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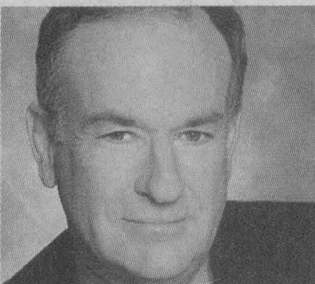
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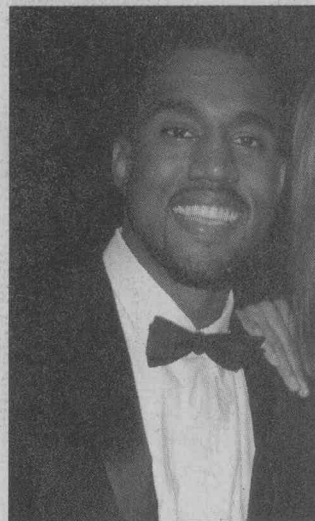
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HIP HOP SUMMIT 2007: GET YOUR MONEY RIGHT

## Wait 'til I get my money right



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

THE HIP-HOP SUMMIT ACTION NETWORK came through Corbett Sports Center Saturday bringing along with them legends like Russell Simmons and Ben Chavis, current music and television stars like Terrance J. Roci, Anthony Hamilton and Jim Jones, financial experts and local government and political officials.

By AASIYA TOWNSELL  
NEWS EDITOR

A&T joined Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN) on Financial Empowerment "Get Your Money Right," on Saturday, Sept. 8.

It was another hot Saturday in Greensboro when hip-hop celebrity icons arrived on the red carpet for the HSAN event. Hip-hop has a major influence on young Latino and black people when it comes to wanting expensive material items.

Explaining how to manage their finances before students go off to buy the next pair of hot new sneakers is a given.

Russell Simmons has his finances in gear with being the co-founder, along with Rick Rubin, of the hip-hop label Def Jam, founder of another label, Russell Simmons Music Group and creator of the clothing

fashion line Phat Farm but it wasn't always like that for him.

Simmons, the co-chairman of the HSAN described how he managed his first check from Def Jam Records. "Poorly, I made some mistakes", he said.

Simmons blamed a lot of his financial illiteracy on schools that are not spreading the word on handling finances and children not learning their parent's strategies from the home.

Howard Jones, CEO and founder of Wilson OIC agrees with Russell Simmons on the urban youth not having financial literacy exposure.

"We haven't been exposed to the language of managing money", he said.

9th Wonder, a producer, who is also a professor of hip-hop at North Carolina Central, chimed in about how he handled his finances.

"It was rough; I was working at a smoothie shop and did beats for Jay-Z", said the producer who produced Erykah Badu's next single.

His helpful advice is to get an accountant, don't rent and invest in mutual funds and be aware of the IRS.

One of the Canadian hip-hop artists whose albums made platinum were also there and were discussing the reasons why they were participating in the cause for financial empowerment.

"I don't believe in race, we're all one when it comes to how the system works and some celebrities aren't good role models when it comes to managing money that people look up to," he said.

Belly, a Canadian rapper of Palestinian descent, believes in giving

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## Nation reflects on 9/11 anniversary

By AMY WESTFELDT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Relatives of Sept. 11 victims bowed their heads in silence Tuesday to mark the moments exactly six years earlier when hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

The dreary skies created a grim backdrop, and a sharp contrast to the clear blue of that morning in 2001.

"That day we felt isolated, but not for long and not from each other," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said as the first ceremony began.

"Six years have passed, and our place is still by your side."

Construction equipment now fills the vast city block where the World Trade Center once stood. The work under way for four new towers forced the ceremony's move away from the twin towers' footprints and into a nearby park for the first time.

As people clutched framed photos of their lost loved ones,

Kathleen Mullen, whose niece Kathleen Casey died in the attacks, said the park was close enough.

"Just so long as we continue to do something special every year, so you don't wake up and say, 'Oh, it's 9/11,'" she said.

"We're still very much affected by it on a daily basis," said Tania Garcia, whose sister Marlyn was killed.

"It's an open wound, and every year that passes by just get worse and worse and worse."

This anniversary, presidential politics and the health of ground zero workers loomed, perhaps more than any other.

The firefighters and first responders who helped rescue thousands that day in 2001 and later recovered the dead were to read the victims' names for the first time.

Many of those rescuers are now ill with respiratory problems and cancers themselves, and they blame the illnesses on exposure to the fallen towers' toxic dust.

For the first time, the name of a victim who survived that

towers' collapse but died five months later of lung disease blamed on the dust she inhaled was added to the official roll.

Felicia Dunn-Jones, an attorney, was working a block from the World Trade Center. She became the 2,974th victim linked to the four crashes of the hijacked airliners in New York, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pa., where federal investigators say the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 fought the hijackers on the rallying cry "Let's roll!"

A memorial honoring Flight 93's 40 passengers and crew began at 9:45 a.m., shortly before the time the airliner nosedived into the empty field.

"As American citizens we're all looking at our heroes," said Kay Roy, whose sister Colleen Fraser, of Elizabeth, N.J., died when the plane went down. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff planned to speak to the mourners.

In Boston, where two of the hijacked airplanes took off that morning, church bells rang to the tunes of Amazing Grace

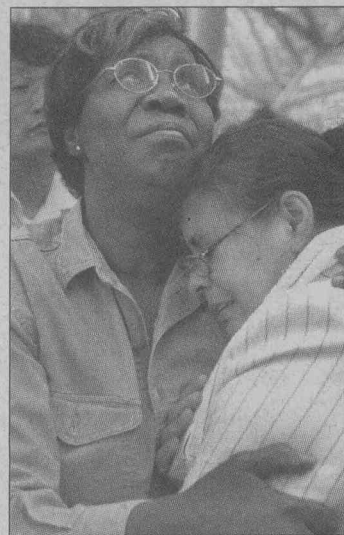


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MANY MOURN at a Sept. 11th Commemoration Ceremony at Ground Zero in New York City.

and America the Beautiful.

In New York, drums and bagpipes played as an American flag saved from the collapse was carried toward a stage.

Firefighters shared the stage with former Mayor Rudy Giu-

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## Who cares about the calories?

