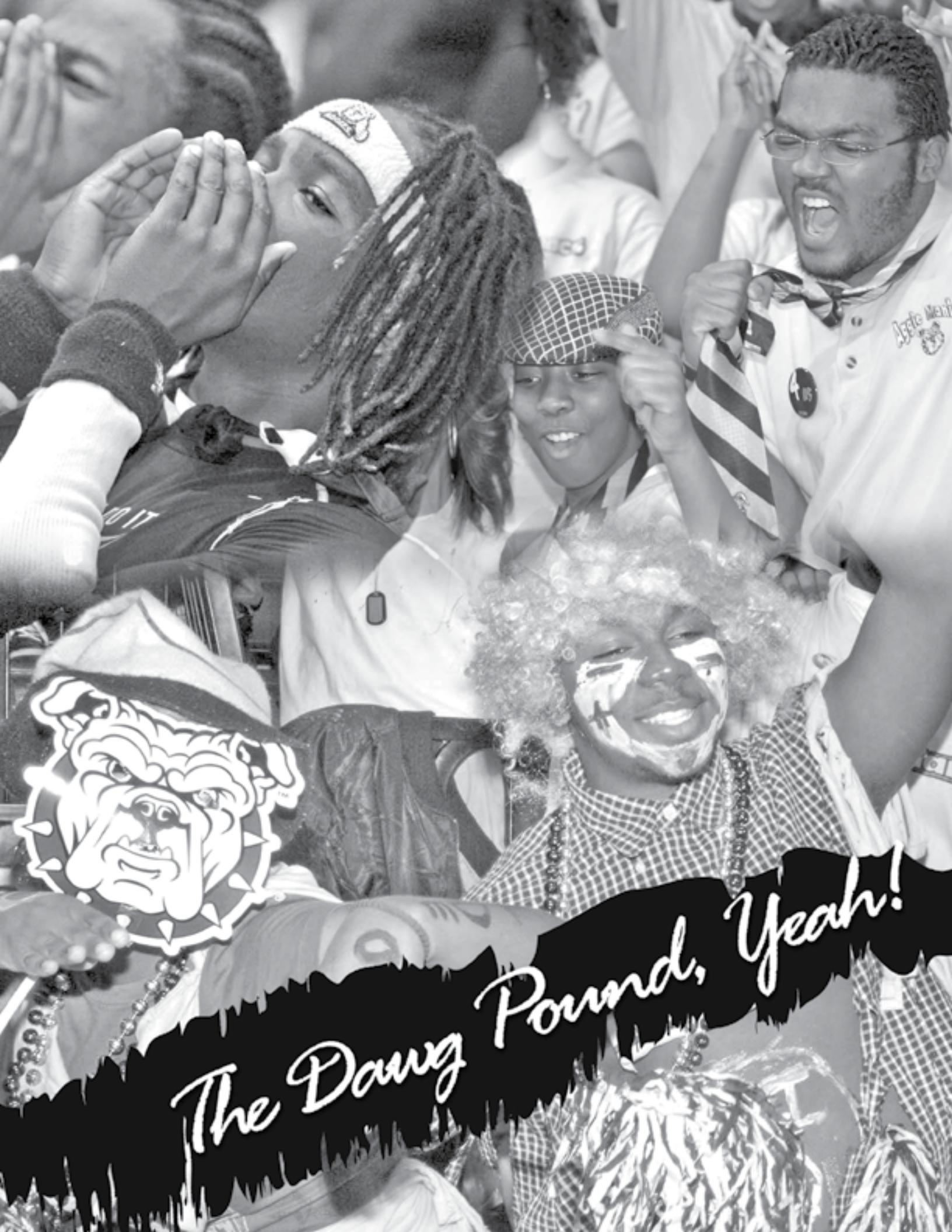




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ON THE COVER: Seniors Tavarus Alston and Robert Johnson are natives of Greensboro, N.C. The two are shown in action with the Greensboro skyline in the background.

INSIDE FRONT COVER: North Carolina A&T men's head coach Jerry Eaves has compiled some big wins during his seven-year tenure. To the right are just a few of those big wins that have been instrumental in resurrecting the Aggies program.

INSIDE BACK COVER: The inside back cover features the different sites that make up North Carolina A&T State University.

BACK COVER: Sophomore point guard Marc Hill looks to pass. The 2009-10 men's basketball schedule appears on the right.

