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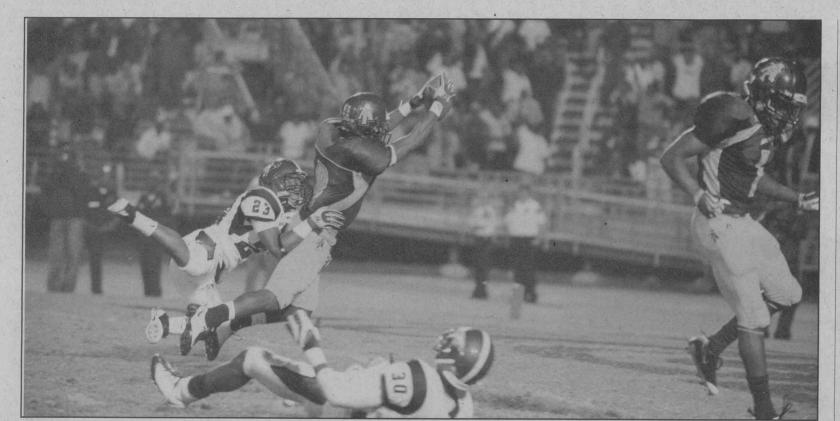
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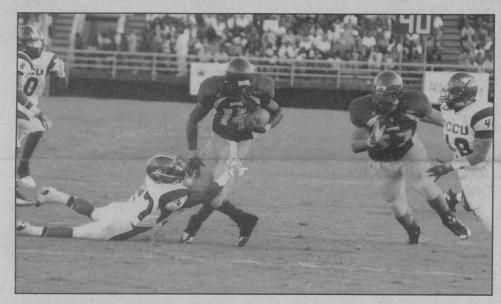
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THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF NORTH CAROLINA A&T







GAME WINNER Aggie Wallace Miles (top) continues to prove himself with two touchdowns for 101 yards against North Carolina Central. PHOTO SUBJECT Senior quarterback Carlton Fears (left) starts in his 8th game for the A&T and leading the team for there 3rd win of the season. PHOTO SUBJECT Dontavious Payne(right) freshman running back is a important key to the offense and has rushed for 159 yards this season alone. The Aggies now 3-2 will

AGGIES CLIP EAGLES' WINGS

In a rare double overtime, Aggies soar over Eagles to dive in for the game winning touchdown of the night

DANIEL HENDERSON

Sports Editor

For the North Carolina A&T football team, the passing game has been the difference between a win and a loss this season.

They've struggled to find it all year in clutch situations - but could not have found it on a better night than against archrival North Carolina Central Saturday.

Senior Carlton Fears hit sophomore Wallace Miles for a 24-yard touchdown in double overtime giving the Aggies a 23-17 victory that snapped a three-game losing streak.

Miles was all smiles after the game after his leaping touchdown that is now a part of Aggie-

Eagle Classic history. "I don't think I'll ever, ever have a feeling like that again," said Miles.

'It looked like they were in man coverage," said Miles, who caught four passes for a careerhigh 101 yards and two touchdowns. "I just ran my route like (wide receiver coach Marshal Glenn) taught us. I came across the middle and Carlton put the ball right there. My man (Aggies receiver) Larry Raper came in and made a beautiful block for me so I could get into the

end zone. It was the third straight time the game came down to a dramatic final drive between these two teams, but the first that any of the Aggie players have been able to celebrate in the win-

"My biggest thing [was], we gotta do this for the seniors," said Lee about the victory.

"The seniors have never won this game. So this was the senior's way of going out as a winner in this rival. And that was pretty much our pre-game to go out with a win for our seniors."

With the passing game displaying inconsistency throughout the season, Aggies head coach Alonzo Lee understood that they would have simplify their game plan in order for them to find a steady flow in the air.

And the blue and gold had a season's best with Fears finishing 8-for-20 for 166 yards in the air as he found a way to execute when it mattered most.

Fears connected with senior wide receiver Giorgio Lowrance with just under a minute and a half in regulation placing the Aggies in field

goal range with the score tied at 17-17. After freshman kicker Patrick Courtney missed a game clinching 37-yard field goal for his second miss of the game, Fears knew the offense would have to capitalize in overtime.

"He's a young freshman and sometimes you can't put that type of pressure on a young freshman kicker," Fears said. "So as an offense you know - we knew we had to get it in that time.

"But we still believe in him. He's part of the team. We're not going to cast him off or anything. We just gotta work harder."

The Aggies kicking game was not the only thing that almost led to the Aggies letting the

The team had 14 penalties for 110 yards -

some coming at crucial times in the game. A 15-yard facemask foul was called in the first overtime that set up the Eagles to attempt a game-winning 27-yard chip shot field goal.

Jackson's senior teammate Jarrell Herring bailed him out after blocking kick-Franki Cardelle's field goal sending the game to the second overtime.

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HOMECOMING 2009 Chancellor, President: nothing "Gucci" about homecoming

DEXTER R. MULLINS Editor In Chief

After all of the controversy regarding rapper "Gucci Mane" performing at the homecoming concert, A&T has decided to take its name off of the concert in the best interests of the image of

In a statement released yesterday at approximately 7:19 p.m., Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr. stated that the university made the decision to detach from the concert because the artists performing were a direct conflict with the values and principles of the University.

"The headliners booked for our concert have

generated dissonance among our student leaders and our constituents," Martin said. "This dis-sonance has provoked internal discussion and policy reviews which are both necessary and welcomed and which will undoubtedly make us better as a university.'

As a part of this measure to separate A&T from the stipulations surrounding the homecoming concert, the University Ticket Office is also no longer selling tickets for the event. Students who are still interested in purchasing a ticket for the concert will now have to go to the Greensboro Coliseum or ticketmaster.com to purchase them. Over 6,000 tickets have already been

While the decision was made in an effort to protect the image of the university, not all students agreed with the action taken. Saidah Green, a sophomore electrical engineering major from San Diego, was not aware that A&T had removed itself from the concert, but when she found out she made it clear that she didn't agree with the decision that was made.

"I think it's kind of awkward because it kind of takes away from our homecoming event," Green said. "I think it should have been our concert, so if our individuals on the campus wanted certain artists off we should have removed them

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CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

The Register is going to 90.1 FM

Register reporter

Corresponding with the weekly publications of the periodical, the North Carolina A&T student newspaper The Register has decided to launch a 30-minute radio talk show that aims to allow subscribers and fans to get more coverage from the paper's staff and also attract a larger number of readers to the paper as well.

Named 'The Register Rewind,' the radio show will serve as a supplementary to the Wednesday publications by airing every Friday afternoon on WNAA 90.1 FM. Featuring the editors of the paper, some of the staff members and writers, and an occasional guest on the show speaker from time to time, The Register Rewind is a radio talk show that was made to inform Aggies on the recent stories in the college paper in hopes of reaching a wider audience.

"We're having a radio show to recap what happened in the week, in accordance to the A&T Register. It'll be our chance to share our opinions about any comments, questions or concerns that we have as a staff that are covered [in the weekly newspaper],"says LaPorsha Lowry, the

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theYARD

GREENSBORO GOES PINK

The Register reports live from the scene of Friday's "pink out" for breast cancer at Center City Park in downtown Greensboro.