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge struck down a New York City rule Tuesday that required fast-food restaurants to post calorie counts on their menus.

U.S. District Judge Richard J. Holwell said he determined the rule conflicted with federal law. Businesses had claimed that their First Amendment rights were violated by the rule, described as the first of its kind in the nation, but Holwell said he reached his decision without needing to address those claims.

The city had targeted national fast-food chains by applying the law only to those that served standardized portion sizes and that were already making calorie information available voluntarily as of March 1.

Howell said that conflicted with federal regulations because the rule wasn't mandatory for all restaurants. Federal regulations already advise restaurants how to post the information voluntarily. The city law office did not immediately comment on how it would respond.

The New York State Restaurant Association had challenged the rule.

On the other side, the Na-

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## Bin Laden recruits martyrs in new video

By LEE KEATH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden urged sympathizers to join the "caravan" of martyrs as he praised one of the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers in a new video that emerged Tuesday to mark the sixth anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Al-Qaida traditionally issues a video every year on the anniversary, with the last testament of one of the 19 hijackers involved in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

This year's video showed hijacker Waleed al-Shehri addressing the camera and warning the U.S.: "We shall come at you from your front and back, your right and left."

The new message, which AP Television News obtained from the IntelCenter monitoring group in suburban Washington, came days after the world got its first current look at bin Laden in nearly three years, with the release of a video Saturday in which the terror leader addressed the American people.

Later in the day it appeared on militant Web sites, with a note from al-Qaida's media production wing al-Sahab saying it was intentionally sent to television stations before being placed on the Internet.

It begins with an audiotape introduction by bin Laden. While his voice is heard, the video shows a still image of him, raising his finger.

In the image, bin Laden has the same dyed-black beard and the same clothes — a white robe

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# Little moments, Big magic

## Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greensboro needs your help

By KEN FLOWERS  
CONTRIBUTOR

The Greensboro chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBS), is in need of more volunteers for their program and is calling all A&T students to come and join.

One of the problems concerning Big Brothers Big Sisters is the volunteer ratio, particularly at A&T. "A large percentage of our female volunteers are A&T students," said Robin Williams, director of BBBS Greensboro.

"A&T males, where are you?" Boys between the ages of 6 and 14, that reside in single parent homes are most often referred to BBBS.

"We have children homed with aunts, and grandmothers. They have the female role models but they don't have the consistent male role-model," he said.

Women with children involved in the program are wanting their sons, grandsons and nephews to spend time with positive adult males.

Leroy Mikell, a junior print journalism major at A&T, who is in his second year with the BBBS program, believes that people should definitely join the program.

Mikell is the Big Brother of two children, one boy and one girl.

Originally he was mentoring just his little brother, but while working he happened to stumble upon a little girl who's mentor had stopped coming to see her. They quickly bonded, and soon he was the Big Brother of two children.

"It not only helps you realize some of your faults through a kid looking up at you, but it's just a good feeling when you can help somebody else, a lot of people are missing that in their lives," says Mikell.

For him, it would be a lot better if people could help and pass on a blessing to the young males involved in the program.

Too many young African-American males experience negative maturation in this day in age, because of the lack of mentoring. A&T students can make a difference.

Vincent J. Bright Jr., a sophomore business/accounting major here at A&T, believes the reason that A&T males do not mentor is not having their mind on mentoring and having it set on other things.

Some may believe it is considered being "soft" or a waste of time until they actually experience it.

"Mentoring a young, adolescent mind, and knowing you had a positive role in that person's development is a rewarding experience," said Bright.

"It's not always about finding more time," says Williams. "There's 24 hours in a day, you can't find more time. Maybe going to the library once a week to study, or maybe playing some basketball afterwards. Incorporate them; share some of your life experiences."

Mentoring can be a simple task, there are several programs available to accommodate one's schedule.

The BBBS Community program establishes a one-on-one mentoring relationship with children ages 6-13 from a single

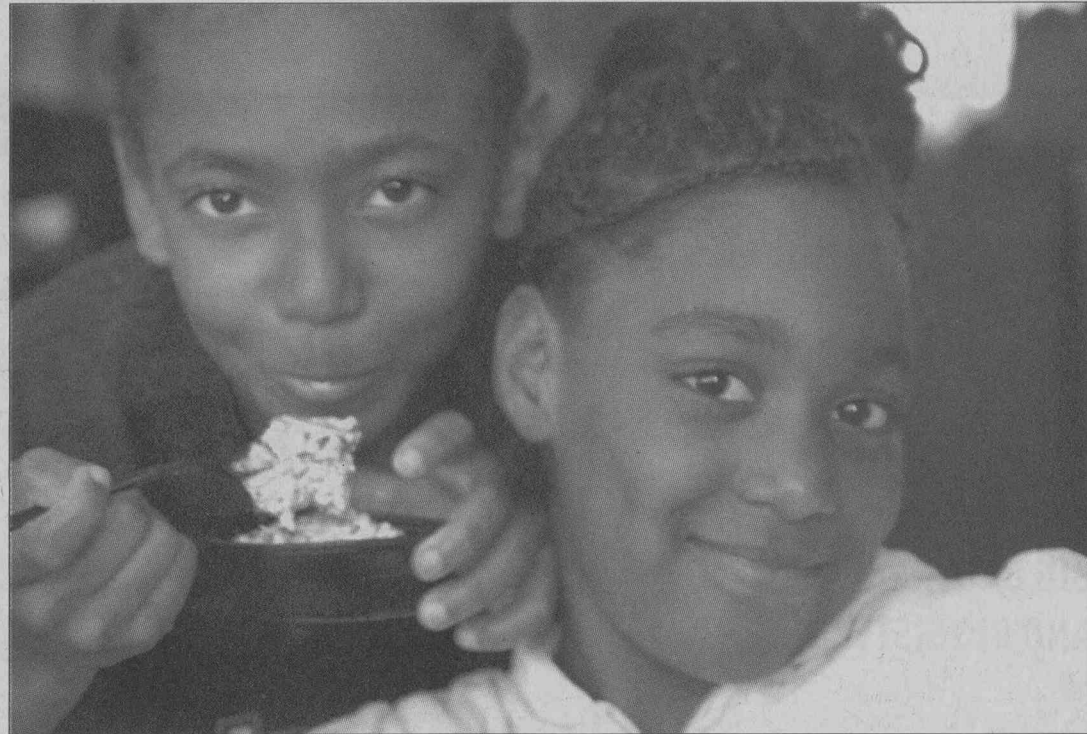


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**THE EYES OF A CHILD** Who could say no to those faces? Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Greensboro is looking for volunteers for children primarily between the ages of 6 and 14. For more information see below.

parent home. The match spends two to four hours a week together for a period of a year doing activities that improves the youth's self-esteem.

