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## A campus grieving...

### Terrorists attack N.Y and D.C.

By T.J. MOORE  
Register News Editor

The Memorial Union's Stallings Ballroom was filled to capacity with stunned and heavy hearts when the Student Government Association held a candlelight vigil in wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

For one night, all differences were put aside and reputations were meaningless. The ballroom was crowded with grief-stricken students pouring their hearts out to the backdrop of a projector that showed a brutal reminder of the day's events.

The first segment of this heart-wrenching occasion was spent with opening remarks from SGA President Gregory Drumwright and Ms. A&T Jeanelle Feimster. Drumwright later introduced Dr. Judy Rashid to begin the open forum format. Before Rashid opened the floor, she opened with a prayer.

Then, students were free to express their sorrow through spirituals and comments. Students also told personal testimony that really tugged at the heart-strings of everyone in the ballroom.

One student spoke of her mom who

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Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Alexis Meneses, 19, sings a song of hope as she and other N.C. A&T students gather for to pray for those in N.Y. and D.C.

## Aggies seek jobs at career fair

By T.J. MOORE  
Register News Editor

Daimler Chrysler, R.J. Reynolds and AT&T are only a few of the 206 high profile companies featured at the 27th annual Career Awareness Fair, held Sept. 12 at Corbett Sports Center.

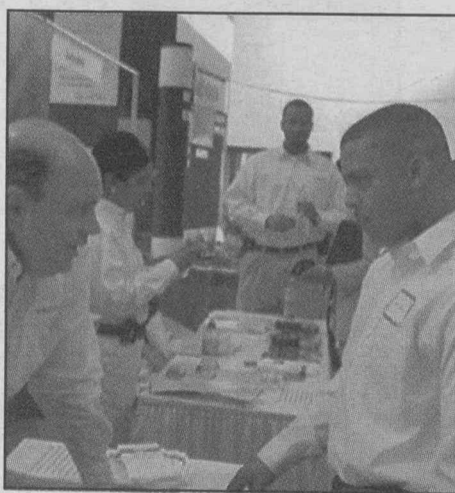
Many recruiters shared feelings of optimism despite the economy's recent woes. Recruiters approached this fair as business as usual and they are looking for some of A&T's finest and hungriest as prospective employees.

One company that's intensely searching for young blood is R.J. Reynolds. The tobacco company's hiring rate is at a great high.

"We're doing a lot of hiring right now because of the attrition rate, we are having people to retire early," said Pam Matthews resource manager.

"We have a large amount (of employees) who fall in the category of age (55 years or more) and experience (30 years or more) and we have to replace these people."

Another company that is maintaining



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

A Siemens Manufacturing representative talks to an N.C. A&T student at the 27th annual Career Fair.

its order of business is the Philip Morris Co., which owns the Miller Brewing Co. and Kraft products.

"In spite of the economy, our company is in good financial shape. We have need for young entry-level people to

work as co-op or interns in a learning environment," said Jim Paryear, Phillip Morris representative.

No matter what the mood of the economy, one business always has a fight on its hands when it comes to employment. Walgreen store manager John Turner feels that because the company continues to build new stores, the struggle to find employees is always hard.

"That's a big challenge. We open 500 stores a year, so it's a challenge no matter what the economy is," he said.

When it comes to qualifications, the recruiters wanted what suited their needs.

"Our primary purpose of being here today is that we're looking for engineers," said Matthews.

Phillip Morris is looking for prospective employees to ascend the higher rungs of their corporate ladder.

"As we look to the future, we look for young, bright people to work two to three years in our learning environment

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## What They're Saying...

Many N.C. A&T students found themselves confused and in awe at the disappearance of the World Trade Center and damage to the U.S. Pentagon after four planes were hijacked by terrorists and used as weapons of destruction.

Sept. 11, 2001 (9-11-01) will always be remembered as the day America faced its greatest emergency.

"It's shocking. It really makes you think and realize that anything is possible at any time."

-Karl Walker, senior, public relations

"This is tragic situation. It puts everything into perspective. Just think about all those people that died; this is truly a scary time for America."

-Sharen Scrivea, General Motors Corp.

"Our objective now is to try and find out who committed these acts and punish them to the fullest."

-Chase Slinkard, junior, animal science

"This has to be one time that A&T comes together. We have to keep our focus."

-Shakinta Johnston, senior, public relations

"I feel sorry for the people involved. The government really has to be careful with who they do business with from this day forth."

-Thomas Vinson, public relations

"I'm sure that the president will go to drastic measure to find out who is responsible for the deaths of innocent people."

-Calvin Ballance, Cummins Inc.

"Any time a tragedy occurs people have to hang together for support. As a nation we will be okay, the key is to not panic."

-James Armstrong, executive director of Dir. Student Services

"I feel sad for the people of New York. The scary thing for me is that I have a cousin that works in the World Trade Center building."

-Consuela Hooks, freshman, elementary education

"This is a wakeup call for America. It's a tragic thing that happened but this lets us know that we need to do something about terrorism in this country."

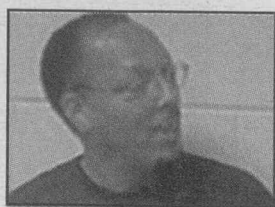
-Theresa Harrison, freshman, elementary education

"It seems that everywhere my family is (D.C. and New York) they're getting bombed or things something is happening to them. I really don't know what to say."

-Yohanze Daise, junior, marketing

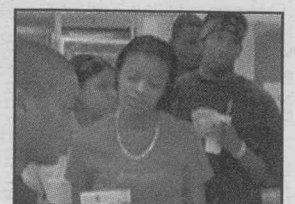
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# Sit-In brings fast food, long waits

BY SHAKINTA JOHNSTON  
Register Staff Writer

It's 11:30 a.m. You've just finished a class filled with notes, quizzes and epiphanies. You're tired; you're cranky. And as you walk toward the Student Union, you realize that you're also hungry.

It's half an hour before your next class. So you decide to get a quick and convenient meal. Or do you?

In recent weeks, some students at N.C. A&T have found plans of quick and convenient meals dashed by long lines, short tempers and miscommunication at the Aggie Sit-In.

Newly opened, the Aggie Sit-in provides alternative choices for A&T students looking for more to eat than just cafeteria food.

With familiar names like Blimpie's, Chick-fil-A and La Vincita, students rush to enjoy recognized tastes and favorites. Unfortunately, it's that rush that causes most of the problems for some Aggies.

"It's unorganized," said Jamie Galloway, junior broadcast production major. "You just jump in line, get some food and jump line again to pay for it. You can only eat three times a week with a meal card. That's not cool."

Edmunson Effort, a senior computer science major, found other grievances.

"People jump line and then want to get an attitude when you tell them to wait their turn. Some of the workers have attitudes. Sometimes the hours are confusing. I mean, just because it's 3:50 doesn't mean it's time to close."

"The biggest problem ... is students know they only have three meals with their meal card, but want to try and use their cards to pay anyway," said Jane Bass, retail manager for the Sit-In. "There is also the problem of students receiving their food and eating it in the line instead of moving."

Bass also attributed some problems to the architecture. Plans for the Sit-In were made seven years ago, she said, without adequate consultation with food service personnel.