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IMPEACH YOUR-SELF SENATE

In our first house editorial, we tell the senate why they need to put up or shut up in campus politics.

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theSCORE **SWIMMING** STARTS SOON

We preview the swim team and thier plans for this season. Will they manage to pull off another championship year?

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theSCENE 'ZOMBIELAND' IS A MUST SEE

Arguably the best comedy/horror film this year, 'Zombieland' gives everyone something to laugh

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theYARD

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Want free tickets to go to the WOODS OF TERROR? Bring us the answers to these questions found in this weeks A&T REGISTER:

- 1. In what city was Derrion Albert shot and killed?
- 2. What Greensboro Park hosted the PINK OUT?
- 3. What does impeach mean according to Merriam Webster?
- 4. What grade did we give the quarterbacks?
- 5. Who is the writer of the play "Widow's Row?"

ANSWERS FROM THIS WEEK MUST BE RECIEVED BY FRIDAY AT NOON





PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS - THE A&T REGISTER

CHANCELLOR MARTIN watches as Navy Seal Para-troopers land on the 50 yard line for the opening of the Aggie-Eagle Classic.

theBLOTTER

September 28, 2009 **DWI-Lindsey St.**

A female non student was arrested and charged with driving while impaired. She was transported to the Guilford County Jail and released on a written promise to appear.

September 29, 2009

Vehicle Accident-Wimbush Way

A vehicle collided with another vehicle while pulling into a parking space and then left the scene. Estimated damage to one vehicle is \$500.00. There were no injuries.

September 30, 2009 Larceny-Moore Gym

A male student reported that an unknown person stole his cell phone from Moore Gym's outside basketball court. The estimated cost of the stolen property is \$450.00. The case remains open pending further investigation.

October 1, 2009 Vehicle Accident-Laurel Street parking lot A vehicle accident was reported hit in the Laurel Street Lot. There were no witnesses to this incident and no injuries were reported. The estimated cost of

October 2, 2009

Burglary-Holland Hall A male resident student reported that an unknown suspect broke into his room and removed several items. The estimated value of the loss is \$100.00.

There are no suspects or witnesses and this time.

Underage Drinking-Barbee Hall

damage to both vehicles is \$500.00.

Two male students were discovered drinking alcohol in front of Barbee Hall by University Police. Both students were under 21 years of age. The alcohol

was poured out and the students were cited for underage drinking. There were no injuries.

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Arrest- E. Market St.

AUniversity Police stopped a staff member for failing to wear their seat belt. Further investigation found that the staff member's driver's license was revoked and the staff member had an outstanding warrant for her arrest.

October 3, 2009

Arrest-East Market Street A student was arrested by an University Police Officer during a traffic stop. The student became combative and refused to comply with the officers commands. The student was transported to the

were no injuries during this case. Drunk and Disorderly- Lindsey/Sullivan St. A male non-student was found to be drunk and harassing individuals. The suspect was arrested and held in the Guilford County Jail on a Temporary Custody Order. There were no injuries during this

Guilford County Jail without further incident. There

October 4, 2009

incident.

Larceny-Aggie Suites F A female non student reported that she left her purse in a student room while she was visiting several students, and her purse was taken. The case is still under investigation. The estimated value of the loss is \$197.00.

-Compiled by Chanel Nicole

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but if not then it should still be our homecoming because it is supposed to be.

Green was not the only person who thought that the decision was not the best one. Delissa Riddick, a senior public relations major from New Jersey, said that she didn't necessarily think that removing A&T's name from the concert was the only solution, but she understood why those actions were taken.

"It is very unfortunate but sometimes things have to be done to protect the schools image and the different students that go to the school. Things happen," Riddick said. "I don't think it was right because the concert is one of our biggest money makers. Removing our name from the tickets doesn't remove us from the situation. It's not going to change any-

thing.
"I think that a lot of people aren't really going to realize that this is not A&T's homecoming concert, regardless of the statement that Chancellor Martin released. The artists are still who they are and they are still going to pull in their fans, and the community takes up most of the seats of who actually attends the event, so the only difference is the money we are not going to make.'

Homecoming is a very lucrative production, not just for the university, but also for the city of Greensboro. According to the university,

on average, the homecoming festivities generate millions of dollars in revenue for the city of Greensboro over the course of just a few days.

Local businesses benefit from the added customer base when the more than 40,000 alumni come back to visit A&T, and hotels tend to be booked as far as nine months in advance for the event. Many locals and North Carolina natives also make it a point to participate in the cel-

ebration. A&T's homecoming has often been considered one of the largest tourist attractions in the state.

Valerie Dudley, the university's vice president of internal affairs, said that A&T received \$40,000 back from their total investment in the concert. A&T invested a total of \$100,000 in the concert in collaboration with the promoter for the event, Diamond Life Concerts.

Diamond Life' has agreed to assume all financial responsibility in regards to the concert, and is hoping that all the media attention around the concert will help drive ticket sales to fill the gap in the loss of revenue. Student Government Association President Syene Jasmin said that he supported the decision that was made on behalf of the university.

"I am standing beside the decision of (Chancellor) Harold Martin, and I am confident in the decision that he has made,' Jasmin said. It has yet to be determined how this will affect the booking of other artists for A&T in the future, but Martin did allude to policy changes and reviews in his statement, which will undoubtedly have an affect on future events.

WNAA 90.1 FM From page 1

Scene editor of The Register. "Anything that gets people to read or gets people to be interested in the newspaper or just campus life in general is cool with me."

"I think it's a great way to get more news coverage of the paper," says Dexter Mullins, the editor-in-chief of the newspaper. Being ecstatic about the launching of the show, Mullins admitted that he was somewhat timid about being on the radio. "It's our show where we can do anything we want, so I'm a little nervous about this because I don't know what the rest of the staff is going to say when we enter the radio booth.'

The idea was first conceived when Mullins was on the university's radio station several weeks ago to talk about social media with Mable Scott, A&T's director of university rela-

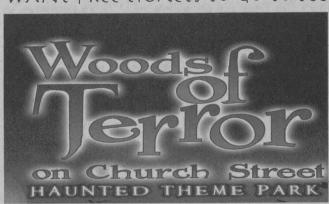
tions. At the end of the show, a throng of listeners called in and expressed how they would like to hear more from the A&T Register, sparking the idea that the staff should have a show of their own. With Scott's approval, Mullins decided to launch the weekly broadcast to support the wishes of the paper's audience. "[The Register Rewind] will give our fans another way to listen to The Register," Mullins said.

Not only is the staff excited and hyped about the new radio show, but students around the campus are thrilled as well.

"Î think [The Rewind] will informative to the stu at A&T," says Shabaza Vaird, a freshman psychology major from Greensboro. An avid reader of the paper, Vaird was excited because the radio show will reach a broader audience.

"There's some people who'll rather sit and listen to the news on the radio and hear it in the media as opposed to sitting down to take the time to read it in print."