The Pairs Match program matches children between the ages of 6-13 with two friends or a married couple that would like to help a child together.

The match spends 2-4 hours a week together for a period of one year doing activities that improve the youth's self esteem.

The next program is the Class Act program. It matches children in a school setting with role models. Together the pair works on classroom activities

such as art projects. They eat lunch together or just hang out at the monkey bars.

BBBS work together with the children's teachers to arrange visit times.

The program operates from September to April each school year. The last program is the Campus Sidekicks program. It matches elementary and middle school students with role models from area colleges. The youth visit the college campuses each month and spend time with their Big Brothers or Sisters.

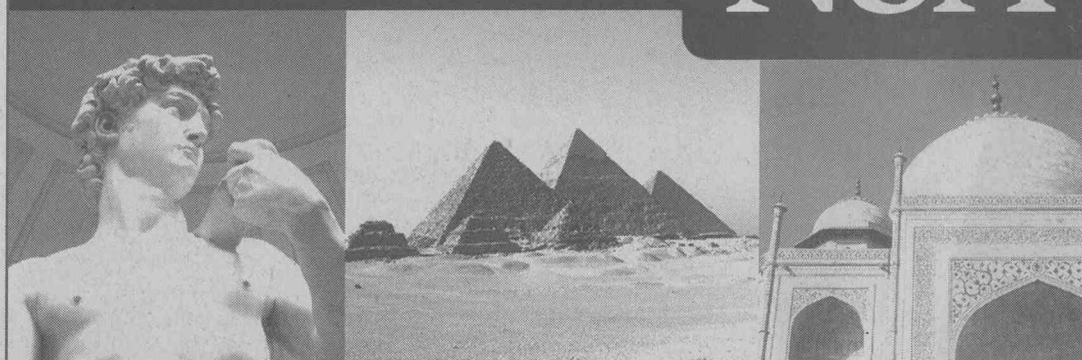
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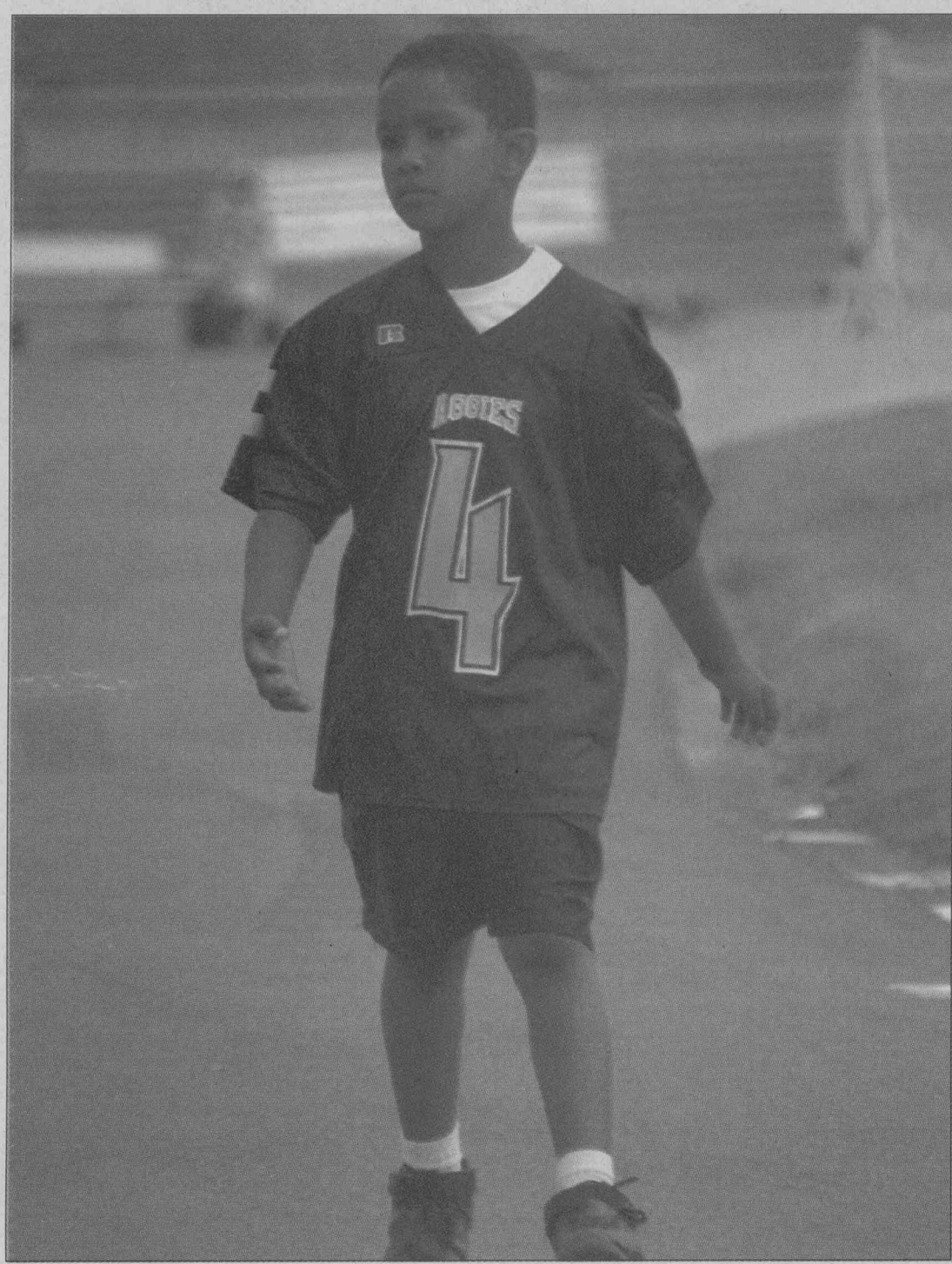
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## Financial battle of the bands

### Money for the Blue & Gold Marching Machine out of step

By **MICHAEL JONES**  
CONTRIBUTOR

In the blazing summer heat, Lee "B.J." Hargrove, captain of the Blue and Gold Marching Machine's drum line, known as "Cold Steel," is in full uniform.