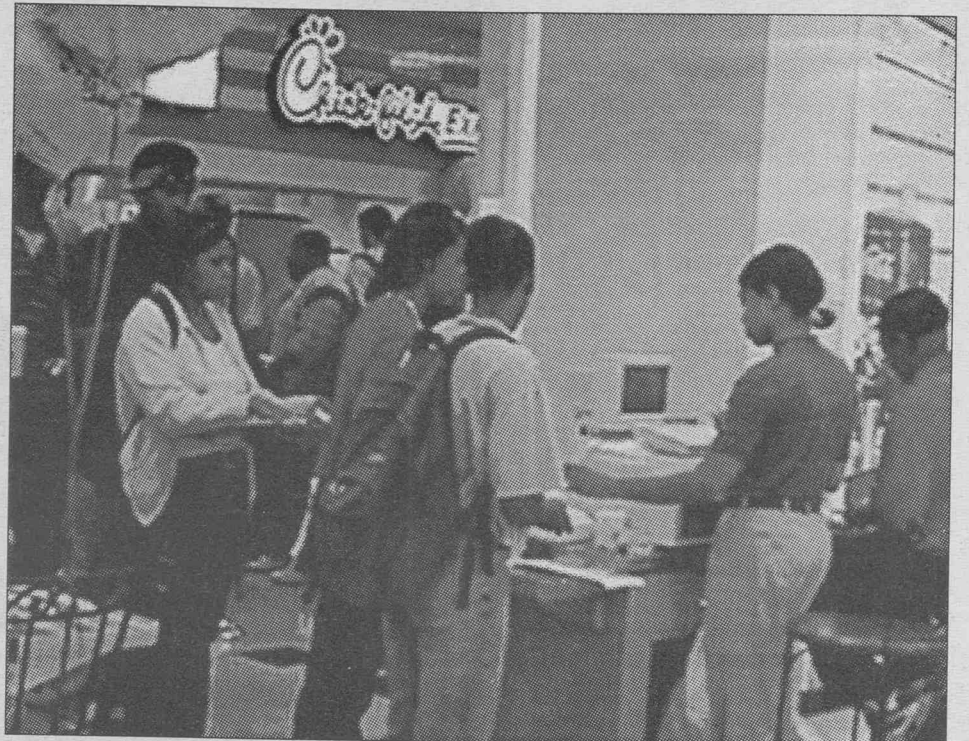
The management said the Sit-In serves about 4,000 students a day. With such an influx of customers, some holdups are expected.

Sit-In employee Bobby Peters said he thinks problems will eventually be corrected.

"There are a whole lot of bugs that need to be worked out, but I think everything will come together if you give it a while," said Peters.

Despite the complaints of some, other students are pleased with the Aggie Sit-in.

Desmond Harding, sophomore ECT



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Long lines in the Aggie Sit-In have students talking.

major, said the Aggie Sit-In is fine the way it is.

"The lines have never really been a problem for me. You get your food, you pay for it with your card or money if it goes over, then you leave. That's the way I like it. Get in and get out," said Harding.

Other students say the long lines are expected because of familiar names and familiar prices.

The Aggie Sit-In is located in the Memorial Student Union. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. weekdays, and noon-5 p.m. weekends. Chick-fil-A is closed on Sundays.

## More freshman enroll, help boost A&T population to 8,300

LAKESHA BYNUM  
Register Contributor

N.C. A&T enrolled more students this year than any other year in university history - and students are noticing those numbers on campus.

Harry Williams, interim director of undergraduate admissions, said preliminary figures show that the university's headcount is 8300, 7.1 percent higher than last year. Among this enormous amount, there are 1,754 freshmen this year compared to 1,672 freshmen last year.

That mirrors growth throughout the 16-campus University of North Carolina system, of which A&T is a part.

Joni Worthington, associate vice president of communications for the University of North Carolina, said that preliminary figures predicted an increase in enrollment by more than 7,000 students among the 16 campuses within the state's four-year public universities.

"This increase is mainly the result of an increase in the numbers of college-aged people and high school graduates," said Worthington.

Robert Ussery, director of Institutional Research, said, "The total undergraduate enrollment has increased as well as the graduate area."

Most students and faculty at the university are feeling the full effect of the increase in students.

"We are having a hard time finding parking spaces," said sophomores Freda Singletary, chemical engineering major and Kaleena Clarkson, Food & Nutrition major.

Dr. Peter Meyers, interim director of the Honors Program noticed an increase across the board, particularly

within new freshmen. This year the program enrolled 120 new freshmen, whereas only 51 new freshmen enrolled in the program last year.

"This year enrollment increased because students are more aware and interested in the privileges earned by Honors Program members," said Meyers.

Those benefits include honors housing, special library privileges, early registration and the opportunity to attend local cultural events or travel to other cities at little or no cost.

"A&T is known for its good professors and has a good reputation throughout the country," said Marvettis O'Neil, freshman from Columbia, SC.

"A&T is the buzz word in the community," said Williams. "The university is headed by a wonderful chancellor and we will continue to uphold the university's reputation."

### Suites dedicated

Five wings in the new Aggie Suites residence hall have been named in honor of members of the A&T State University Foundation Board. A dedication ceremony was held for the 220,000-square-foot building on Aug. 10.

Through A&T's University Foundation, the \$26 million building project was financed with bonds and will be repaid by student fees.

The foundation took advantage of new legislation that allowed foundations to work with and through financial authorities to secure tax-exempt bonds to fund the project.

The foundation members being honored are Dr. Alvin V. Blount, Lt. Col. Thurmon L. Deloney, Anne Graves Kornegay, Obrie Smith and the late Edward R. Zane.

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## VIGIL

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worked at the World Trade Center when it was first bombed in 1993. Her father went to a job interview one hour before the incident and he made it back home safe. The student attributed her parent's safety to the mercy of God. A number of students who spoke echoed the same sentiments.

The most poignant statements came from a very spiritual student and a student that has no affiliation with any kind of religion. On this night, religious denominations did not matter. One student said that this is not a political war but a holy war and he read verses of scripture to prove his point.

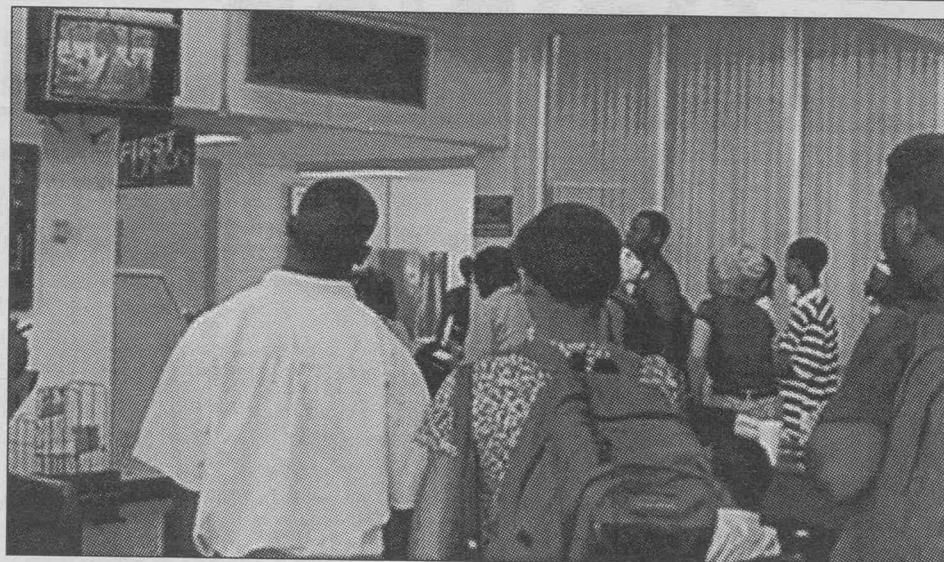
The other student really spoke from his heart when he said, "There's a lack of love around here and we need to start believing in each other."