Harold Martin, *Chancellor*

Dr. Martin was elected the twelfth Chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and assumed his position on June 8, 2009. As chief executive and administrative officer of the institution, he provides visionary leadership that establishes long-range strategic plans in consultation with its various constituencies; asserts strategic leadership to develop innovative approaches for expansion of resources and ensure the fiscal and academic vitality of all colleges and schools.

Dr. Martin facilitates collaborative relationships between A&T, the community, media, businesses, corporations, government, alumni, donors, the University of North Carolina System, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and other educational institutions. He demonstrates a high level of campus visibility, political savvy, civic and community involvement, and cultivates diverse internal and external publics.

Dr. Martin provides leadership to take A&T to the next level of excellence in delivering the highest quality of education and life preparation possible, ensuring that students are prepared to become competitive global citizens. He provides fiscal management for a multi-million dollar budget and demonstrates a high level of commitment to all aspects of A&T's culture.

Dr. Martin became the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina in July of 2006. As the Senior Vice President, Dr. Martin led the development and implementation of the academic mission of the University, including teaching, research, international programs and student affairs.

He advised the President and provided leadership for the President's council. Dr. Martin advised the Board of Governors on academic affairs issues of university-wide importance; led strategic academic planning

and the implementation of resulting policies affecting the system; worked closely with campus chancellors and chief academic officers on university-wide academic initiatives; worked to maintain the focus of the missions of the campuses, and implemented the academic portion of the Long-Range Plan.

He led the University's research and educational missions and oversaw Academic Planning; Faculty Support and International Programs; Academic and Student Affairs; Sponsored Programs and Research; Strategy Development and Analysis; and the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, units which comprise the Division of Academic Affairs.

Prior to joining UNC General Administration, Dr. Martin was the eleventh chief administrator and the seventh chancellor of Winston-Salem State University from January 2000 to July 2006. While at WSSU, he guided the reclassification of WSSU from a baccalaureate I to a master's II institution, created a School of Graduate Studies and Research, established seven master's degree programs and enhanced the quality of overall academic programs. While at WSSU the university's enrollment doubled since 2000, giving WSSU the fastest-growing enrollment in the University of North Carolina system.

Dr. Martin served as a strong community leader while at WSSU and participated in several local citizen initiatives, including Biotechnology in the Piedmont Triad, the ECHO Council, Leadership Winston-Salem, the Piedmont Triad Partnership, the Triad Entrepreneurial Initiative, The Winston-Salem Millennium Fund, Winston-Salem Alliance, and the Winston-Salem Rotary Club. Dr. Martin serves on the boards of the Research Triangle Institute, UNC Press, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, the Southern Education Foundation, TUCASI, UNC-TV Foundation, and the Winston-



Salem Foundation; and serves on the SACS Commission on Colleges.

Dr. Martin has written and co-authored numerous articles and has made many presentations at national and international conferences. He has served as a consultant to major corporations and companies and is a member of Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, Eta Kappa Nu, the International Honor Society for Electrical Engineers, and Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Honor Society for Business.

Earlier positions include vice chancellor of academic affairs at NCA&T State University (1994-99), and dean of the college of engineering (1989-94.) He was chair (1985-87) and acting chair (1984-85) of electrical engineering at NC A&T State. Dr. Martin holds a bachelors and masters of science degrees in electrical engineering from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T State) and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He is married to the former Davida Wagner, and they have two sons, Harold Jr. and Walter. Davida is the county attorney for Forsyth County; Harold Jr. is a graduate of Morehouse College, Harvard Business School, and Yale Law School; and Walter, a graduate of Hampton University, attends the University of Maryland Dental School. ■



Wheeler Brown, *Director of Athletics*

and Georgia director of athletics Damon Evans, who took over the position when he was 34 years old. Brown can now add his name to the list of success stories.

In addition to completing the NCAA Fellows program, Brown is also a member of the Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males. As a member of the NCAA Athletic Certification Committee, Brown helps to oversee the certification for every Division I athletics program.

Brown began his professional career as a teacher and coach at C.L. Harper High School in Atlanta. After a five-year stay, he became the head men's basketball coach at Howard Community College in Columbia, Md. In 10 seasons, Brown's overall collegiate coaching record was 191-110.

Brown is the only one of his three brothers to graduate high school. He credits his sister Edna Parker for inspiring him to attend college. She was the first in the family to earn a college education when she earned an undergraduate and graduate degree from Coppin State University.