With his drum strapped on and sticks to his side, sweat pours off of Hargrove's forehead as he prepares to signal off the next cadence and the drummers start down "the tunnel" to march the band into Bowman Gray stadium in Winston-Salem.

This is Hargrove's third year marching in the band. While he enjoys it, Hargrove and other members are unhappy because the majority of them don't get any financial aid for their hard work.

"I don't think it's fair," said Hargrove. "We have heard in what we do here; we should be just as well off as any of the other athletes."

The band serves as an ambassador for A&T. The band practices five days a week, four to five hours a day, and sometimes more. But even after their hard work, they watch as money and publicity they helped generate wind up in the athletics department. We contribute so much but we don't get much in return," said Hargrove. "I'd like to see the band program get recognized just as much as the other athletic departments."

Freshman trumpet player, Buck Wright, echoed those sentiments. "With me being a music major, I feel that they could definitely contribute a lot more to the band as well as the music

program," said Wright.

"I don't get any type of financial aid period. I love music and I love doing what I do, but some money could definitely be of help."

When asked if he feels that the band is overlooked by the football team and others, he replied, "Of course!" "I definitely feel we are overlooked because we're the band. The football team hasn't been doing all that well but still receives all the financial rewards. You say you're in the band and it's just like 'Oh, okay.'"

The Marching Machine has roughly 150 members. The band would be a lot bigger and its sound larger if the band program had more money, says band students, but due to the lack of scholarships, students who would've marched for and attended A&T are attending other schools.

The Marching Machine's dedication has not gone unnoticed, however. "These students are terrific," says Dina Eagle, associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

She is working alongside Dr. Kenneth Ruff, director of bands, and Dr. Michael Plater, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to come up with ways to provide more financial aid for band students.

"Last spring we were able to give out 25 book scholarships amounting to \$240 for students who had a 2.8 or better," said Eagle.

"We were able to repeat it again this fall, giving out 21 for those with a 3.0 or better. We want adequate scholarships for



PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. McCRAY • THE A&T REGISTER

**THE BLUE AND GOLD MARCHING MACHINE** have been a fan favorite for years but financial support for the band is slow and numbers are dropping.

students who excel musically as well as academically, we're also trying to have them self-sufficient."

The band is also trying to raise funds on its own. It's looking to raise \$16,500 in scholarships. In addition, an endow-

ment has been set up that is strictly for band students, said Eagle.

"Once there are enough donations, we can start dispersing the money. We have initial targets for better opportunity. There is a strategic plan."

For Hargrove and the rest of the band members who get no financial assistance, it's all about the music and the performance.

"We love what we do," says Hargrove. "That's what keeps us going."

## ON THE YARD

### WEDNESDAY

Career Awareness Fair 2007  
Corbett Sports Center  
8:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.  
Free

### THURSDAY

Career Program Luncheon  
Memorial Student Union,  
Exhibit Hall  
10 a.m. — 3 p.m.  
Free

### FRIDAY

Family Weekend  
Memorial Union, Lobby 1 (Hall  
of Fame)  
4 p.m. — 6 p.m.  
Free

### SATURDAY

Football vs. Hampton  
(Hall of Fame Day)  
Aggie Stadium  
6 p.m.  
Students Free with Aggie Card  
General Admission \$20

### SUNDAY

Career Development Dinner  
Memorial Student Union,  
Stallings Ballroom, Section A  
5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

### MONDAY

Flag Football  
Holland Hall  
4 p.m. — 7 p.m.  
Free

### TUESDAY

State of the Campus  
Memorial Student Union,  
Stallings Ballroom  
6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.  
Free

## OFF THE YARD

### WEDNESDAY

Cruise in One Hot Summer  
Night Car Festival  
Greensboro Coliseum  
(1921 W. Lee Street)  
7 p.m.  
\$5

### THURSDAY

Open Mic Jazz Jam  
Cheesecakes by Alex  
(315 S. Elm Street)  
8:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Central Carolina Fair  
Greensboro Coliseum  
(1921 W. Lee Street)  
5 p.m. — 11 p.m.  
Adults \$5.  
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### SATURDAY

Indoor Pet Adoption  
All Pets Considered  
(2614 Battleground Avenue)  
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.  
Free

### SUNDAY

An Evening of Short Plays  
City Arts Studio Theatre  
(200 N. Davie Street)  
2 p.m.  
\$5 donation encouraged

### MONDAY

Meditations of Life  
The Blue Diamond Gallery  
(604 South Main St.)  
6 p.m. — 9 p.m.  
Free

### TUESDAY

Triad Stage presents: The Little  
Foxes by Lillian Hellman  
Triad Stage at the Pyle Theater  
(232 S. Elm Street)  
7:30 p.m.  
\$7 for students an hour  
before the show

— Chanel LeGette

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## HIP HOP

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back to the community and having the right investments.

He also feels that integrating hip-hop into the summit will be a more effective way in reaching out to the young urban community.

Other helpful advice from the hip-hop artists is to once again have an accountant, a financial advisor and people that you trust around you to assist with your finances. Make sure you don't spend all the money when you receive your check and take out 10 or 15 percent in savings or investments.

Prior to the red carpet was the actual summit event. The panelists consisted of Simmons along with Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Anthony Hamilton, Belly, Terrance J, Rosci, Mike Jones, Jim Jones, 9th Wonder and U.S. Reps., Mel Watt and G.K. Butterfield.

Everybody from the audience grabbed their pen and paper and jotted down helpful notes that will benefit their personal credit in the future.

BET 106 & Park's Rosci, suggested that you should budget, save and to make sure you have life insurance.