That point was reciprocated when the entire ballroom rose from their chairs and hugged each other.

After the closing prayer, the crowd went out to the steps of the union to light the candles. While the numerous candles flamed in the still night, the vigil ended with the chanting of the Lord's Prayer.

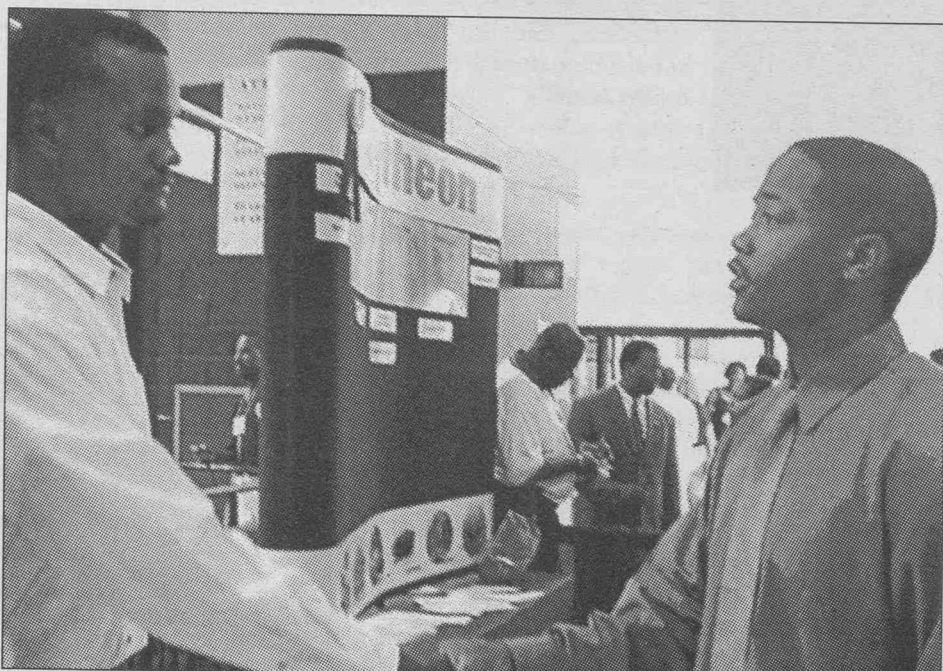
When the last candle burned out, the public was welcome to return to the ballroom to talk more about this issue until 1 a.m.

Out of all the memorable comments, there is one that would help ease the open wounds. "I encourage you all to remain a family," said Feimster.



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

**Students gather in the union to watch and hear about the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.**



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

**Kenly Webb, sophomore, business major meets Kenneth Waldron, a representative from Siemens Manufacturing during the annual Career Fair.**

## CAREER

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and they have to be capable of full-time employment and possibly moving on to management and supervising positions," said Paryear.

If you want to work for any company at the fair besides the credentials, you must have the heart and drive, according to Barbette Houze, senior representative for Siemens Manufacturing.

"We're looking for someone who is enthusiastic, eager to learn and someone that's motivated," said Houze.

Prospective employees' overall response from recruiters was positive and encouraging, said junior accounting major Leslie Morrow, who more than was pleased with the recruiter's willingness to help.

"I'm getting a positive response from them," she said, and they've given me a lot of information about how to follow up with the co-ops and the internships."

Senior industrial systems engineering major Tamika Hubbard agrees that "they (recruiters) were willing to work with the students."

There has not been a dramatic change in recruiter or student attendance this year.

However, with the crisis in New York and Washington, D.C., many students thought that the event would be cancelled. So Joyce Edwards, executive director of Career Services, had to do some damage control.

"We announced on WNAA 90.1 FM and sent out e-mails to faculty to inform the fair was still scheduled," said Edwards.

She also cited the crisis as making a slight difference in student attendance but felt that in the late hours of the fair,

the numbers improved.

For more information about the companies that attended the career fair, visit [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu).

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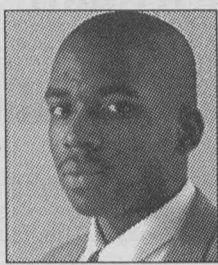
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# Aggie Debate

Is war inevitable for the United States?

"God may forgive them but we won't." Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)



**Randy St. Clair**

The reality of the twin towers that hover over the city of New York disappearing in front of the eyes of America is downright horrifying. The attack by terrorists that have killed hundreds and surely more to come is absolutely unacceptable and won't be tolerated, according to President George W. Bush. But the scary thing about this entire attack on America is what does the president plan to do.

"These are acts of war and we will win." Those were the words from the 43rd president in an address to the nation that many consider short and direct. The consensus surrounding the president's speech is that the United States is headed for war, and that it is absolutely inevitable.

How do you revenge the lives that were lost? How do you get even for an attack such as America has never experienced, and can it possibly be done?

Who would we fight?

War for this country has always meant economic growth. With unemployment skyrocketing, a war would probably do this country a lot of good. This may be a twisted way to look at it, but I can bet that our president who's out to get the "cowards that did this" has thought diligently about the possibility of boosting an economy that has been stagnant since he took office.

In no possible way should the U.S. ignore an attack like this. No longer will America see the beautiful city of New York stand tall, no longer will Americans view the White House as a safe haven. A strong statement has to be made to whomever committed these acts - and that can be done without an act of war. A war would cause an outbreak of global chaos. There is the possibility of nuclear weapons coming into play.

The job for the president and the rest of America is to be patient. These acts won't go unnoticed, but this country cannot afford to act according to its emotions.

War can be avoided. What the president and the rest of this country has to continue to do is seek guidance from God in how to make a statement that is wise and will keep America intact emotionally, economically and physically. Even David, when fighting Goliath, had to seek wisdom. He knew that a precise attack had to be made against the Philistine. We must act as David did.

"Vengeance is mine thus saith the

America, its time!

It's time to get up, dust yourself off and get ready to fight! Never in your 225-year history have you been attacked like this. Sure, the attack on Pearl Harbor 60



**T.J. Moore**

years ago was a disaster and a day "that would live in infamy," but, compared to what happened on Sept. 11, 2001, Pearl Harbor is nothing but a scar.

What these terrorists have done to our country is an ultimate slap in the face. Is it time to go to war? Definitely!

Let me get this straight: two hijacked planes crashed into a building that is nationally known as the center of the federal government and the nation's economy and stock market. Less than an hour later, another hijacked plane crushes a portion of the heart of the defense in your nation's capital and Americans hesitate to retaliate at first because we didn't know our attackers. That's insane.

All the president and the rest of the government officials had to do was to take a good look at the television. There they would've found Palestinians holding a parade and a street party at America's expense. That was enough evidence to know that we needed a war.

There's no way of getting around it; War is inevitable. Congress is already working on a resolution that is similar to the one 10 years ago which was used to authorize force against Iraq. NATO is even on our side. NATO has invoked article five in its self-defense charter, which says if one member state or nation is under attack; all other member nations would defend it. So, the use of armed forces to regain and maintain order is definitely on the horizon.

The fact of the matter is this. We as a country have had our heart ripped out of our chests. We as a nation now have our largest city looking like a wasteland and we're ordering 11,000 body bags for the innocent citizens who were used as pawns in terrorists' wicked and evil game of chess.

These people came to our house and disrespected us and made in an attempt to make us vulnerable, and to give other terrorists the idea that they, too, can come and attack us. But hope is not all lost because now is the time to show and prove why we are the most powerful country in the world.

