; 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Quidara Russell scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Down by only one, Sherman hit her ninth threepointer with 49 seconds left and A&T never lost the lead

On Jan. 24, the Lady Aggies (4-12, 3-4) defeated Bethune-Cookman College 81-70 at Moore Gymnasium in Daytona Beach, Fla. to extend their winning streak to three.

Unlike Saturday, the Lady Aggies' defense was not on track in the first half. The Lady Wildcats (3-11, 2-6) shot 69.2 percent from the

The Lady Wildcats started on fire from the field, but was cooled down in the sec-

Tillman led A&T with 22 points. Tia Richardson scored 16 points and Sherman added 12.

Sarah Johnson scored 18 points and Cassandra Calcagno added 15 for Bethune-Cookman.

The Lady Aggies will come back home to play. against University of Maryland-Eastern Shore on Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.

MEAC Standings

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Teams	MEAC	Overall
Coppin State	6-1	6-10
Norfolk State	6-2	8-8
Delaware State	5-2	7-11
Hampton	5-3	7-10
Morgan State	4-3	6-11
Bethune-Cookman	4-4	7-10
Florida A&M	4-4	5-10
S.C. State	3-5	9-9
Howard	2-5	5-11
N.C. A&T	2-5	3-15
MdEastern Shore	0-7	1-15

Saturday, Jan. 29

Florida A&M at Delaware State 4 p.m. Bethune-Cookman at Howard 4 p.m. Norfolk State at Morgan State 4 p.m. Maryland-Eastern Shore at N.C. A&T 4 p.m. S.C. State at Longwood 7 p.m.

	Women	
Hampton	8-0	8-8
Coppin State	6-1	11-5
Florida A&M	4-4	6-10
Norfolk State	4-4	4-11
Howard	4-3	9-7
MdEastern Shore	4-3	5-10
Delaware State	3-4	7-9
N.C. A&T	3-4	4-12
S.C. State	2-6	7-10
Bethune-Cookman	2-6	3-11
Morgan State	1-6	2-12

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A&T **Sports Briefs**

Women's Basketball - From MEAC Sports Department Shareka Glover of N.C. A&T was named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the week, the league announced.

Glover led the Lady Aggies to their first two conference victories last week. Glover had 23 points (21 in the 2nd half) in a come from behind victory against previously unbeaten in the MEAC, Howard. She recorded her second doubledouble involving assists with 10 points and 14 assists against Florida A&M. Glover is the only person to record a double-double involving assists in the conference this sea-

Men's Tennis - After defeating Davidson 7-0 in the early afternoon match, #18 ranked North Carolina Tar Heels (2-0) swept the Aggies 7-0 on Jan. 22 in Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center's Indoor Court at Raleigh, N.C.

In the singles matches, Will Plyler (UNC) won his first collegiate singles match in a 6-2, 6-3 over Jerome Kirkland. #65 ranked Raian Luchici (UNC) defeated Vytas Hawley 6-0, 6-0 and Derek Porter (UNC) defeated Eldrick Stephens 6-

Sophomore Sebastian Guejman (UNC) defeated Jerome Martin 6-1, 6-3. This was Guejman's first career victory for the Tar Heels. Freshman Benjamin Carlotti (UNC) defeated Porter Myrick 6-1, 6-2. Brad Pomeroy (UNC) defeated Damon Martin 6-1, 6-0.

In the doubles match, Jonathan Janda and David Stone (UNC) defeated Stephens and Myrick 8-1 and Karl Wishart and Aly Mandour (UNC) defeated Damon Martin and Jerome Martin 8-1. Hawley and Kirkland (NC A&T) defeated Leonard Gullan and P.J. Petrides 8-4.

A&T Swimming - On Jan. 22, the Lady Aggies traveled to Boiling Springs to participate in Gardner Webb University's annual Half/Double Invitation.

The Gardner-Webb Lady Bulldogs played host to Wingate University along with A&T.

The Lady Bulldogs demanded respect at their house as they swept 11 events, scoring more than both visiting schools in every event.

The meet opened with the 200 medley relay, Whitney Hooley, Lisa Fry, Isabel Olivas, and Katherine Williams clocked in at a time of 1:52.11 winning the meet.