With the images portrayed on BET from popular music artists, people tend to have the misconception that those entertainers are setting the standards of what it means to be wealthy.

The panelists encouraged the students to not let other people or celebrities determine wealth for them, and to set their own standards.

Credit cards, credit scores and FICO scores were another huge topic discussed. Students were insisted on keeping one credit card, making sure that they have a low credit score, and about 35 percent of their FICO score is based on late payments, delinquencies and bankruptcies.

Other helpful advice is to be disciplined, set your financial goals and watch what you spend it on. When you are secure with your finances this can be your opportunity to give back to the community.

"Take care of what we have in the community, and take care of what you have," said Hamilton.

Another common strategy

from the panelists was to have a strong faith. Whether it's faith in God or your "higher self," everyone seemed to set aside a thank you to their personal faith.

Students were very receptive to everything that was going on at the summit but, a few were concerned with some of the music artists who participate in the imagery of flashy cars, spinning rims, flashy jewelry and the display of loose cash portrayed in the media.

To some, they felt that the artists were sending mixed messages. That being cool and on top means you can show off your expensive material items but on other hand make sure you budget right.

College students and the majority of the urban youth do not have money like that to spend on flashy-material items. The infatuation of wanting to look like those rappers they see on TV contributes to black Americans being the number one consumers in the nation.

"Don't let the media tell you that the reflection of the problem is the problem," said Simmons.

Simmons also explained that the media never displays what those type of rappers are doing in the community. He made the example that he doesn't see too many jazz artists or neo-soul singers giving back to the poor communities. A lot of the so-called rappers that are displaying "negative" images on the television screen are the ones making the difference in the black communities.

Simmons encourages everyone to pay attention to that, rather than the videos.

Terrance J also added in that people hold to much credit for the media and that most of it is an exaggeration of what is actually fact.

The HSN was founded in 2001 and is for the cultural relevance of hip-hop music to serve as a catalyst for education, advocacy and other societal concerns fundamental to the empowerment of youth.

The network is a non-profit, non-partisan national coalition of hip-hop artists, entertainment industry leaders, education advocates, civil rights proponents and youth leaders united in the belief that hip-hop is an influential asset for the social change of being proactive on the war on poverty and injustice.

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and cap and beige cloak — that he had in Saturday's video.

But it was not known if the audiotape was recently made. In the past, al-Qaida has used footage and audio of bin Laden taped long ago for release later.

In the tape, bin Laden praised al-Shehri, saying he "recognized the truth" that Arab rulers were "vassals" of the West and had "abandoned the balance of (Islamic) revelation."

"It is true that this young man was little in years, but the faith in his heart was big," he said.

"So there is a huge difference between the path of the kings, presidents and hypocritical Ulama (Islamic scholars) and the path of these noble young men," like al-Shehri, bin Laden said. "The former's lot is to spoil and enjoy themselves whereas the latter's lot is to destroy themselves for Allah's Word to be Supreme."

"It remains for us to do our part. So I tell every young man among the youth of Islam: It is your duty to join the caravan (of martyrs) until the sufficiency is complete and the march to aid the High and Omnipotent continues," he said.

At the end of his speech, bin Laden also mentions the al-Qaida leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who was killed in an U.S. air strike there.

Al-Zarqawi followed in the footsteps of al-Shehri and his brothers who "fulfilled their promises to God."

"And now it is our turn," bin Laden says.

After bin Laden speaks, the video of al-Shehri appears. Al-Shehri — one of the hijackers on American Airlines Flight 11, which hit the World Trade Center — is seen wearing a white robe and headscarf, with a full black beard, speaking in front of a backdrop with images of the burning World Trade Center.

"We shall come at you from your front and back, your right and left," al-Shehri said, asserting that America would suffer the same fate as the Soviet Union.

He also praised the losses the United States suffered in Somalia in late 1993.

"As for our own fortune, it is not in this world," he said. "And we are not competing with you for this world, because it does not equal in Allah's eyes the wing of a mosquito."

Al-Shehri warned Muslims who strayed to return to their religion and deplored the state of those who abandoned Muslim holy war, or jihad.

"The condition of Islam at the present time makes one cry ... in view of the weakness, humiliation, scorn and enslavement it is suffering because it neglected the obligations of Allah and His orders, and permitted His forbidden things and abandoned jihad in Allah's path," he said.

Suicide attacks for al-Qaida and other militant groups often videotape last testaments before carrying out their attacks.

Every Sept. 11 anniversary, al-Qaida has used the tapes in a bid to rally its supporters by glorifying its "martyrs."

Bin Laden's new appearances underline the failure to find the terror leader that President Bush vowed in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks to take "dead or alive."

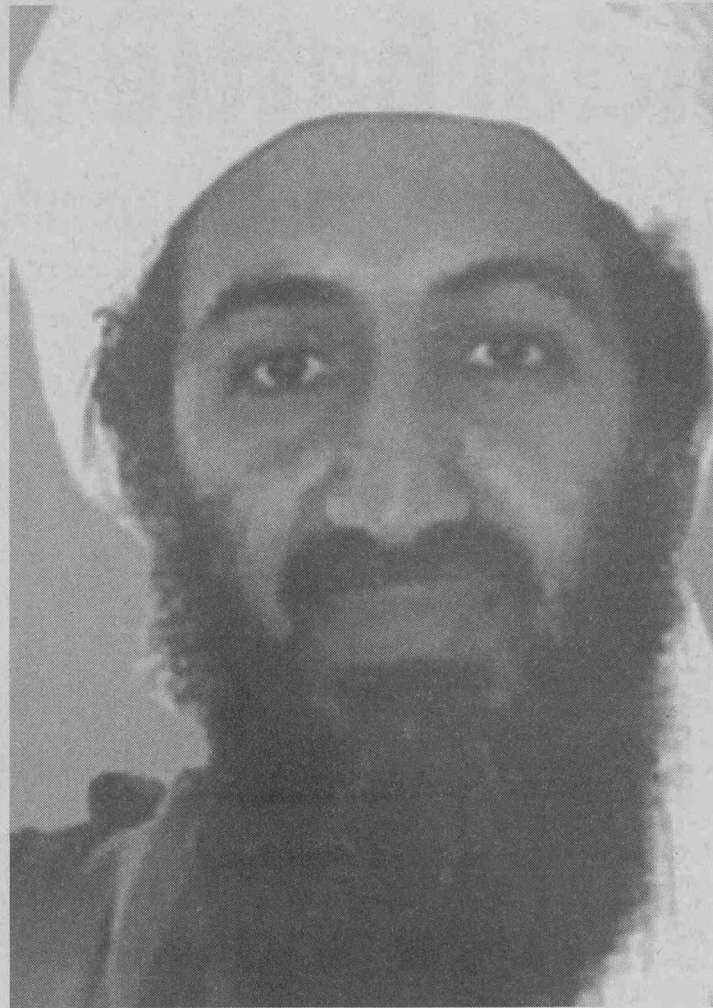
On Sunday, Bush's homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend sought to play down bin Laden's importance — and added a taunt, saying he was "virtually impotent."