Our freedom is at stake and there is no excuse of America not knowing who their assailants are. America can't "give peace a chance" because it can't afford it anymore.

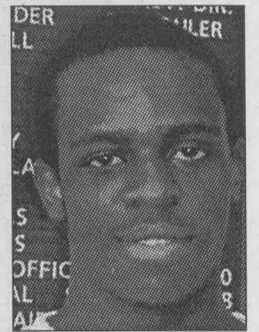
# AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

Rumors have circulated that The Aggie/Eagle Classic may be cancelled. Do you believe The Aggie/Eagle Classic should continue?



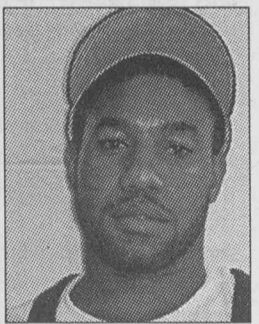
**Trymaine Gaither** - freshman, undecided- "It's a tradition all freshman as well as upper classmen and the public should experience, and I'm from North Carolina and everyone I know either attends A&T or Central. We are rivals, that's the fun of it all!"

**Kenny Richards** - freshman, finance- "You can't cancel the classic because it's a lot of fun, plus that's the only way they can make money."



**Shana Robins** - freshman, biology- "The classic shouldn't be cancelled because it's the first game of the season, people get hyped up."

**Peter Paurk** - junior, political science- "If the classic was cancelled it would be a whole lot of tradition thrown out the window. I might want my children to become Aggies one day and they would miss out on a great tradition."



## 20 Questions

BY **DIJON ROLLE**  
Register Contributor

1. Does anybody live on campus any more?
2. Who told Shaq that he could rap?
3. Weren't we all sad to hear about Aaliyah and didn't it make you think about your own life?
4. Is it just us or does the elevator in Crosby Hall stay broke?
5. Whatever happened to "Mickey" (The "Greetings" Man)?
6. How many parking meters do we need in the new parking lot?
7. How many of us are mad about the closing of the Crosby/Merrick parking lot?
8. Why didn't they start construction during the summer?
9. Shouldn't we get a discount on parking stickers?
10. Why do the new parking stickers look like police badges?
11. Why was gas cheap all summer until school started?
12. Why are people skipping class already?
13. How many people are tired of seeing Chick-fil-A bags and cups everywhere?
14. Shouldn't we give props to Chancellor Renick for staying in the dorms?
15. Who was the lucky man that got to be his roommate?
16. Are we really ready for co-ed dorms?
17. Aren't we proud of the new Aggie Shuttles?
18. What if you had to buy an "Aggie Token" to ride it?
19. Why does it always rain on the day of the Aggie-Eagle Classic game and why were some people still trying to be cute?
20. In all seriousness...what is really going on in the world and don't we need to pray for our nation?

# Dorms welcome chancellor

By CHRIS L. WALLACE  
Sports Editor

Imagine waking up one day at 5:30 a.m. to the sound of news reporters and camera crews outside your dorm room.

What about going to the restroom to brush your teeth and the chancellor of your university is next to you brushing his?

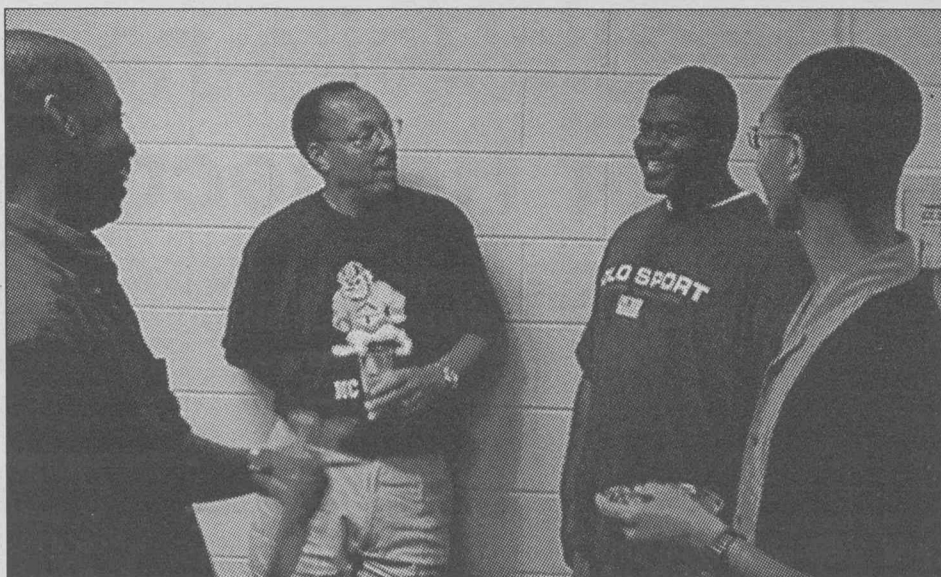
Well, Chancellor James C. Renick stepped into a new light on Monday, Sept. 3, as he moved into Vanstory Hall and later in the week, into Cooper Hall.

After unloading luggage from a shiny car, the chancellor and his entourage made their way down the walkway and up the stairs to Vanstory Hall. His arrival was highly anticipated, to the caliber of maybe the president of the United States or a high-class celebrity, and the greeting he received was more than welcoming.

Vanstory Hall will go down in history as the first 24-hour co-ed dorm on the campus of N.C. A&T as well as the first dorm where a chancellor has ever resided.

Teron Seaburn, a junior political science major, roomed with the highly popular chancellor at Vanstory Hall.

"Rooming with the chancellor gave me a chance to understand how he feels about the school and what he plans to do to improve the school," said Seaburn. "It also gave me a chance to



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**Chancellor James Renick (second from left) talks things over with residents of Vanstory Hall. He spent two nights there and at Cooper Hall.**

know him on a personal level."

Local newspapers and television stations across the region covered the chancellor's arrival and stay in the A&T dorms.

Soon after Renick's first night, he responded to his experience.

"My stay here has been fine. I've had a chance to meet several students, and I've gotten a chance to see residential living on campus and it's been great.

"I've gone outside around campus and

very rarely have I gone around campus like this. It's great, it's really great," said Renick.

The chancellor also held a question-and-answer session. Topics ranged from the cafeteria to campus housing.

"You know what? People have stories about how dorm living would be, but I have to say that I was pleasantly pleased," said Renick. "It was clean, and I was glad I saw what I saw. The students are taking care of business by

studying and being focused. The students have been great."

Throughout his stay, the chancellor was able to bond with students as well as get a first-hand look at student concerns from housing to crime prevention. For some, the chancellor's arrival was just another event, but to others, it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

"I thought that it was wonderful that Chancellor Renick stayed in the dorm because it is very rare that we get a chance to interact with him, and in this case on a personal level," said sophomore, electrical engineer major Aaron Wilson.

"The residents of Vanstory Hall and others were able to talk to him about concerns and ideas that we have pertaining to the improvement of dorm living," he added.

Renick showered students with rays of optimism and plans to continue the improvement of the university as a whole. He vows that change will continue to take place to make this university stand out.

"Wanting to make a difference is my biggest motivation," said Renick. "I enjoy working with people, and leading is about service.

"It's not about ego. A lot of people get that confused when they get in a leadership role," he said. "The students come first here."

## Students still waiting for last word on tuition

By WILVENA T. McDOWELL  
Register Contributor

It's hard to believe mid-term is a few weeks away. It is also hard to believe UNC Board of Governors has not approved tuition and fees for 2001-2002 academic year.