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Memorial Student Union

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Room A218 Auditorium 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **RHOyal Week** General Classroom Building

Room A205 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

NABJ First Interest Meeting General Classroom Building Room A328 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Horror Movie Night with PA Aggies New School of Education Room 160 Auditorium 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Mr. Sigma Gamma Rho **Pageant** Memorial Student Union Stallings Ballroom 7:22 p.m. - 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Psychology Club Game Night New Science Building Room 215 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Delta Sigma Coronation Memorial Student Union Stallings Ballroom 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Mr. Aggie Pageant Harrison Auditorium 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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Painting the town 'pink'

The Triad goes 'pink' in tribute to breast cancer survivors

DEREK LINEBERGER

Register Reporter

In the wake of the 25th anniversary of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Center City Park in downtown Greensboro became celebration for life Friday in its first "Pink Out," commemorating the women who are battling and who have survived breast cancer.

Sponsored by the Greensboro News & Record, the event saw downtown Greensboro adorned with pink for the festivities and fundraising for local breast cancer foundations. In celebration of the day, the local newspaper was printed entirely in pink in honor of the thousands of women around the nation who are affected by

breast cancer.

Downtown was ablaze with pink balloons, and a handful of men walking proudly with pink

Women, regardless of age, ethnicity or walk of life were together for the common cause of raising awareness of the pain that devastates the lives of thousands of women around the nation each year.

The event was marked with games, food, and donations that went to local breast cancer foundations. Josephus III, a spoken word artist who performs at Center City Park almost every first Friday of each month, entertained those in attendance. The performances included a wide range of entertainment: variations of free-form dancing,

"Poetry is the art form of communication, so it's always important to use [poetry] to communicate positive things, negative things, trials and tribulations, just overall life experiences," Josephus said. "[Pink Out Friday] is all about getting people to share their stories; it's about making people aware of what's going on in people's lives in support of the

community.' "The proceeds and donations from this event are going to women in the area who are uninsured to get mammograms," said Alana Allen, an independent public relations consultant for Josephus. "We want to raise the awareness and celebrate

beat boxing, and spoken word the lives of women who fought cancer.'

"Early detection is the key," News & Record circulation director Regina Howard Glaspie. "We're encouraging women everywhere to get mammograms and we're making contributions to the foundations with the proceeds we make today."

"Our goals are to connect to the community, talk about the disease, and celebrate those who've survived, and allow those who lost their loved ones to celebrate that person who are no longer with them," says Glaspie. She stressed to the A&T register the importance of breast cancer awareness. "The purpose of this event is to educate people that breast cancer is a curable

OFF THE YARD

Economy persuades college students to look closer to home

BONNIE MILLER RUBIN Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When Amar Bhatia was weighing his postsecondary options, he chose Indiana University over DePaul University because DePaul's downtown Chicago campus was just too close to Mom and Dad.

Now, as a sophomore, he's even closer _ at Harper Community College, a five-minute drive from his Palatine, Ill., home. "It's like being a senior all over again," said the 2008 Fremd High School graduate.

Bhatia, 19, is part of a growing pool of students called "reverse transfers."

Rather than use community colleges as a launching pad, these young adults are going the other way.

As the recession grinds on, prestige has taken a back seat to affordability.

Sky-rocketing university tuition, along with more reluctance to take on huge loans (especially if grades are less than stellar or your major is "undecided") has spurred students to reconsider an alternative they once dismissed.

Although recent statistics aren't available, officials say there's plenty of anecdotal evidence to suggest that this group has contributed to the overall record enrollments currently being seen at community colleges nationwide.

This is a direct response to last fall when the economy imploded," explained Steve Morse, spokesman of the Illinois Community College Board, referring to the rise in "reverse-transfers."

Along with Harper, a number of other area community colleges _ Oakton in Des Plaines, Moraine Valley in Palos Hills, Prairie State in Chicago Heights and Joliet _ all report an uptick in students

making a U-turn.

Oakton officials said that this semester's crop of students have transferred from some highly selective schools, including University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (25 students) and Northwestern University (15).

Finances certainly figured heavily into Bhatia's decision not to return to Indiana, with its picturesque limestone buildings, Big 10 sports teams and vibrant campus life.

The business major finished freshman year with a solid B average _ good, but not good enough to qualify for scholar-

Then, both his parents lost jobs _ his mom was at Allstate Insurance, his dad, a self-employed consultant, hadn't snagged a new project in months.

Ultimately, they left the choice up to him.

But weighing the annual costs (\$40,000 for out-of-state tuition and room and board vs. \$3,100) pushed him to Harper, where enrollment among 19to 24-year-olds jumped 5.2 percent this semester.

Back in high school, the kids who stayed close to home weren't really in his crowd, Bhatia said. "But now I'd call it one of the best decisions I've ever made.'

Community colleges have long been seen as the last resort for those with limited resources _ whether academic or financial.

The downturn, though, has chipped away at the stigma.

Last year, some 70 percent of high schools reported an increase in the number of students who jettisoned their "dream schools" for more budget-conscious choices, according to the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Iota Phi Theta celebrates founder's day at car show

JOLIE J. SANCHEZ Register Reporter

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. spent their 46th Founder's Day by celebrating with a car show in the Holland Bowl. Music, "decked out" cars, and a crowd of Aggies contributed to this year's car show.

"With us, we always try to do something that's outside the ballpark, something that's different," said Austin James, a senior elementary education major from Hartsville, N.C., and also Spring 2008 initiate of the Zeta chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. "What we said was people like music,

people like looking at nice cars, so why don't we incorporate that with our Founder's Day celebration and have people actually come to something they want to be at and show us love, rather than making them come to something they have to be at to show us love."

Various cars were provided by Team Midnight Rider Racing (TeamMNR), a Baltimoreoriginated group whose North Carolina chapter originated back in 2008. The team consists of drivers with interests in domestic racing, and some of which also take part in Auto-X, drifting, and drag contests in addition to car shows. The

College Smokers

showcase presented an array of cars, such as the Mazda RX-8, Mazda Turbo, Nissan Altima, and Chevrolet Impala.

"We actually went to a car club that specializes in rims, paint jobs and tires and we just reached out to the organization and they helped us bring in a lot more cars," said James.

Although the majority of drivers were male, to the surprise of many students, some female drivers also took part in

"The girl in the pink and white Honda, she was representing for the females," said Sam Archer, a freshman engineering major from Raleigh, NC.

TeamMNR brought a variety of cars, but several motorcycles were spotted at the function as

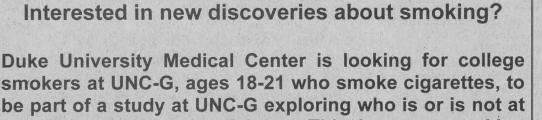
"Although I'm not that into cars, I really enjoyed the car show," said Tashyana Chavis, a freshman psychology major from Chapel Hill, N.C. "I especially liked the

red Cadillac. It was cool experiencing something different than the usual because I don't usually go to stuff like

Aside from the initial purpose of the event — the celebration of the fraternity's founders the show was an opportunity for Aggies to come together and raise participation among students and school-related

atmosphere was incredible," said Archer. "Along with the music and nice cars, the students really joined together to make the event a success."

The three-hour event took place in the Holland Bowl, in front of the Williams Cafeteria.