But terrorism experts say al-Qaida's core leadership is regrouping in the lawless Pakistan-Afghanistan border region. The latest National Intelligence Estimate says the network is growing in strength, intensifying its efforts to put operatives in the United States and plot new attacks.

Bin Laden's video on Saturday was his first message in over a year — since a July 1, 2006 audiotape. The images came under close scrutiny from U.S. intelligence agencies, looking for clues to the 50-year-old's health and whereabouts. City Health Officials, the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the League of California Cities supported the city, saying the new rule was necessary to fight obesity.

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liani, who many victims' families and firefighters said should not speak because he is running for president.

Giuliani has made his performance in the months after the 2001 terrorist attacks the cornerstone of his campaign, but he has said his appearance wasn't intended to be political.

"I was there when it happened and I've been there every year since then. If I didn't, it would be extremely unusual. As a personal matter, I wouldn't be able to live with myself," Giuliani said late last week.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, seeking the Democratic Party presidential nomination, also planned to attend the ceremonies at ground zero.

President Bush, with the first lady at his side, held a moment of silence on the South Lawn of the White House.

At the Pentagon, Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke at the wall where the plane crashed and told the victims' families that their loved ones will be remembered.

"I do not know the proper words to tell you what's in my heart, what is in our hearts, what your fellow citizens are thinking today. We certainly hope that somehow these observances will help lessen your pain," he said.

Pace also spoke of the military, calling the anniversary "a day of recommitment."

At the main U.S. base at Afghanistan, service members bowed their heads in memory of the victims.

National intelligence director Mike McConnell said U.S. authorities remain vigilant and concerned about "sleepers cells" of would-be terrorists inside the United States.

"We're safer but we're not safe," McConnell said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Even though the World Trade Center ceremony gathering was moved out of ground zero, thousands of family members descended briefly into the site to lay flowers near the twin towers' footprints.

In all, 2,974 victims were killed by the Sept. 11 attacks: 2,750 connected to the World Trade Center, 40 in Pennsylvania and 184 at the Pentagon. Those numbers do not include the 19 hijackers.

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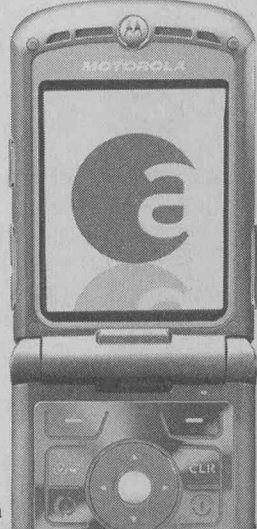


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A&T to host Pirates in season opener

By Daniel Henderson Contributor

Although the Aggies fell short in their relentless effort last Saturday, they hope to continue the improvement from this past weekend at Aggie Stadium.

Saturday's opener against the Hampton University Pirates marks the first home game of 2007 for A&T.

The Pirates have been in total control of the Middle Eastern Athletic Conference for the past three seasons.

The Aggies hope to snap the longest active losing streak in Division I-AA college football by knocking off the three-time MEAC defending champions this Saturday.

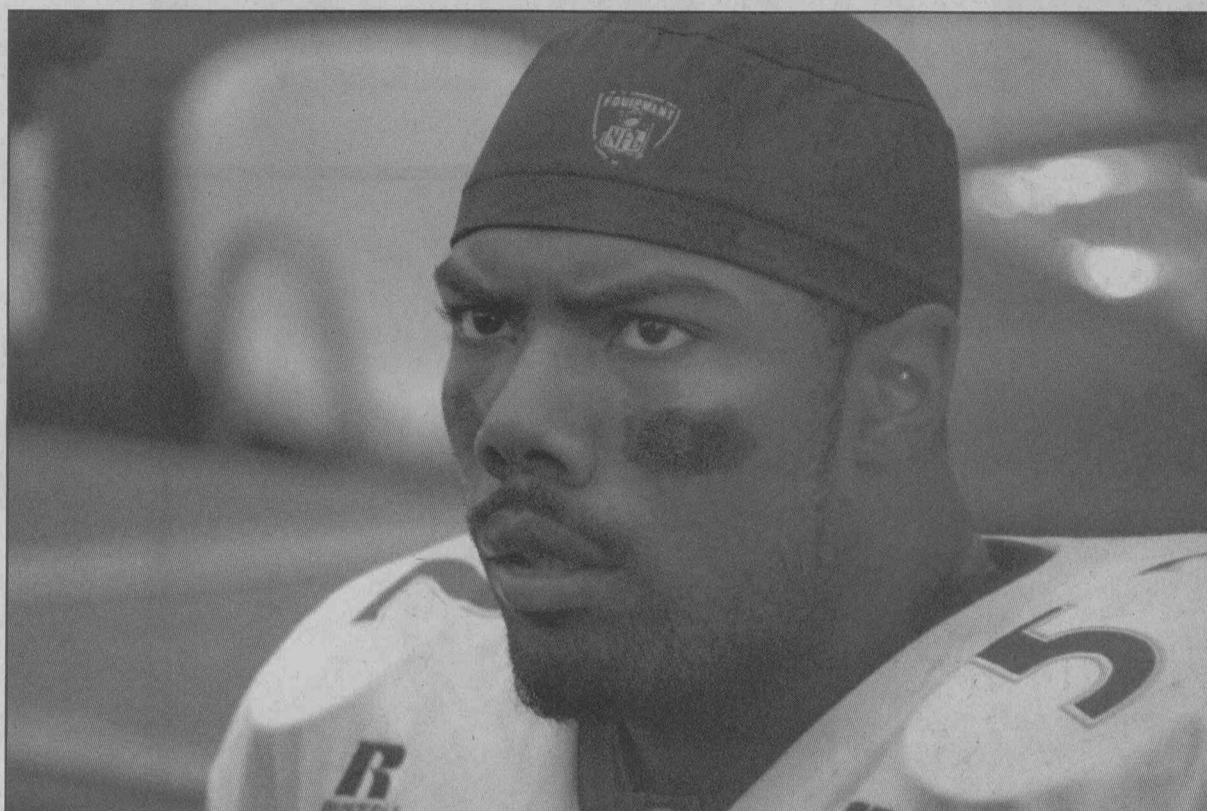
Hampton opened up their season on the road with a 31-24 victory in our nation's capital Saturday over Howard University.