Currently, students are being charged at the tuition rate from last year, with a 4 percent increase agreed upon by A&T administration. The good news is the Board of Governors was to meet Sept. 13 to approve the tuition increase for the year.

All of this adds up to one question students are asking...AM I VALIDATED? By mid-September when the rates are approved for 2001-2002, all students will receive an amended bill, ranging from a \$50 increase for in-state students and up to \$702 for out-of-state students. The new increase will not affect valida-

tion for fall semester.

Mary Correll, director for enrollment management at A&T, explains how students will be billed for both semesters.

"Students will be charged an additional amount [during fall semester], and that amount will go on the spring bill, and it will have to be paid before they are validated for spring semester," she said.

Many students, like Allen Dion, say this arrangement is unfair to students who already have their bills validated for both semesters.

"I went through the stress of getting validated just to know I will still owe more money by the end of the semester," said Dion.

Not only are students being affected by the unsettled tuition, so are leaders. The Student Government Association on campus is having to reschedule and

change its programs for the entire year. SGA officials have put forth an effort to settle the matter.

Greg Drumwright, SGA president, said the SGA has done all it can do to inform students of the increase.

"We have lobbied in Raleigh and at General Assembly trips. We have held

press conferences throughout the summer to address the issue. Now we just have to sit back and wait for an outcome," said Drumwright.

Preparation for the increase has been displayed on posters and on A&T's website. The only concern students have is where to get extra money.

### Health Profession School Fair September 18, 2001 Carmichael Auditorium 10 AM- 3:00 PM

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is holding a Health Profession School Fair. This is an excellent opportunity for students to obtain admissions information on fields of study such as medicine, dentistry, public health, nursing, and allied health programs.

We have invited schools from all over the country to attend, including: Boston University, Cornell University, Duke University, East Carolina University, John Hopkins University, the University of Michigan and UNC-CH to name a few. These institutions will have representatives available to answer questions and distribute information. Anyone who is interested in pursuing a graduate or professional degree in these areas of study is invited to attend.

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## P. Diddy, LaBelle named headliners for Homecoming '01

By **ALEXANDRA GRAY**  
Register Contributor

If you thought the 2000 hip-hop convention and alumni concerts topped all past Homecoming events then you might say this year's concert is apart of a running trend.

Students Government Association, in collaboration with Diamond Life Concerts, has secured Sean P. Diddy Combs as the headliner for this year's Hip-Hop convention.

The soulful lyrics of Patti Labelle will also be heard at the Alumni Concert entitled "A Homecoming Evening with Patti Labelle."

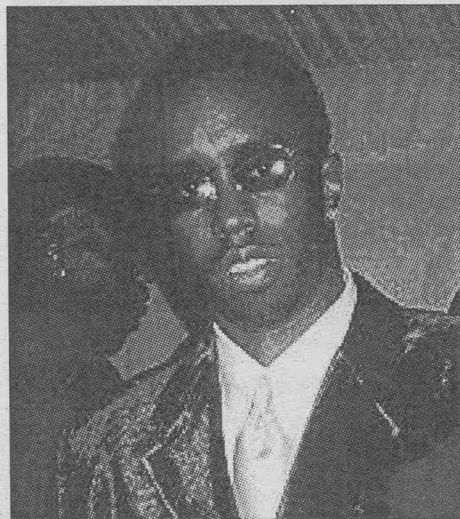
After an initial conversation with the staff of Diamond Life Concerts, SGA put in a bid for Combs to appear.

"From there it took a great deal of talking to get him to come," said Chester Williams, SGA Vice President of External Affairs.

Patti Labelle was determined to be the special guest at the Alumni event because she came for many years to perform at the Miss A&T coronations.

Since Labelle had not visited for the past four or five years, it was time to bring the legendary singer back to Aggieland.

"I think this will be one of the best



**Sean "P. Diddy" Combs**

concerts A&T has ever seen, and I hope from this it will grow in years to come," said Williams.

Some of his fellow Aggies are in high hopes of this concert as well.

"I think this concert will be a better combination of performers than last year", stated junior John Kornegay.

"It's a better combination of people because they've all reached the prime in their career," says sophomore Toni Fulton.

The Homecoming Hip-Hop Convention 2001 will be October 13,



**Patti LaBelle**

and will also include rappers Ludacris, Jadakiss, with Funkmaster Flex, and Lil' Mo.

Tickets went on sale Friday, Sept. 7, and are priced at \$23.50, \$25.50, \$27.50 and \$30.00. The Patti Labelle concert will be Friday, October 12th at the Special at Events Center. Tickets are on sale to now for \$29.97 and \$50.00.

LaBelle, a contemporary music legend, has been recording and performing on stage since 1961, when she led the Blue Belles to a million-selling hit with "I Sold My Heart to the Junkman."

Since that time, the Philadelphia native has been a chart staple with a half-dozen hits.

### What's goin' down in the 'Boro...

The Central Carolina Fair began Sept. 14 and will remain until Sept. 23 at the Greensboro Coliseum. Special events include NWA Wrestling, a Kiss tribute band and a Nascar simulator. Ticket prices vary. Call coliseum for more details at (336) 373-7400.

The World Wrestling Federation will be at the Greensboro Coliseum on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 PM. It will be the first WWF pay-per-view held at the coliseum in over two years. Entitled *Survivor Series*, The Rock, The Undertaker, Kane, Lita and Edge are among those expected to appear. Ticket go on sale October 6 at 10 AM; prices vary, call coliseum for more details at (336) 373-7400.

Follow the "yellow-brick road" down to the Carolina Theatre for the American classic, *The Wizard of Oz*. Oz will be premiering Nov. 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18. CTG season members will receive a free ticket to annual Thanksgiving show. All other tickets available now; call Carolina Theatre for more info at 333-7470.

## Who can deny it: Fabolous debut sure to climb charts

By **TRINA LOGAN**  
REGISTER CONTRIBUTOR

If you don't know his name he will definitely tell you. DJ Clue and Duro present to you the F-A-B-O-L-O-U-S.

Fabulous is an artist on DJ Clue and Duro's label Desert Storm. He also has a distribution deal with Elektra.

The young, yet experienced 21-year-old, Brooklyn native first stepped to the rap scene on DJ Clue's mixtapes.

Hip-hop fans may also recognize him on Lil' Mo's Superwoman Part II, or from his guest appearance on the remix of Jimmy Cozier's first single "She's all I got."

Rick Rock produced his hit single, "Can't Deny It," featuring Nate Dogg, off of his debut album Ghetto Fabulous released September 11.

"One Day" is a more personal track off Fabulous's album. For instance, in

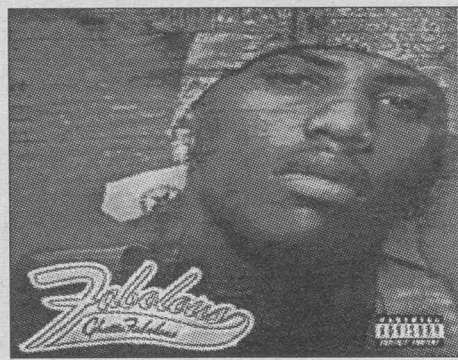
### A Review

one verse he expresses his feelings about misconceptions young ones may encounter about other artists,

"Youngsters don't let these video's ease your mind, it ain't cool to end up deceased for shine."

"Get N Right" is a single produced by Rockwilder. It has a hook similar to a previous Junior Mafia cut "Player's Anthem."