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Militia leader vows more bombings after U.N. attacks

ISHTIAQ MAHSUD Associated Press

SARAROGHA, Pakistan (AP) - Flanked by heavily armed fighters, the new leader of the Pakistani Taliban sat on a blue blanket, amiable and relaxed as he cracked jokes and mixed in threats of vengeance for deadly U.S. airstrikes.

One day later, a suicide bomber attacked a U.N. office in Islamabad.

Hakimullah Mehsud met with reporters Sunday for the first time since winning control of the militant group, quashing speculation that he had been slain in a succession struggle following the killing of his predecessor in a U.S. drone at-

He also described his group's relationship to al-Qaida as one of "love and affection."

Osama bin Laden and other top al-Qaida leaders are believed to be hiding out in the remote border region with Afghanistan, possibly in territory controlled by Hakimullah.

The militant vowed to retaliate against the U.S. and Pakistan for deadly attacks on his allies and said his fighters will repel an anticipated Pakistani offensive into his stronghold.

Hakimullah made his threat of vengeance hours before a suicide bomber disguised as a security officer killed five people at a U.N. office in Islamabad on Monday.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but authorities blamed Islamic mili-

Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik has said several times that officials believed Hakimullah - and possibly his deputy, Waliur Rehman - had been killed in fighting over who would replace Baitullah Mehsud after his Aug. 5 death in a missile strike.

Malik said that Hakimullah was being impersonated by his brother, including in calls to media organizations.

Western diplomats in Islamabad had also said their intelligence indicated he may have been killed, while Western media reports over the weekend quoted American officials as saying they believed he may be

Hakimullah was very much alive, speaking calmly as he sat under a tree on a blanket surrounded by top Taliban commanders, including Waliur Rehman, in a show of unity in South Waziristan, where the Pakistani state and security forces have little or no presence.

Also present were Qari Hussain, the head of the Taliban's suicide bomb faction, and Azam Tariq, a Taliban spokesman.

He told five Pakistani reporters, including one from The Associated Press, that the group's leadership remained intact and unified.

"We all are sitting before you, which proves all the news about myself ... was totally baseless and false," he said.

Pakistani security authorities were not immediately available for comment.

Pakistan has largely beaten back a Taliban insurgency in

the northwestern Swat Valley in recent months and intelligence officials say the country is preparing a major offensive against al-Qaida and the Taliban in South Waziristan.

The military has been blockading the region and seeking to encourage other tribes to rise up against Hakimullah.

Hakimullah said his forces were ready for such an attack, which would likely be far tougher than the Swat campaign.

The army has been beaten back there three times since 2004. Analysts say some 10,000 well-armed militants, including foreign fighters, are in the mountainous region and well

'We are fully prepared for that operation and we will give full proof of those preparations once the offensive is launched,"

On the drive to and from the interview, the AP reporter could see fighters taking up positions at key vantage points. Residents said the militants were digging trenches along routes the army was expected to travel.

Fearing the coming offensive, civilians were fleeing the area via backroads and traveling at night because the military had already sealed most of the main

While Baitullah avoided the glare of media and was only photographed once - from side angle - Hakimullah showed no such modesty.

At one point, he pulled out a laptop to show his guests an Afghan comedian's standup routine about jihadi — or holy

war - groups,

On the serious side, he also showed pre-attack video testimony made by a suicide bomb-

Hakimullah spoke flanked by fighters wielding automatic rifles and rocket-propelled gre-

He agreed to be interviewed on condition his comments not be published until the reporters left the area Monday.

U.S. officials are watching closely to see whether Hakimullah will direct more fighters across the border where U.S. and NATO forces face attacks by insurgents.

Baitullah was believed to have mainly concentrated on attacking Pakistani targets.

Hakimullah did not address that issue directly, only saying there were no "difference between Taliban of Afghanistan and Pakistan.'

He said the Pakistani Taliban were fighting for the imposition of Islamic law in Pakistan and to rid it from the "clutches of the Americans and the Jews."

"For this very purpose, we will enhance and prolong our jihadi efforts," he said. Hakimullah also introduced

a man he identified as Qari Mohammad Zafar, who has a \$5 million bounty on his head from the U.S. Justice Department in the 2002 bombing of the U.S. consulate in Karachi that killed three Pakistanis and a U.S. dip-

"See, we have such people with us. And they are saying that we have differences. It is an example that we are united," he

He vowed his forces would avenge Baitullah Mehsud's killing and would strike back at Pakistan and the U.S. for the increasing airstrikes.

Unmanned drones have carried out more than 70 missile strikes in northwestern Pakistan in the last year in a covert program, killing several militant commanders along with sympathizers and civilians.

The Pakistani government remaining drone attacks.'

publicly protests the attacks but is widely believed to sanction them and provide intelligence for at least some.

"There is no doubt that American spy planes are being used in these attacks, but we know all the intelligence is being provided by Pakistan," Hakimullah said.

"We have taken revenge for the past attacks and we will definitely take revenge for the

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Scientists re-create historic biblical cloth

ARIEL DAVID Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Scientists have reproduced the Shroud of Turin - revered as the cloth that covered Jesus in the tomb - and say the experiment proves the relic was man-made, a group of Italian debunkers claimed Mon-

The shroud bears the figure of a crucified man, complete with blood seeping out of nailed hands and feet, and believers say Christ's image was recorded on the linen fibers at the time of his resurrection.

Scientists have reproduced the shroud using materials and methods that were available in the 14th century, the Italian Committee for Checking Claims on the Paranormal said.

The group said in a statement this is further evidence the shroud is a medieval forgery.

In 1988, scientists used ra- of Pavia, said in an interview

because experts couldn't explain how the faint brown discoloration was produced, imprinting on the cloth a negative image centuries before the invention of photography.

Many still believe that the shroud "has unexplainable characteristics that cannot be reproduced by human means," lead scientist Luigi Garlaschelli said in the statement.

"The result obtained clearly indicates that this could be done with the use of inexpensive materials and with a quite simple procedure."

The research was funded by the debunking group and by an Italian organization of atheists and agnostics, he said.

Garlaschelli, a professor of chemistry at the University

diocarbon dating to determine with La Repubblica daily that it was made in the 13th or 14th his team used a linen woven with the same technique as the 1 million people turned up to But the dispute continued shroud and artificially aged by see it, and the next is schedheating it in an oven and washing it with water.

The cloth was then placed on a student, who wore a mask to reproduce the face, and rubbed with red ochre, a well known pigment at the time.

The entire process took a week, Repubblica said.

The shroud is first recorded in history around 1360 in the hands of a French knight - a late appearance that is one of the reasons why some scientists are skeptical of its authenticity.

Measuring 13 feet (4 meters) long and three feet (one meter) wide, it has suffered severe damage during the centuries, including from fires.

Owned by the Vatican, it is kept locked in a special protective chamber in Turin's cathe-

dral and is rarely shown.

The last public display was in 2000, when more than uled for 2010.

The Catholic Church makes no claims about the relic's authenticity, but says it is a powerful symbol of Christ's suffering.

The shroud has been strongly debated within the scientific community.

Some researchers claim that patches used in the Middle Ages to repair the cloth after a fire altered the carbon-dating results.

Garlaschelli told Repubblica he didn't think his research would convince those who have faith in the shroud's authenticity.

"They won't give up," he "Those who believe in it

will continue to believe."