The Pirates have lost four games in the past three seasons with only one of the losses being against a conference opponent.

The last team to win the MEAC before Hampton was A&T in 2003 under former head coach George Small.

In their last meeting, the Aggies suffered a 48-14 brutal rampage in Hampton, VA.

Offense Saturday's offense was anchored by junior running back Michael Ferguson who rushed



Defensive end Joseph Taylor, a junior from Washington, D.C., watches during the WSSU game.

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for 181 yards on 22 carries. The offense accumulated 307 total yards compared to the 216 yards of total offense gained against Winston Salem State University in the season opener.

Sophomore wide receiver Giorgio Lawrence scored the Aggies' only touchdown, while senior wide receiver Curtis Walls led the team in receptions (3-42 yards) for the second consecutive week.

The key transition of the offense occurred with the knee

injury of junior starting quarterback Herbert Miller.

Although Miller played a solid first half, red shirt-freshmen quarterback Shelton Morgan passed for the offense's only touchdown in the second half.

Even though the Aggies did not have trouble moving the ball, they had costly turnovers and penalties in the red-zone execution which could've prevented the disappointing outcome of the game.

The offense hopes to avoid

these mistakes against a much tougher defensive opponent Saturday.

Defense The best word to describe the defensive performance this season should be "standstill."

The Aggie defense only gave up one touchdown against a versatile quarterback in Chris Gibson who rushed and passed for over 100 yards the previous week.

The Panthers were limited to 278 yards which has been the

least amount of yards allowed by the defense since head coach Lee Fobbs took over in 2006.

Junior Safety Marques Ruffin led the team in tackles with nine, while junior cornerback Ihsan Shaheed forced the defense's only turnover of the game with an interception in the second half.

"It's the second week in a row we've played inspired defense," head coach Lee Fobbs said after the game.

Fobbs expects his defense to

continue with this intense effort against the MEAC powerhouse Pirates this weekend.

Hampton After losing seniors to the NFL draft, Hampton hopes to prove that their younger group of players will be just as dominant this season as the previous ones.

Led by ex-WVU junior transfer Terry Mitchell at quarterback, the Pirates threw for 315 yards last Saturday against the Bison in their spread offense.

The team is made of many former division I-A players including speedy starting wide receiver Jeremy Gilchrist (8rec.-93yards 1td vs. Howard), from Virginia Tech, and player transfers from The University of Oregon, University of Tennessee, Kent State and Utah State.

Hampton's 405 total yards tied Howard's total offense last Saturday.

Wide Receiver Kevin Teel led the Pirates in reception yards (4rec.-110yards 1 td) and will present another deep threat for the Aggies secondary who allowed 145 passing yards against the Panthers.

One crucial fact A&T can hold their breath on is that the Pirate defense will be without All-American linebacker Justin Durant (Jacksonville Jaguars), who dominated division I-AA football in his four years as Pirate. Hampton visits A&T this Saturday at 6 p.m.

Prarie View 'blocks' A&T hopes of a win in L.A.

By Malcolm S. Eustache Sports Editor

Opportunity is a word that may haunt the A&T football locker room all week long, as that is exactly what they let get away from them on their way to a 22-7 loss to Prairie View A&M.

Amidst the festive atmosphere at the annual Farmer's Angel City Classic in Los Angeles, the Aggies put together an impressive first drive that put them on the Panther's 9-yard line.

Attempting to give the Aggies an early 3-0 lead, freshman kicker Eric Houston's missed 26-yard field goal was an eerie

foreshadowing of a nightmare for A&T's special teams unit.

After a scoreless first quarter for both teams, A&T's third possession would put that statistic to rest, on Lee Woodson's punt that was blocked by Panther's Riante Jones and returned by defensive back Val Ford for a touchdown.

"Obviously we didn't play well in the kicking game, especially on the punt protection," said Fobbs. "We had two blocked punts that led to two scores. Obviously it had a big impact on the ball game."

The next blocked punt that Fobbs is speaking of happened only two series' later

and was coincidentally blocked and returned by the same two Panthers players respectively.

The Aggies were led offensively by Michael Ferguson who racked up an impressive career best 181 rushing yards on 22 carries.

"We came out and the offense was moving the ball," said Ferguson. "We were doing what we wanted to do. We got in the red zone, but when we got there we made mistakes."

Mistakes were also made on the PVA&M side of the ball as the Aggie defense, which is threatening to be a force in the conference, created three turnovers on their way to holding the Panthers to 278 total yards

on offense, a best in the Fobbs era.

"It's the second week in a row we've played inspired defense," said Fobbs. "We've got to continue to play like that."

Continuing to play like that will mean that they will be putting the ball in the hands of red-shirt freshman quarterback Shelton Morgan, due to a knee injury sustained by quarterback Herbert Miller late in the first half. All signs are pointing towards Morgan taking over as the Aggies starting shot-caller.

Morgan would throw his first touchdown in the mid-fourth quarter on a 32-yard strike to Giorgio Lowrance after a forced fumble by the blue and gold de-

fense.

Although the Aggies walked away with more first downs, total yards, and time of possession, the A&T squad failed to lead in the area that matters most.