In the 400 fly, junior Taylor Simpson got her first win of the day with a time of 4:36.86, which was also a school record. Williams picked up a win in the 50 free clocking in at a time of 23.25, and her teammate Whiteside came in fourth in the event. Isabel Olivas recorded her first of two wins in the 400 breast clocking in with a school record time of 5:11.40.

A&T SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball - Jan. 29 Maryland-Eastern Shore, 4 p.m. at Corbett Sports Center Women's Basketball - Jan. 29 Maryland-Eastern Shore, 2

p.m. at Corbett Sports Center Swimming - Jan. 28 Radford/Campbell 6 p.m. at Corbett Sports Center

A&T Men Lose Two Straight in Florida

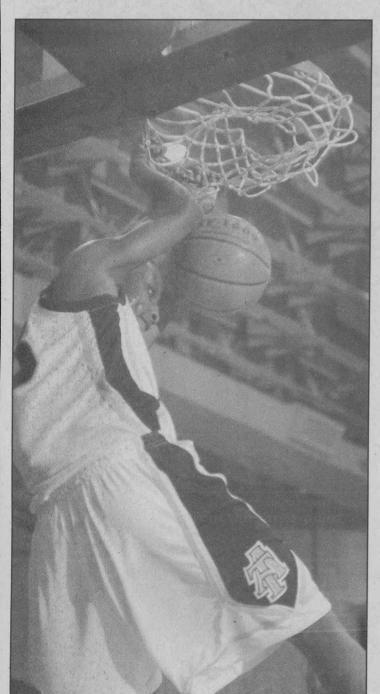


Photo By Charles Watkins The Aggies will return home to play against Maryland-Eastern Shore on Jan. 29.

BY MICHAEL STANLEY Contributor

The Aggies came up short losing on the road to the Rattlers of Florida A&M at Gaither Gymnasium 93-86 in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference face-off on Jan.

FAMU (4-10, 3-4 MEAC) jumped into an early lead that A&T just could not overcome. The Rattlers were led by freshman guard Jon Mason with 20 points. He shot 4-of-7 from behind the arc to make a huge difference in the game coming off the bench.

Bench scoring was in the Rattlers favor while injuries limited the play of some of their starters. Key contribu-tions were made by reserves senior forward, Brian Zamore with 11 points and seven rebounds and junior guard Michaels Sams chipping in with 10 points.

Scoring 14 points each was Jonathan Kelly and Tony Tate, while Darius Glover pitched in 13 points and 11 rebounds.

At halftime, FAMU led A&T 53-47, as both teams shot well from the floor at 57.1 percent.

The Aggies were led by senior guard Steven Koger with a game-high 23 points off the bench. Sean Booker and Jeff Alvis both added 12 points a piece. A&T shot poorly from the free throw line shooting 12-of-21 at 57.1

"They out rebounded us,"

said Booker. "They doubled us on rebounds. We did not play good. We beat ourselves. We just gave them the game."

The Aggies were defeated by the Wildcats of Bethune-Cookman College 80-78 in a double overtime brawl on Jan. 24 at Moore Gymnasium in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Wildcats (7-10, 4-5) were led by a 35 point effort by junior guard, Antonio Webb. They led the Aggies 36-20 at halftime, but were totally outscored in the second half 43-27.

A&T (3-15, 2-5) rallied in the second half, with five Aggies scoring in double figures; they were led by Jeff Alvis with 16 points. Also contributing for the Aggies was Booker and Koger both scoring 13 points each. Freshman Demetrius Guions scored 12 points and Rechodd Carter with 11 points.

The game was sent into overtime on a Greg Roberts three-pointer with 16 seconds left on the clock. Roberts scored seven points and had a game-high; 12 rebounds.

In second overtime, the Aggies had no answer for Webb as he scored all of the Wildcats 11 points. Webb shot 7-of-9 from the threepoint range and was 8-of-10 from the free throw line.

The Aggies will face Maryland Eastern-Shore Jan. 29 at Corbett Sports Center at 4:00 p.m.

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