Same-sex marriage bill under review by D.C. officials

JESSICA GRESKO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Samesex couples would be allowed to marry in the nation's capital under a bill introduced Tuesday by a District of Columbia coun-

The bill was almost certain to pass and had been expected for some time. But whether it becomes law is more complicated because Congress gets to review D.C. legislation before it

At least one Republican congressman has said he will work to have the bill defeated if it passes the D.C. council.

"Some fights are worth fighting for," said U.S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah, who thinks Democrats in Congress would likely block any vote on D.C.'s measure. "This is one of them."

The city began in July recognizing same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

Congress had a chance to act on that legislation, but it quietly

passed earlier this year.

D.C. Councilman David Catania introduced the new bill at a standing-room only council meeting. The independent and one of two openly gay council members said he hopes for a

"There is no question that we are about to embark on an exciting journey here in the district,"

His bill specifically said religious leaders and institutions are not required to perform the marriages or rent their space for same-sex ceremonies.

If the bill becomes law, the city will follow Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa and Vermont, which issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. New Hampshire will begin issuing them in

The legislature in Maine has also passed a same-sex marriage bill, but voters will decide in November whether to reverse it. California briefly issued licenses before voters passed a law stopping the practice.

In the District of Columbia, the bill was co-introduced by 10 of the city council's 13 members and has the support of the

If Congress blocked the bill, it would be rare. In the past 25 years, Congress has only rejected three pieces of legislation.

According to Brian Flowers, the city's general counsel, the last time was in 1991, when Congress rejected a law that would have permitted taller buildings in the city.

In 1999, Congress amended a bill so that city medical marijuana would not be legalized. Congress also repealed a law that would have required D.C. government employees to be city residents.

Same-sex marriage supporters cheered the bill's introduction. D.C. residents Juan Rondon and Edward Grandis came to the meeting wearing T-shirts that displayed copies of their California marriage license.

"I feel a sensation of relief,"

According the U.S. Census Bureau, there were about 3,500 same-sex couples living together in the city in 2008, though the number has a wide margin of error. D.C. has 600,000 residents.

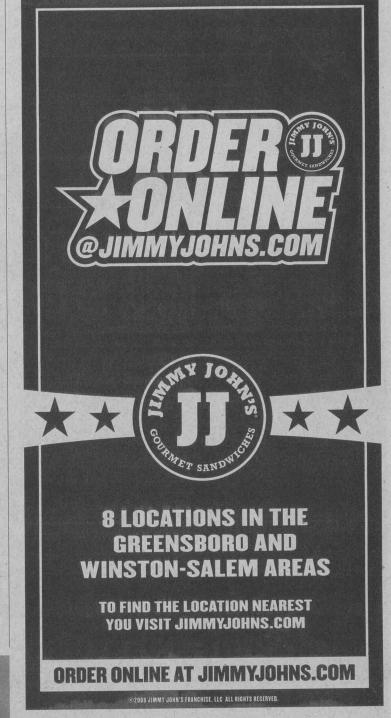
Rick Rosendall, vice president for political affairs for the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance, said he was proud of the city but acknowledged: "We have a long way to go, of course."

The Catholic Church and Washington's archbishop, Donald Wuerl, have been vocal in opposing the legis-

And a group led by Bishop Harry Jackson, the pastor of a Maryland church, had previously asked D.C.'s board of elections to authorize a ballot initiative defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

The board will consider the request later this month.

"We are prepared to go to court," Jackson said.



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SGA Senate should 'impeach' itself

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Impeach- [verb] to call into question the integrity or validity of (a practice), or to charge the holder of a public office with misconduct.

At least, that's what Merriam Webster would say the word means. Maybe the Senate should look into this interpretation, so they can then 'impeach' themselves.

We have seen a lot of things happen on this campus in regards to student government, but nothing compares to what we witnessed last week.

If you haven't been tuned in

to the SGA soap opera saga, let us give you a quick background: the senate called a hearing to investigate the actions of the Executive Board, and in particular President Syene Jasmin in regards to his comments on homecoming with lead news stations.

Now, it's one thing to call a hearing, but it's an entirely different thing to try to oust someone from their office for their candid comments. This is just a little bit of a reality check.

How can the senate dare to question the President when half of the senators in the legislative body don't even know how to properly make a motion to do something? Seems a bit hypocritical to us. There is all this the North Carolina Open Meettalk in the air of what the senate will do to "punish" Jasmin, yet the 42nd Legislative Assembly (senate) is only three weeks old. Maybe you should stop calling for "acclimation" on a motion or bill if you don't even know what the word means.

They have just barely completed their training, and they clearly weren't taking detailed enough notes to know that you can't go into closed session without due cause; personnel (hiring/firing) or financial mat-

We had to tell them so in the middle of their own meeting. None of them had even heard of ings Laws, nor did they know that all aspects of A&T SGA are considered a public body, just like every other UNC constitu-

We all should be sick and tired of people holding positions and not knowing what it is that they are supposed to do.

If you want to feel important and have a title beside your name there is a place for that: your imagination.

Instead of wasting student fees and time on asking about Gucci Mane, why not actually do your job and write some meaningful legislation? We think that people getting robbed at gunpoint in front of to make yourself more marketthe ATM's on campus, or the increase in larcenies on campus far outweigh the issues of who comes to homecoming.

Why isn't the senate calling a hearing on the Department of Housing & Residence Life for not taking responsibility for the water damages caused by the faulty sprinklers in Cooper? Students could be out hundreds, maybe even thousands of dollars in property due to a mishap on behalf of the University. A&T says that students signed a waiver, making them not liable. How is that acceptable?

Don't run for a position to throw it on your resume, or try

able to a Greek letter organiza-

If you are going to investigate someone, start with yourself. How can you be a senator and you don't even know the basics in parliamentary procedure, or Robert's Rules of Order?

We find it ironic that year after year several senators end up at probates instead of coming to meetings. Could that be why they got that F from us last

Let's get real people. Don't make plans to impeach someone when you should really be impeaching yourself.

The man problem: just keep it real

Immature minded women are threatening the meaning of friendship

The next time you walk past a group of women on the street, take time to listen. More likely than not you will stumble upon a conversation of complaining. Turn you ear a little closer and you should be able to hear at least one of them divulging the details about the men they

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choose to let into their lives.

Women (and men), you know you have seen this scene before: "the one" with the most to tell is walking and talking, spewing information at the rate of a mile a minute. Saying, "He did this, he said that, what do I do, I am so confused," all the while with a faithful few others around her leaning forward, importance because I have this ears perked, and chiming in many stories." with comments.

sation will repeat itself once

permanent part of some womens' schedules, but choice is the key here.

Women choosing to spend their time with associates only discussing men have attacked the purpose of true friendships, true sisterhood; calling their "friends" the ones who indulge their tales the most and listen to their crap the

get it right and figure out what man fits where or if they

fit at all into our lives, but we should not become so preoccupied that the talk becomes permanent, defining ourselves by how much boy drama is revealed to friends every day. A grown woman does not need to detail every inch of her endeavors with the opposite sex, as if to say, "Look at me! I have this

Is your daily life so empty This can seem like harmless that you have to fill it with talk, but the problem occurs senseless conversations, seektomorrow, when this conver- ing advice for the same one issue and finding no solution?