"We were in the red-zone a few times, we moved the ball in several situations and had opportunities to score and wasn't able to capitalize on that," said Fobbs. "That pretty much reflects the outcome of the ball game."

Falling to 0-2 on the season the Aggies will host the Hampton Pirates at Aggie Stadium at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

AGGIES RUNDOWN

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Table with 3 columns: TEAM, MEAC, OVR. Lists standings for various teams including Morgan State, Norfolk State, Bethune-Cookman, Florida A&M, North Carolina A&T, South Carolina State, Delaware State, Hampton, and Howard.

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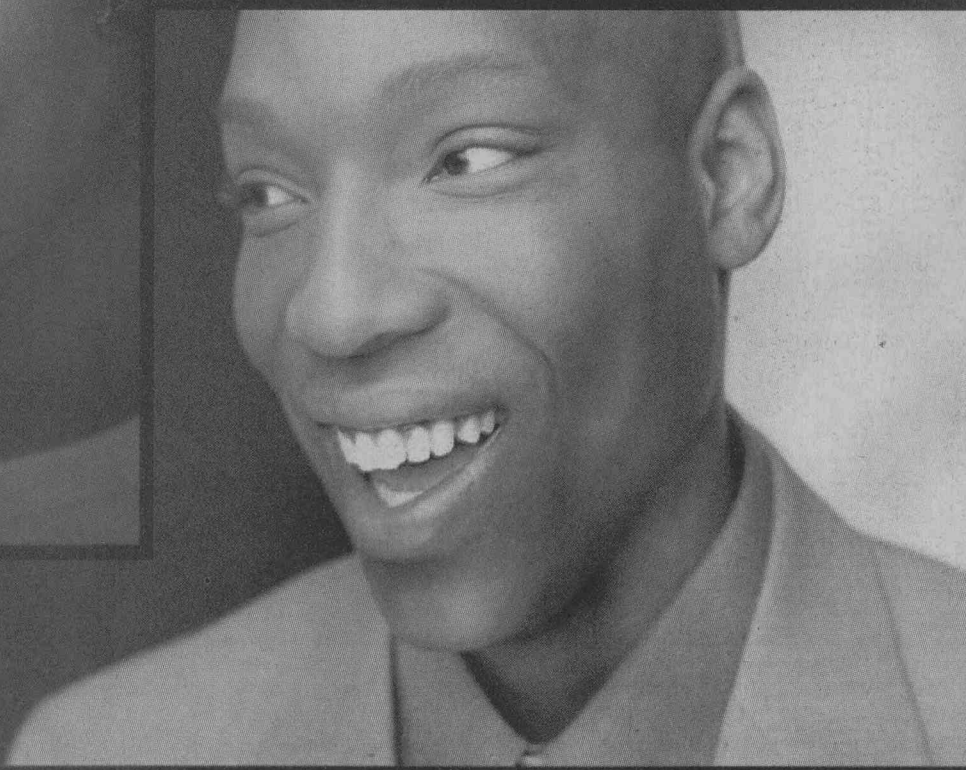
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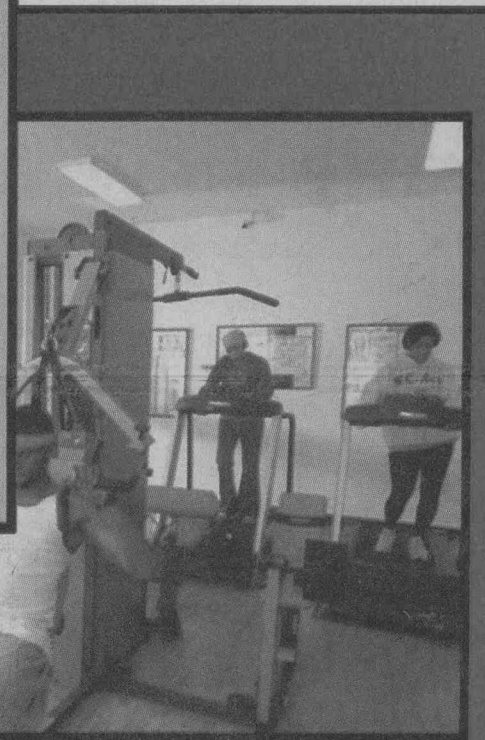
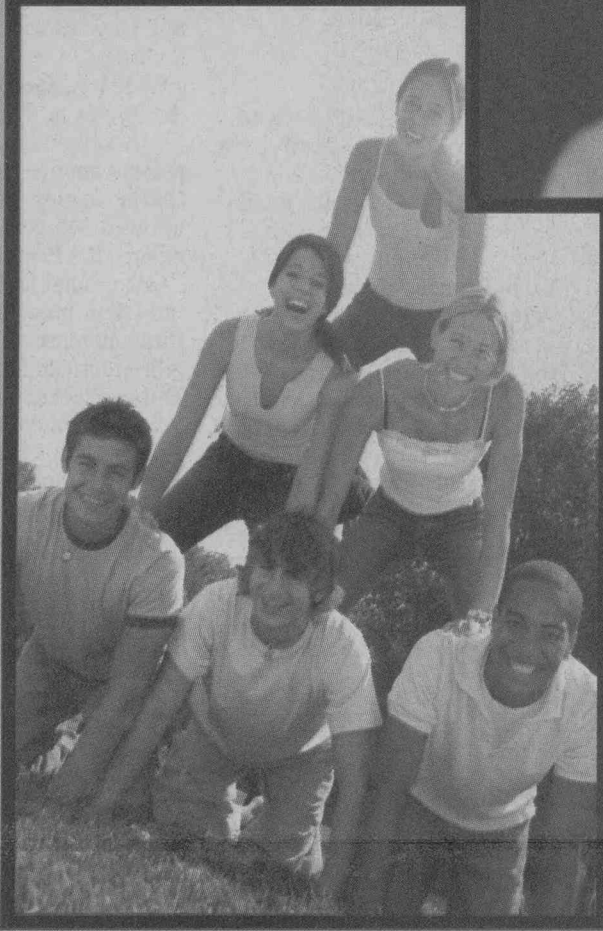




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