Brown played for the Aggies football team from 1974-78, and graduated from N.C. A&T in 1979 with a degree in health and physical education. Brown, a native of Baltimore, Md., was a part of N.C. A&T's first MEAC football championship in 1975. Brown was an all-conference performer at offensive tackle for the Aggies and was inducted into the N.C. A&T Hall of Fame in 2003. ■

On August 11, 2008, Wheeler Brown became the director of athletics for his alma mater North Carolina A&T State University. Brown started laying the groundwork to become a director of athletics in 1996 when he accepted a position at Wheeling and Jesuit University as assistant athletics director and assistant men's basketball coach.

Two years later, he was promoted to head men's basketball coach. In 2001, he was named an associate athletics director at Bowie State University before returning to N.C. A&T in 2002.

After returning home to N.C. A&T, Brown continued to prepare himself for the director of athletics position. Brown was one of only 12 people chosen from 300 applicants to be a part of the NCAA Fellows Program. The program is sponsored by the NCAA. It pairs minorities and women who aspire to be director of athletics at Division I programs with an executive mentor who is a Division I director of athletics. Brown was the only person in the program from a historically black college or university.

Among the program's success stories are Buffalo director of athletics Warde Manuel



Quick Facts



GENERAL INFORMATION

School..... North Carolina A&T State University
 City/Zip Greensboro, NC 27411
 Founded 1891
 Enrollment 10,660
 Conference Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
 Nickname Aggies
 Colors PMS Blue 288 and Gold 123
 Stadium (Surface)..... Corbett Sports Center
 Capacity..... 5,700
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 Overall Record (Year)..... 61-121 (7th season)
 Record at A&T (Year)..... Same
 Record vs. MEAC 40-62
 Assistant Coaches.....
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TEAM INFORMATION

2007-08 Overall Record 16-16
 2007-08 MEAC Record 9-7 (t-3rd place)
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 Starters Returning/Lost..... 3/2
 2008-09 Newcomers 5
 Returning from injury/Redshirt..... 1

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Aggie Basketball

Through The Years

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Ron Johnson

Harold Royster

1970-1971

Al Attles

Joe Binion

Eric Boyd

Aggie Men's Basketball

ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS EVER!

THROUGH THE YEARS

1937

Harry K. Parker and **Inman Breaux** began what many call the era of modern day men's basketball at North Carolina A&T State University. The early teams played in a garage converted into a basketball court. The first recognized championship in N.C. A&T men's basketball history was won in 1937.

1954

With basketball programs at Winston-Salem State and N.C. College thriving, the North Carolina A&T family was looking for a young, enthusiastic coach to compete. **Calvin "Cal" Irvin** was hired, and the start of one of the most successful men's basketball programs in the country was underway.

1955

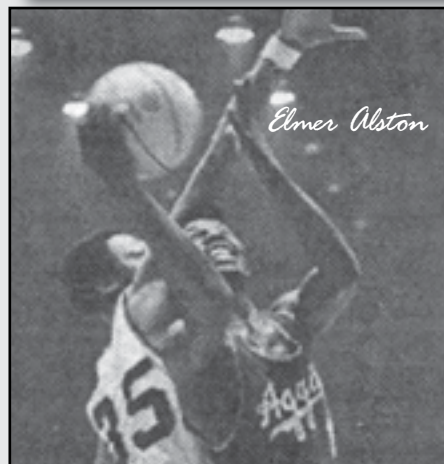
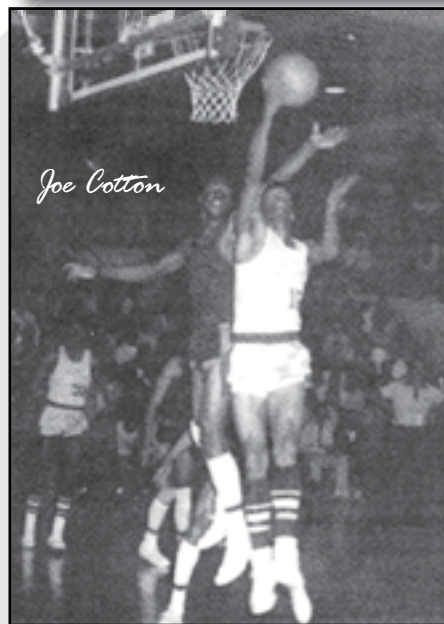
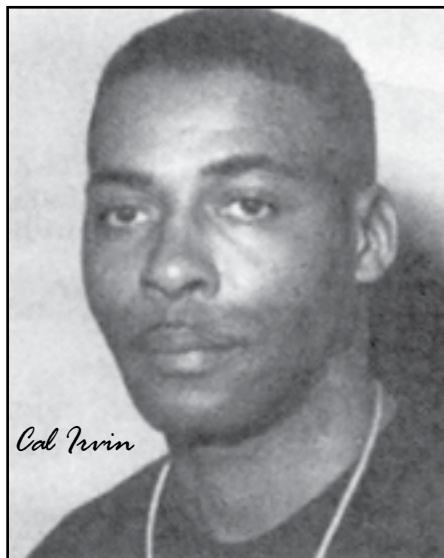
After playing inside an old garage and playing games in high school buildings, with help of a funding grant, the multi-purpose facility named **Moore Gymnasium** opened. The building would be the home of North Carolina A&T men's basketball for 23 years. Moore Gymnasium would be accustomed to large sellout crowds over the years.