"Take you home" is a cut that features Lil' Mo. All of my old school heads will



**Elektra recording star Fabolous released a debut album Sept. 11.**

recognize this song as being similar to Lisa Lisa's "I wonder if I take you home."

"Ma Be Easy" is a track produced by Just Blaze. This track tells the ladies to stay out of his wallets.

The Neptunes, of course, give him a hot beat on "Young N."

"Right Now & Later On," also a tight track, was produced by Timbaland.

"Ryde For This" is a single for all of the Ja Rule fans out there.

"Trade it All" is a track featuring R&B sensation Jagged Edge.

"Ghetto Fabulous" has various other hot producers and hot collaborations as well.

I would recommend this album right along with Jay Z's album that many of you already have in your CD players.

In my opinion, go cop the album!

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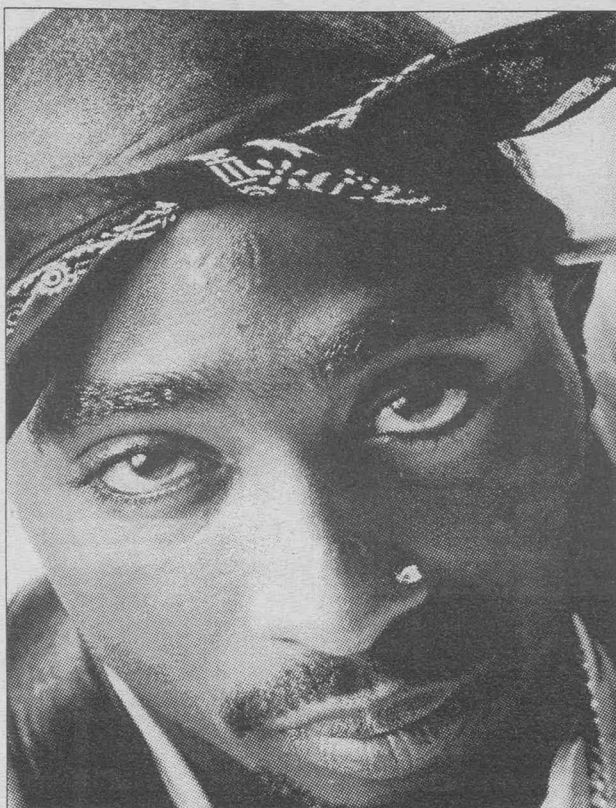


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## Tupac Shakur, 1971-1996

### Tupac

Born in 1971 as the son of Black Panther Afeni Shakur, Tupac Amaru Shakur left this world a promising, young rapper at the ripe age of 25. On Sept. 13, 1996 Tupac was gunned down leaving a Mike Tyson fight on the Las Vegas strip.

Witnesses say they saw a white Cadillac pull up to the black BMW of which Tupac was a passenger and moments later nine shots rang out striking Tupac several times in the chest. He would later die of respiratory failure and cardiopulmonary arrest.

Death Row Records chairman, Marion "Suge" Knight, was the driver of the black BMW that escorted Tupac.

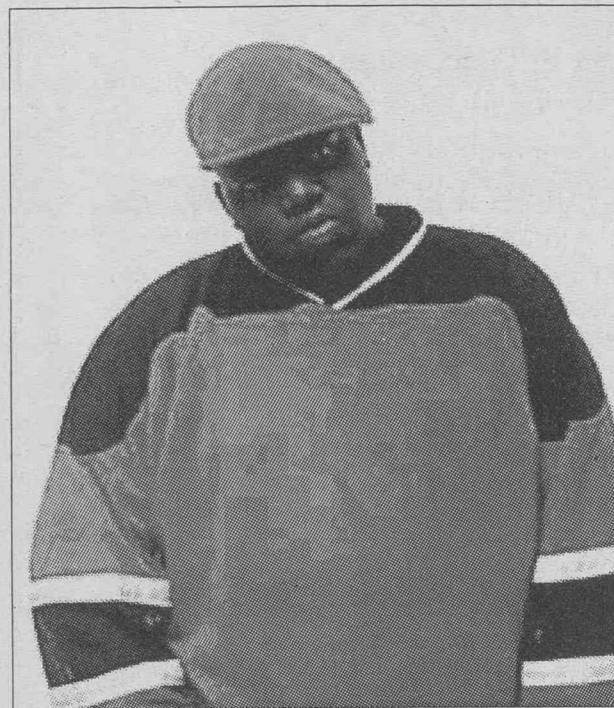
The death of Tupac brought plenty of talk and debate of violence back into the world of rap and hip-hop. In his turbulent past, Tupac had been in trouble with the law, also having a brush with death in 1994 after he was shot and robbed outside of a Manhattan recording studio. He also served eight months in a New York prison for sexual abuse.

Aside from his self-acclaimed "thug life" that Tupac often times described in his music, he also added a positive touch to many of his rhymes.

He also had millions of fans that felt the messages of his lyrics and the beliefs that he wanted to express through his music.

Not only a skilled rapper, but also a talented actor, Tupac had a love for the silver screen appearing in several films including Juice and Above the Rim.

Contrary to some belief, the death of Tupac never hampered his album sales. He remains a platinum-selling artist and another of Tupac's posthumous



albums is scheduled for release in November. His murder remains unsolved.

### Notorious B.I.G.

Brooklyn born and raised Christopher Wallace, aka Notorious B.I.G. (aka Biggie Smallz), left a life of drug dealing to become one of the most profound and most recognized hip-hop artists of this era. Wallace contributed a unique style to rap, also bringing a new image of how we portray hip-hop today, but on March 9, 1997 his life would end tragically on the streets of Los Angeles in the midst of gunfire and confusion.

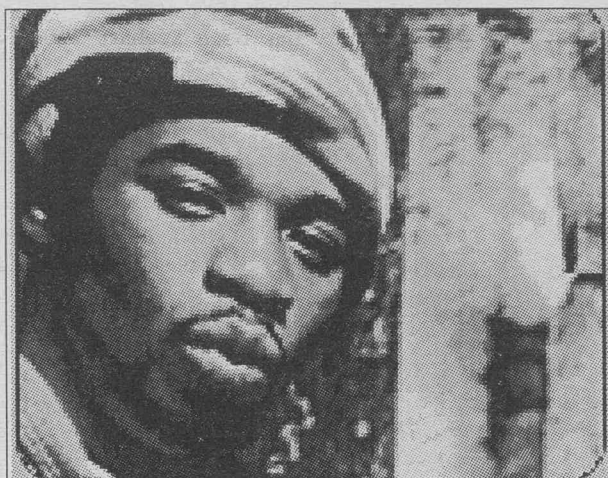
After leaving the Petersen Automotive Museum where a celebration following the Soul Train Music Awards was held, a black Chevy Impala pulled alongside the Chevy Suburban. Wallace was shot multiple times. The shots would prove fatal less than an hour later at a nearby hospital where Biggie died.

While no immediate evidence connected the previous murder of Tupac Shakur with that of Wallace, the two were proven enemies and at the center of the East Coast-West Coast tensions in the rap world. In his life as a talented rapper, Biggie would gain many honors and much success, such as rapper of the year at the 1995 Billboard Awards.

Before his death, Wallace was working on his second album, "Life After Death," a double album which was released shortly after his death. His murder remains unsolved.

### Freaky Tah

Although many never talk about the death of Lost Boyz rapper, Freaky Tah, no one can forget the gruesome details of his murder March 28, 1999.



While leaving a hotel party in Queens Raymond "Freaky Tah" Rodgers was approached by a ski-masked gunman, shot and killed. A single shot to the head landed the 27-year-old fighting for his life, but later dying at nearby Jamaica Hospital within moments of arrival.