If you care to stop wasting It is as if talking about these your time, understand that the optional woes have become a solution to the man problem is

> Grow up. Begin to handle your own minor issues in private and share when you truly need your friend to listen and lend her knowledge. I com

pare you to the girls who cried wolf. What will you do, who will you run to when you have some serious problems that need a true friend's words?

The ones around you have only been trained to respond to insignificance. Spare the We all have those mature women the horrible we talk to, trying to obligation of listening when you are saying nothing and not seeking real confidence, rather just looking to be heard.

> You need to feed each other real knowledge about how to grow spiritually and get through feeling lonely, instead of announcing how many men you have on call for times when you are alone; Lest you create a cycle of only leaning on your friend only when you are sad or happy about your "man problems.

> At this point women (and men) like myself are only still listening to the lull of your silly in-and-out relations to be cordial, clinging desperately to the fact that it would be wrong to blatantly tell you about your immature ways. My intent is in the right place, but pretty soon I will begin ignoring you. My advice is for you to get real, close your mouths, open your minds, and grow up; lest my ears become deaf to your

Have blacks become numb to violence?

Did you hear about the 16-year-old boy who was murdered in broad daylight in front of dozens of eye-witnesses? Better yet, did you even care?

On Thursday, Sept. 24th in Chicago, Illinois, Derrion Albert was brutally murdered. Albert was amongst a crowd of many students that were caught in a street brawl a few feet from Christian Fenger Academy High School.

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The people involved in the fight were students attending the school and other people from the nearby neighborhood. A portion of the fight was captured on camera.

The video shows the streets full of chaotic squeals, running and many young people angrily fighting each other. The saddest part of the video shows the murder of Albert.

He was walking by and a erson holding a wooden board hit him in the head causing him to collapse.

When he tried to get up, he was knocked down again and then a mob of other teenagers start beating him and hitting him with a wooden board until he stopped moving. His assailants then ran away, leaving him

Although this is sad and discomforting to many people, the worst part about it is that no one seems to pay the severity of this situation much attention. So again I will ask you, did you even care?

Too many of our African American men and women hear stories such as these and still sit around and do nothing. As if to say, "that's their problem, not mine."The images we see usually leave behind feelings of disgust and sadness; however it never seems to spark feelings

We complain and complain about things we want to see done, or things we want to see brought to attention, yet we never get up and do anything about the things we so "passionately" cried about.

Previous generations understood that the apathy would not stop until someone spoke

up about it. And as a result, many young college students began working and put their race on their backs and molding the America we see today.

Even still, 54 years after the death of Emmett Till, no one stops to see how young Albert's death should

be just as relevant as Till's death. He was a young, honor student who was beaten to death in broad daylight, on camera, in his own neighborhood by a group of gang members.

And after this, there MCCASKILL is no march on Washington. There are no

special events going on around campus to bring more attention to the problem, like there were for Jena six.

There aren't enough students asking the university about student safety and what can be done to make it better. Events and the educated African Americans of this country sit back and do absolutely nothing.

For example, a recent student survey showed that 86 percent those surveyed knows someone who has been robbed, attacked, raped or murdered on this campus. Yet, very few from that 86 percent even cared enough to stand up and fight against this.

So in the end, we are just as much to blame for this as everyone else. We are too busy sitting around complaining and are opposed to standing up and working.

We only speak out about it amongst our friends and family and not to the people who are in control. Today the current generation has the use of the Internet, text messaging, radio, newspaper and do not put it to

We make it seem as though it is impossible to talk to someone about things that affect us all. The senseless violence that caused Albert to lose his life has to stop. The question is who is willing to stop it? The college students of America have to realize that we have a voice and we have power. We have to realize that college is not all about studying, going to class,

pledging and partying.

One of our main focuses should be finding our voice and speaking out.

Our Senate can speak out against our SGA president for mistakes he made, but they failed to address what we need to do for the community's safety. That is a problem.

We can speak out on why we feel Gucci Mane should be allowed to perform, but we were nowhere to be found when 9-year-old Sherdavia Jenkins was shot and killed by an AK-

We stand up for freedom of speech when asked how do you feel about your cafeteria, but seem to lose our voice when Whitney Mangum, the 21-yearold female who was killed a little bit over a week ago, is brought up in a conversation.

We all cried after Michael Jackson died, but didn't shed a tear when 22-year-old Torie Carpenter was found shot to death in her home with her two children standing nearby.

These people were all killed on senseless acts of violence them. Why is this?

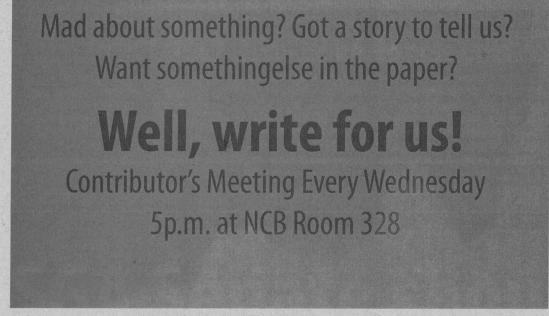
Have college students become so complacent to the point that we feel that public safety is no longer our responsibility? We judge our campus security/ police officers so much for their lack of work, yet we don't feel it's our job to take care of ourselves either.

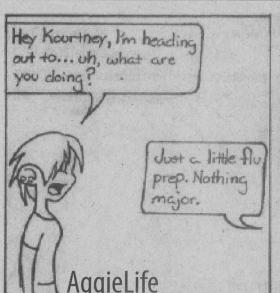
We complain and want everything given to us but we refuse to fight for it. Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Everyone seems to forget that all it takes is one person to help and make a change. But since many of us have become followers, the only leader we might as well look up to are people like Batman and Superman-imaginary superheroes.

We all need a hero, but no one wants to be that hero. Nobody said you have to hold a certain status in order to change

So will we continue to hear stories about Derrion Albert and wait for a happy ending, or will we finally stand up and go out and create our own happy ending? The choice is yours! "Be the change you wish to see











By Evan Summerville

QUARTERBACK



The quarterback controversy between Carlton Fears and Lewis Kindel has been on full display. Fears will remain the starter however. This grade would have been worse. Luckily, he had the game of his career last week against the Eagles throwing for 166 yards.



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LINEBACKERS

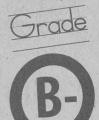


This has been the core group of guys that has kept the Aggies in games thus far this year. Actually it has been this group for the past couple of years led by senior linebacker Andre Thornton that's been the most consistent. Brandon Jackson has also made his presence known this year.





With the departure of former Aggie great Michael Ferguson, this was a questionable group going into the season. But the young running back trio of Mike Mayhew, Tony Coales, and Dontavious Payne have stepped in and conservatively contributed despite that teams are adjusting.





This group has also been inconsistent, but the times that they have played well, it's been an automatic victory. Sophomore Wallace Miles has separated himself from the group as the number one target and his 101yard performace weighed heavily on this grade.



OFFENSIVE LINE



Compared to last season's pass protection, it's been a major upgrade for the Aggies. Fears and Kindle have had time to throw the ball this year but the runblocking hasn't been jaw-dropping. Maybe this explains why none of the running backs have eclipsed 100 yards this season.