1957-58

In what would continue years of fearsome battles between Winston-Salem State and N.C. A&T for the CIAA Championship, it went the Aggies way in 1958. It would be the first of five CIAA Championships won by Irvin.

1958-59

Led by All-American **Joe Cotton**, point guard **Al Attles** and super scorer **Joe Howell**, the Aggies won their second straight CIAA Championship. In addition, N.C. A&T became the first predominately black college to earn a berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs. The Aggies represented the black community well by finishing third in the nation.



1961-62

After two years of watching **Clarence "Big House" Gaines** claim the CIAA title with Winston-Salem State, the Aggies took home the title behind the scoring duo of **James Jackson** and **Henry Marshall**. Jackson averaged double figure rebounds for the season.

1963-64

Irvin took home his fourth CIAA title in six seasons when he led the Aggies to beat Johnson C. Smith 82-77 in the championship game. The win was even scarier for Aggie opponents. Irvin used freshmen **Warren Davis** and **Maurice McHartley** to claim the championship.

1966-67

Davis and McHartley would return to their third CIAA final in four years and won the second title of their careers with a 76-73 win over Howard University. **Sylvester Adams** led the Aggies in scoring that season with 18.5 points per game. **Ted Campbell** led the team in rebounding as five players from the team – **Campbell, McHartley, Davis, George Mack** and **Lonnie Klutz** – eventually went on to play in either the ABA or NBA. The win also marked the last CIAA Championship for the Aggies.

1971

After six CIAA championships and producing numerous legends, the Aggies left the CIAA to start a new league called the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference**.

1971-72

North Carolina A&T wasted no time in establishing themselves as the premier program in the new conference. The Aggies won the first-ever MEAC Tournament with a 71-62 win over Howard in Durham, N.C. **Elmer Austin** led the way for the Aggies with 22 points and 12 rebounds. The win marked the last game Irvin coached for the Aggies.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1972-73

Warren Reynolds took over for Irvin and the beat kept going. Reynolds behind the strong leadership of William "June" Harris, won their second straight MEAC Tournament. Harris was named the tournament's most valuable player as the Aggies defeated Howard 86-81.

1974-75

Allen Spruill led the Aggies to another MEAC title under head coach **Warren Reynolds**.

1975-76

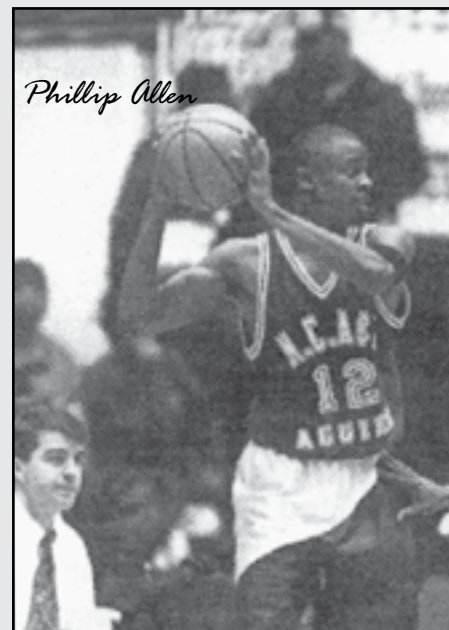
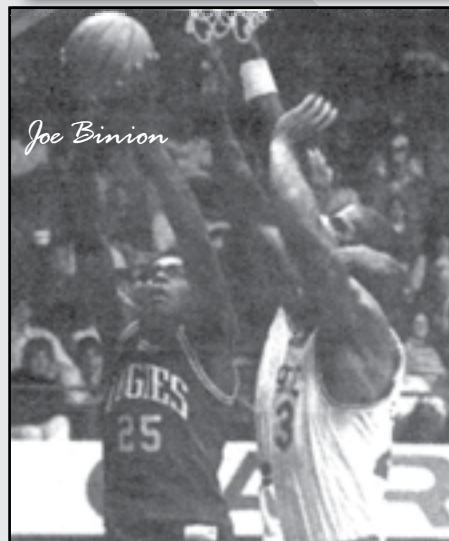
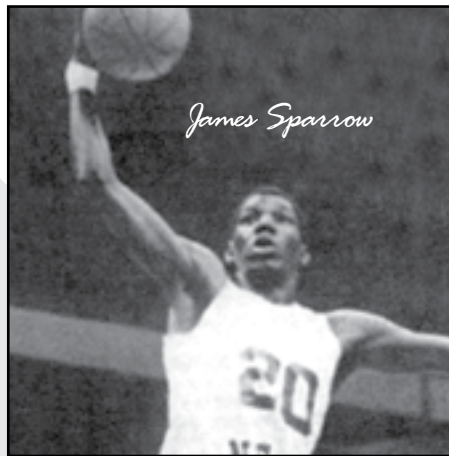
Superstar sophomore **James Sparrow** kept the Aggie dominance of the MEAC alive. Sparrow averaged 29.7 points per game in the MEAC Tournament to lead the Aggies to their fourth MEAC title in the first five years of the MEAC. Sparrow's tournament scoring average still stands as the conference record. The Aggies defeated Morgan State 83-77 in the title game. Sparrow led the Aggies in scoring, assists and steals that season.