Robbery was ruled out and police left clueless, with only a comparison of the execution-style murders of Tupac Shakur and Notorious B.I.G.

In the past, Rodgers and remaining members of the Lost Boyz admitted to drug dealings, but all agreed to giving up that lifestyle for one of music. Their 1996 album "Legal Drug Money" was said to be their resolution to living life as law-abiding citizens after witnessing the shooting of a fellow drug dealer.

On July 24, 2001, the murderer of Rodgers, Kelvin Jones, plead guilty and was sentenced last Thursday.

### Big Punisher

Though the circumstances were much different from those of other rappers including Tupac, Biggie and Freaky Tah, the death of Big Pun sent harsh waves crashing through the world of hip-hop, rap and Latin music.

Christopher Rios, aka Big Punisher debuted back in 1998 with the release "Capital Punishment."

It quickly fell into the hand of hip-hop fan worldwide. It was different and it was explosive, and it took the hip-hop world of American and mixed it with Latin soul which proved to be a platinum worthy.

At the start of a new year and the continuing growth of a new star, Rios would soon fall to one of



the most troubling realities of his life; his obesity. On Feb. 7, 2000 Rios collapsed in the presence of his wife at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains, New York. He and his family were staying at the hotel while their home underwent renovations.

When emergency crews arrived they found Rios in full cardiac arrest and due to his weight, it was reported that they had borrowed a construction dolly to transport the 698-pound rapper to a nearby hospital.

Doctors also added that the double-platinum rapper had suffered from an oversized heart and various other health problems due to extreme obesity.

His second, posthumous album "Yeeeah Baby" was released in April following his death and received lots of praise. He left behind his wife Liza and children Amanda, Vanessa and Christopher.

### Aaliyah

She is often described as a queen that has departed this lifetime too soon.

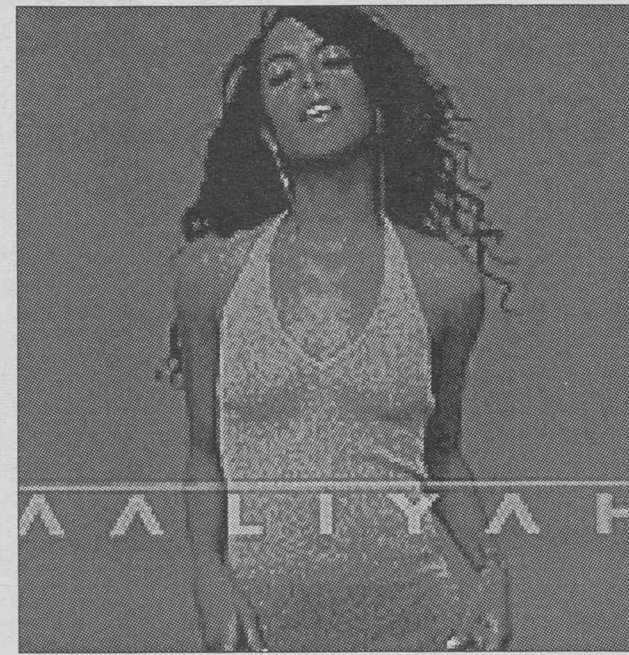
At the height of her career, 22-year-old Aaliyah Dana Haughton died tragically Aug. 25. After filming the video for her hit single "Rock the Boat" in the Bahamas, Aaliyah and crew headed back to the states. The small Cessna 402B that carried Aaliyah, as well as eight others, fell to the ground and burst into flames soon after takeoff.

Reports days later would prove that the plane was overloaded.

Not only was Aaliyah a talented hip-hop diva, she was also at the height of her acting career. Her debut film entitled "Romeo Must Die" left fans anxious for more and she was later casted to star in two upcoming sequels for "The Matrix." She was due to begin filming her scenes this fall.

Aaliyah's death was both shocking and tragic. Hundreds of fans filled the streets of Manhattan outside of St. St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church the day of her funeral.

Aaliyah will be remembered as so much more than an entertainer. Even in her afterlife, she will remain a symbol of elegance and grace.





## Defense lifts Aggies past Eagles, 22-0

BY CHRIS WALLACE  
Register Sports Editor

RALEIGH -- Another year...another game...different N.C. Central team...same result. The N.C. A&T Aggies continue to dominate their in-state rival as they used big plays to propel them to a 22-0 victory in the season opener for both teams.

For the 12th consecutive year at the annual Aggie-Eagle classic, the Aggies turned to their defense, and again, it responded. The Aggies held the Eagles' offense to a mere 173 yards and zero points.

Though the Aggies only totaled 174 total yards, including only 58 rushing yards by preseason All-American running back Maurice Hicks, they were able to return a punt for a touchdown and make several defensive stops halting any momentum Central may have been gaining.

"Overall, our defense played outstanding along with our special teams," said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. "Our offense will be there when we take on Delaware State."

A&T led off the scoring midway through the first quarter as sophomore punt returner Curtis Deloatch took a punt and dashed down field for an 87-yard touchdown. The scored remained 7-0 through halftime until the Aggies got a safety early in the third quarter to make the score 9-0. Then, Walter Payton Award candidate Maurice Hicks burst through for a 40-yard touchdown run with 10 minutes remaining in the third quarter, virtually ending any chance the Eagles may have had. Tre Hardrick capped off the final points for the Aggies with his 2-yard touchdown run to make the score 22-0 and that's how it would end.

"The statistics were virtually even," said a distraught Eagle quarterback Sean Williams. "We had 173 yards to their 174 so why didn't we score?"

A&T faced Delaware State on Sept. 15, and the Aggies expected a fight. "DSU runs a basic wing-T, which I'm very familiar with, as most of you know," stated Hayes. "They emphasize on ball control and basic plays. Our offense needs to keep our defense off the field as much, although our defense can get off the field themselves by making a stop. We will have a chance to win if we don't allow the big play on the quarterback waddle passes."

The Aggies playoff chances were shot a season ago as Delaware State rallied from a 45-27 deficit to win 46-45 with three fourth-quarter touchdowns.

## New uniforms add flava

BY KYLE NACHTSTEIN  
Register Contributor

When the North Carolina A&T Aggies take the football field, they are more worried about laying the smack down on their opponents than what kind of jerseys they are wearing.

But, this year, fans across the nation will not only get to know the Aggie football team, led by senior running back Maurice Hicks, but they'll get a good look at what hard work and a little help got them: brand new uniforms.

The uniforms were a part of a \$24,000 donation to the university from the Sara Lee Corp. of High Point. As part of this deal, the uniforms would become more navy instead of the traditional blue and gold from the past.

"We've been trying to change (the uniforms) for a long time," said Theron Thomas, equipment manager for the football team. "We've never had dark uniforms here. So, the Chancellor (Dr. James C. Renick) decided to change the colors from gold to navy blue."

Although some of the alumni are having trouble getting use to the new colors, most of the players seem to enjoy the new uniforms.

"I've had more pros (about the uniforms) than cons, about a 100 to 1 ratio," said Thomas.