OVERALL

With the Detroit three anchoring the line, the Aggies sure will (mis this senior trio after this year. They have been significant for the past three seasons and have accumulated five out of the team's nine sacks. And even more importantly, they've made key stops in clutch situations.



DEFENSIVE BACKS



They would have a higher grade if it wasn't for the "big-play" interception a game and the pass coverage has been ok.





This was probably the toughest grade to determine. Kicker Patrick Courtney has connected on just 40 percent of his field goals this season but is coming off a hernia surgery from this summer. We're still trying to



COACHING



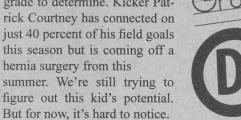
Credit is given where credit is due. Head coach Alonzo Lee has seemingly changed the attitude of the Aggies and it's noticeable in press conferences in wins and losses. Lee stressed "rebuilding the legacy" and so far has cleaned part of the Lee Fobbs remains in his first year.



The Aggies are off to a 3-2 start, but not an impressive one. They have parts of their team that have improved and some that have deteriorated. With their upcoming conference schedule, consistency on every level of the team will be key if they expect to win another MEAC title.



moments. Like the struggles against Hampton's wide receiver Damon McDaniel and North Carolina Central's flanker Will Scott. But they're averaging an



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Two months down, two months to

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Two months down and

Powered behind the offense of seniors Janae Mitchell and Tiffany Mellette, the Lady Aggies have been competitive in just about every match this sea-

Wednesday's match against crosstown rivals UNCG was no different. A&T hung tight in each of the first two sets but for one reason or another, they were unable to push through to win a game. The loss was the team's third in a row after defeating Winston-Salem State a week ago.

Mitchell recorded her sixth career double-double the court," Conway said. Midway through the season, Mitchell leads the team in kills with 138 and

Setter Amber Inman leads the way with 216 assists. The 11 matches since Inman has returned has brought a huge increase in offensive consistency for the team, with just three attack percentage. There

able to find a way to sustain

"Once we get down a few points we just assume the worst and can't get back out of the slump," Dotstry said.

Inman said the Aggies would have easily beaten UNCG had they kept the intensity up. "We just need to get more confident and forget about the record at

Nov. 16 finale against N.C. Central to do just that. Then the MEAC Tournament begins on Nov. 22.

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2003 - The

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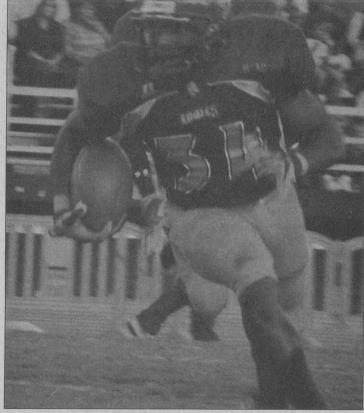


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JUSTIN FERREL intercepted two Eagle balls on Saturday evening to aid in the Aggies victory.

FOOTBALL From page 1

"I just imposed my will on him," Herring said about the block

"I wasn't going let him make

The game may not have seemed money-worthy for Aggie-Eagle Classic fans at the opening kickoff.

The Aggies started the game with a vengance, scoring 17 unanswered points in less than a quarter.

Fears tossed a 37-yard touchdown to Miles in the Aggies opening drive, and two drives later defensive back Justin Ferrell picked off a Michael Johnson's pass in Eagles territory which led to a 1-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

And this was just one of Ferrell's interceptions that led to points in the half.

The very next defensive drive he snagged another one from Johnson in Central territory returning it to their 25-yardline and setting up Courtney's 34-yard field goal that increased the score 17-0.

Lee credited the early start as a direct effect of the series tradition and emotion surrounding their season thus far and would like to see his guys finish off

"It didn't take a whole lot firing guys up to get ready for it", Lee said.

"It dates back to the 60's and before that. It's no doubt we wanted this game and needed

"But we still gotta learn how to crush people when we got them down.

Central had two big plays that got them back in the game that both involved wide receiver Will Scott.

He had a 67-yard reception from quarterback Keon Williams that set up a 2-yard touchdown catch for Sae Abdul Azzez that decreased the margin 17-7 at halftime, and later caught another Williams pass for a 73yard touchdown cutting the lead to 17-14.

But eventually the Aggies were able to take Scott out the game after regulation.

"We realized that 83 was their guy and we definitely kept our eyes on wherever he went,' Lee said.

The Aggies will try to continue their heroic efforts Saturday when they visit Morgan State at their homecoming.

"We're going back into the conference race and got a great opportunity," said Lee. 'We wanna take it game-by-

game - continuing to execute.

go for Lady Aggie Volleyball Team in the effort with 11 kills Register Reporter and 10 digs. Mellette had

two months left to go.

a strong showing as well, with nine kills and seven digs. Head coach Toni Conway said the two team captains are versatile on offense. "They are both attackers who kill the ball from different positions on

digs with 143. Mellette is second in each category with 107 kills and 141 digs. She leads the team with 18 service aces.

matches seeing a negative

were five in the previous. eight games. Sophomore Breanne Dotstry leads the team in blocks with 32. The team has not been

momentum for three whole sets this year, turning close matches into uphill battles.

this point," she said.

They have until their

more points with less than four minutes to play in regulation. AGGIES

FOOTBALL

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UPCOMING GAMES: Saturday at Morgan St. Baltimore, Md 1 p.m.

Oct. 24 at Howard Washington D.C.

VOLLEYBALL

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MD-Eastern Shore	0-0	11-6
Florida A&M	1-0	9-10
Delaware St.	0-0	4-7
Bethune Cookman	0-0	4-10
S.C. St.	0-1	6-13
Morgan St.	0-0	5-14
Hampton	0-0	4-12
Howard	0-0	4-17
Norfolk St.	0-0	2-14
NC A&T	0-0	1-16
Coppin St.	0-0	0-19

UPCOMING GAMES: Friday at Norfolk St. Norfolk, Va.

at Winston-Salem St. Winston-Salem, N.C.

Aggie Swim Team loses first meet, but has high hopes for season

CCSA, the Aggies will be

able to cut down on their

travel time and the confer-

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bang for our buck.

teams in one stop. "

We planned in advance

Basically we're travel-

Hendrix went on to say

"We have good lead-

it coming.

Hendrix said money

"The budget cuts affect-

Register Reporter

Friday's swim meet marked the beginning of the swim team's 2009-10 season. Though they didn't win

the meet, the team still has high hopes for the rest of the season. Shawn D. Hendrix re-

turns this year as coach. This is Hendrix's ninth season as head coach of the

Lady Aggies Swim Team. Hendrix has been instrumental in the yearly improvement and overall academic quality of the swimming program since it became one of the 15

varsity sports in 1998. Hendrix said that college sports can play a great role in a student-athlete's life in terms of providing self-discipline, focusing of goals, motivation and community service.

Hendrix was instrumental in leading the Aggies into their new conference, As members of the

ership and the underclassmen are definitely stepping up to the plate.' The swim team has won the HBCU swim meet four

They've finished in the top 16 in relays and this year they say they are planning to finish in the top

years in a row.

eight.