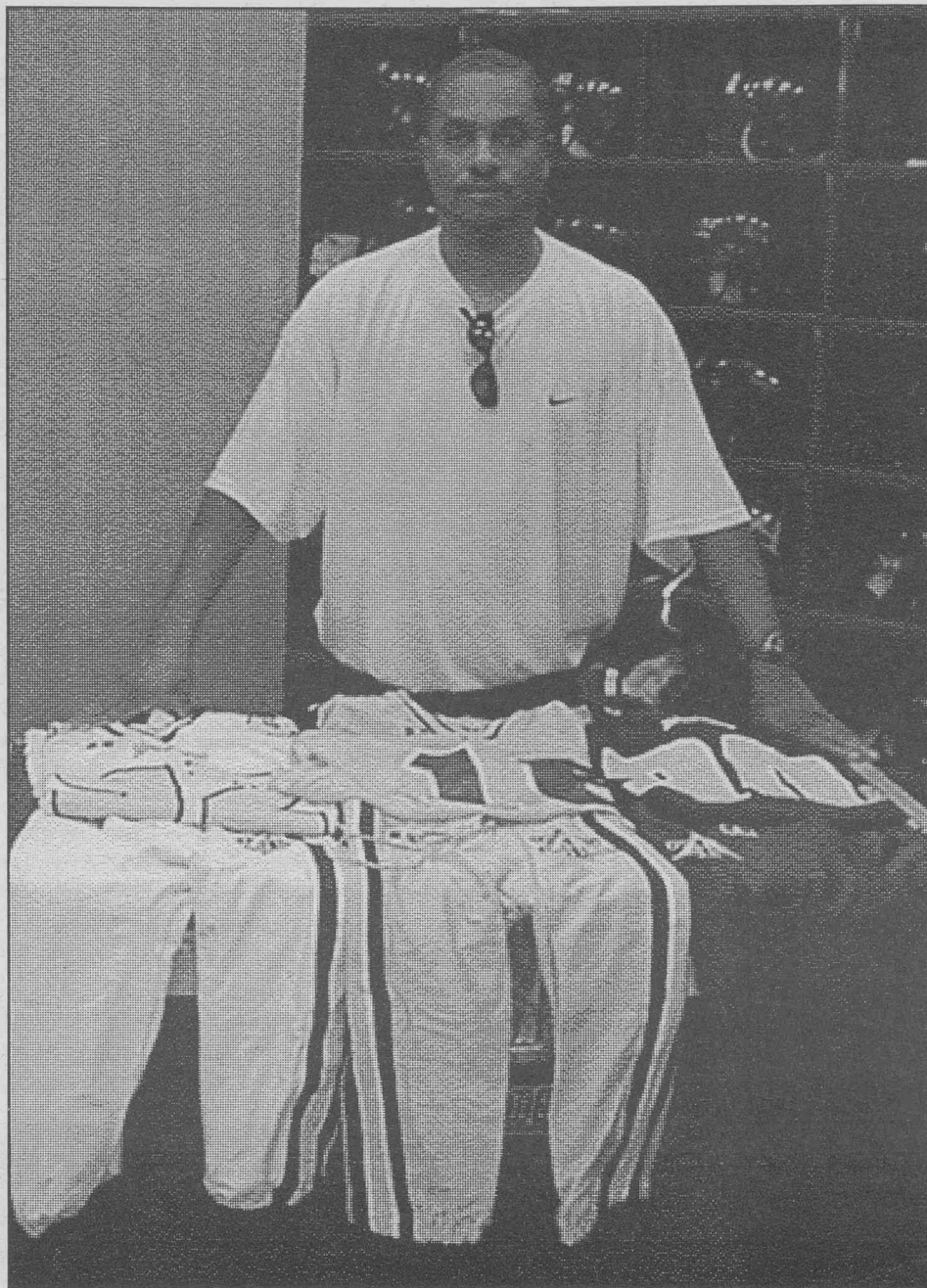
Like Thomas, it seems that most of the Aggie players seem to be comfortable with the new look for the new millennium.

"I feel great about the new uniforms. It brings a lot of morale to the team and I feel really good," said junior defensive end Marvin Blackstock.

"Not only does it bring better morale to the team, but it signals a new era of Aggie football."

The one question that seemed to be asked was not how popular they look, but how they perform in them.

"Last week we played in them and most of us felt sweet in them, and when you feel sweet, you play sweet," said Deloatch.



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**Theron Thomas, equipment manager for the Aggie football team, showcases the 2001-2002 new uniforms.**

To some other players, seeing these uniform makes you eager to put them on.

"It's like you get that brand new pair of shoes, and you have to try them on," said Blackstock.

So, as the season begins to unfold and the Aggies once again challenge for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title, they will be dominating opponents and taking names in style.

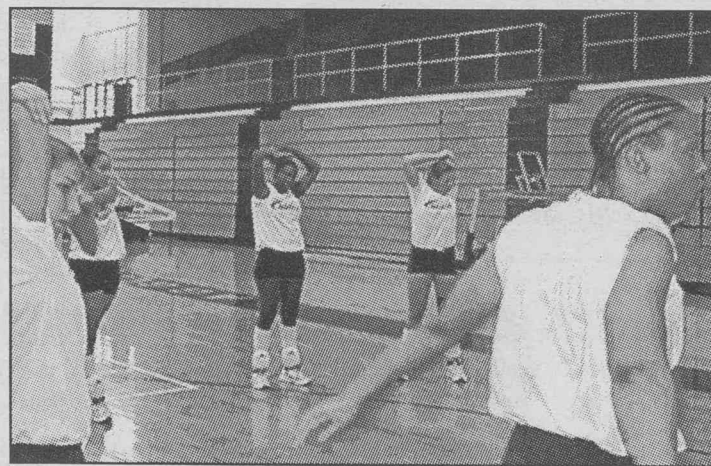
## New season brings new image for Lady Aggies

BY CRYSTAL DAILY  
Register Contributor

The fresh image of the 2001 Lady Aggie volleyball squad has brought out new and higher expectations. "After 4 years in this program, I want to win the MEAC championship ring that the 2001 team has the potential to earn," stated team co-captain Danesha Taylor.

Nationwide recruiting has brought 12 dedicated individuals together to represent North Carolina A&T State University. Diversity is one of the key elements, which makes this out-of-the-ordinary team so unique. The mixture of cultures include African Americans, Chinese, Hispanic, Samoan, Caucasian, and Italian. "We learn something new everyday about each other because there are so many cultures here," said co-captain Tuamafa Reilly. Getting to know each other off the court is half the fun for this energetic group of young, vivacious women. "On the court we are all equal. We are a tight-knit team that is going to be very successful," Reilly added. As a whole, the team consists of 12 players who eat, sleep, and breathe volleyball.

Returners for the Aggies include seniors Danesha Taylor (Waldorf, MD), Gina Renzaglia (Wilmington, NC) and sophomores Kristina Hernandez (McAllen, TX) and Chiandra Washington (Los Angeles, CA). The list of newcomers for the Aggies include 4 junior college transfers with plenty of experience. Tuamafa Reilly (Killeen, TX) and the trio from Seattle, WA: Annie Beck, Fei Ye, and Crystal Daily. Incoming freshman include Judith Ball (Sierra Madre, CA), Amanda Padilla (Brownsville, TX), Jennifer Davis (Austin, TX), and Shani Williams (Chicago, IL).



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

**Members of the volleyball team stretch before a recent practice session.**

The 2001 season will be Kathy Roulhac's 8th season as Head Coach with the Lady Aggies. As the Coach and foundation of the team, Roulhac knows what it means to be a player at A&T. Pam Sumner, Assistant Coach for the Lady Aggies helps guide the team to success with her knowledge of the game that she developed as a player at NC State. "The team continues to work hard everyday," Freshman Judith Ball commented.

The future is bright for the returning Aggies considering their success during the 2000 season. The Lady Aggies went 11-3; the best record in Aggie volleyball history.