The reigning Miss Sophomore Jasmine Gurley has been a part of the swim team since her freshman year. "The team is a lot stron-

ger this year and I look forward to seeing the individual improvements throughout the season," Gurley said. Coach Hendrix also expressed thanks to the stu-

the team. "I would like to give a huge Aggie Pride to the students here at A&T!

dent body for supporting

Our first swim meet in Corbett was packed last Friday and we all really appreciate it.

The support from the crowd really does impact our performance in a good way, so I just wanted everyone to know the gesture did not go unnoticed."

The team's next meet is

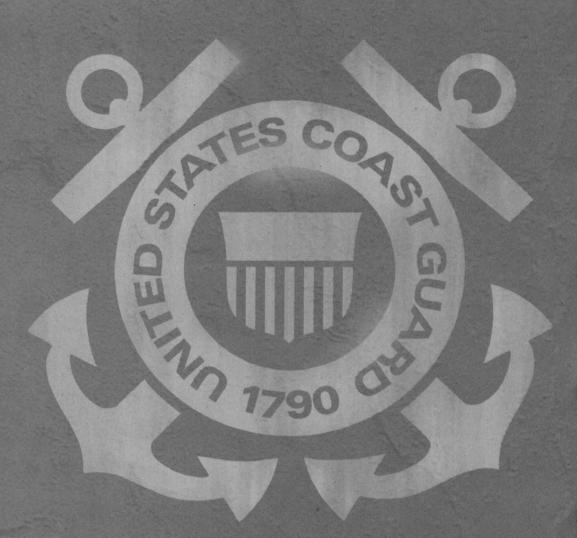
Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. in Corbett Gym against Florida A&M

It will be their last home meet until Jan. 8.

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Playwright 'talks back' to students

Scene Editor

Samm-Art Williams is a character in his own right.

The Tony and Emmynominated actor, producer and playwright spoke to Department of Visual and Performing Arts students on Saturday before their performance of his play "The Dance on Widow's Row."

He gave hilarious anecdotes about his experiences being raised in the South, being in the industry, and working where he draws his inspiration from.

Students also asked questions and solicited advice from the legendary writer.

"Don't ever become discouraged because you are the first and last person who should accept your work. Don't ever quit because you are the only one that you have in most situations," Williams said.

Samuel Williams in Burgaw, N.C., in 1946, he attended Morgan State University before moving to New York City in 1973 to pursue acting.

He talked about getting inspiration for characters by being around older members of his family.

"As a kid, I grew up in the country and in the church, so I would always hang around older folk. They are great storytellers and I learned that everyone has a story that they can tell," Williams said.

As a playwright, Williams has written several plays that were produced in New York, Los Angeles and other cities.

He served as executive producer of "The Fresh Prince

Oct. 7 to 13

The A&T Register's

guide to what's going

on this week in arts

and entertainment.

ON SCREEN

GOOD HAIR opens in select

theaters Friday and nation-

wide Oct. 23. Comedian Chris

Rock visits hair salons, styling

battles, and Indian temples to

explore the black hair indus-

try's huge impact on Black

America. Celebrities such as

Nia Long, Paul Mooney, and

Lauren London also add their

candid stories and observa-

tions.

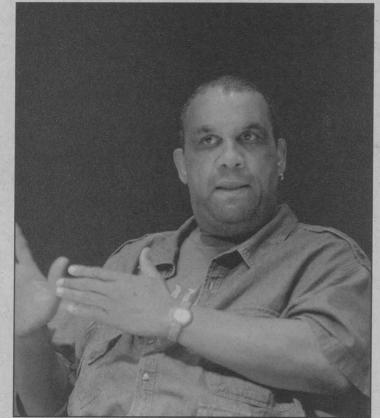


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WIDOW'S DANCE Emmy and Tony-nominated playwright Samm-Art Williams speaks to theater department students before their performance of his play.

of Bel-Air," "Martin," "Good News" and other television productions.

Williams said that rejection was the one thing that he learned throughout his life but was not taught in school.

He also gave a word of advice to the theater students. He told them to never quit and never stop studying and getting

"We never discussed getting turned down and you rarely ever think about it until it is staring

you in the face. You learn something every day and if you do not constantly get better, someone will come along and take your place."

Williams stated that dealing with young people is the one thing that brings him the most joy in his work.

"It is my calling to inspire young people and use what I have gained in this industry to give back," Williams said.

MOVIE REVIEW: ZOMBIELAND

'Zombieland' is a utopia of laughter

DEXTER MULINS Editor-In-Chief

What would you do if you found yourself surrounded by flesh hungry, greedy, and mindless people? No, this isn't "wing night" in Williams Cafeteria (although it is very similar), this is 'Zombieland,' Sony's latest horror/comedy

In this hilarious, entertaining, and strangely realistic film, four ragtag people, whose personalities couldn't be any different, find themselves thrown together on the universal quest for survival.

The film takes off with bangs and laughs as Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg), gives the audience narrates his main four rules for survival in 'Zombieland' while comedic scenes play to help animate why he has such rules.

Columbus is a college student in Austin, TX who is headed home to Columbus, OH to see his estranged family has survived the apocalypse. Along the way he meets Tallahassee (Woody Harrelson), a man that is now only solely motivated by the need to find a Twinkie after

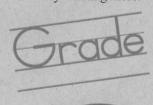
suffering a personal tragedy. Together Columbus and Tallahassee team up and take their quest on the road. It is Tallahassee's obsession with Twinkies that leads the two to meet Witchita (Emma Stone) and Little Rock (Abigail Breslin) in a grocery store, where the two sisters fool Tallahassee and Columbus into thinking that one of them has been bitten by

a zombie. They then proceed to rob the men, and take off with their car.

After another con by the girls a little later on in the film, the group decides to stay together and head towards "Pacific Playland" in Los Angeles, where the girls believe there are no zombies.

They learn much about each other along the way, teaching each other different tricks to help them all stay alive. There is even a special guest appearance by actor Bill Murray.

This film was absolutely hilarious, and well worth the \$7.50 ticket price. It manages to capture all the great elements of a good comedy, while still having the details of a scary movie that you would watch with friends. From the "zombie kill of the week," to the dramatic and touching conclusion of the film, you will find yourself absolutely wanting more.





1. Were you confused when you were told to look in the sky at the game? 2. How long did it take you to realize those things falling out of the plane were people? 3. Did you realize this stunt was part of the game? 4. Or did you think we were under attack? 5. What was more surprising, the plane stunt or the football team scoring 2 touchdowns in the first quarter? 6. Did the first half make you proud to be an Aggie? 7. Did the second half take that feeling away? 8. Do you think NCCU even has a digital scoreboard? 9. Did you hear NCCU's horn line? 10. Did the fire stunt during our half time show make you nervous? 11. Were you afraid Golden Delight would catch on fire? 12. How flammable is synthetic weave? 13. How much weave do you think was in the stadium that night? 14. When's the last time we were good enough to take a game into OT? 15. Did you leave? 16. Were you surprised we won? 17. Did you lose any money? 18. How long did it take you to get off campus? 19. How late were you to all the parties because of the traffic? 20. How happy do you think all the clubs owners were that no one

could make it in time to get in free?