1977-78

Former ABA standout **Eugene "Gene" Littles** took over the Aggies in 1977, and the N.C. A&T Invitational, also known as the MEAC Tournament continued to go the Aggies way. Sparrow won another tournament MVP to lead the Aggies to a 66-63 win over Morgan State.

1978

N.C. A&T built a new student center. Inside that center was a 7,000-seat arena where legends would play and some of the top entertainers in the world would perform. The name of the building was the **Ellis F. Corbett Sports Center**, named after an A&T sports information director and teacher.



1978-79

Before leaving to coach as an assistant on the NBA level, Littles led the Aggies to another MEAC Championship. **Joe Brawner** led the Aggies in scoring and assists during the season.

1979-80

With Littles gone, the Aggies turn to **Don Corbett** to head the Aggies basketball program. After an 8-19 opening season, no one knew what historic endeavors were upcoming for Mr. Corbett.

1981-82

Behind leading scorer and leading rebounder **Joe Binion**, the Aggies won the first of seven straight MEAC Championships. The seven straight conference titles are still an NCAA record shared with Kentucky. Binion was assisted by sharpshooter and assist man **Eric Boyd**. In all but one of those seven championship games, the Aggies defeated Howard.

1993-94

Corbett retires, leaving the door open for a young upstart coach named **Jeff Capel**. Behind the 3-point shooting of **Phillip Allen** and a young freshman named **Joe Bunn**, Capel brings home another MEAC title after a six-year layoff from the seven straight the Aggies won in the 80's. The Aggies went on to give eventual national champion Arkansas a tough fight in the first round.

1994-95

Was another streak about to start? After Capel left for Old Dominion, **Roy Thomas** took over the Aggies program and led them to a MEAC Championship. It was a thrilling tournament for the Aggies. They beat Howard in overtime in the first round. They then got a tough run from S.C. State, before beating Coppin State 66-64 with some clutch free throw shooting down the stretch.

THE OUTSTANDING COACHES

Cal Irvin – Irvin came to N.C. A&T in 1954 and in 18 seasons his teams never finished below .500. Irvin's success would carry the Aggies over into the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, where he won the school's first league championship in 1972. His name is listed on the A&T, MEAC, CIAA, and the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Hall of Fames.

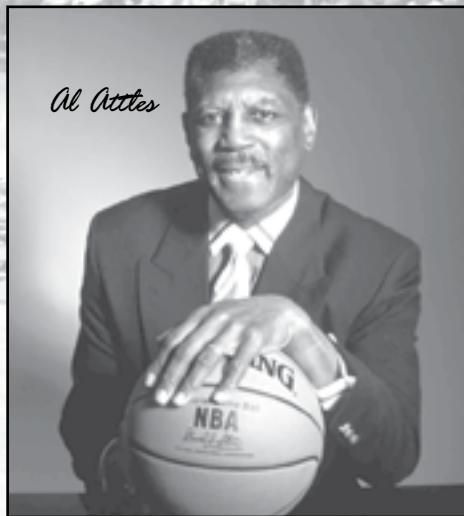
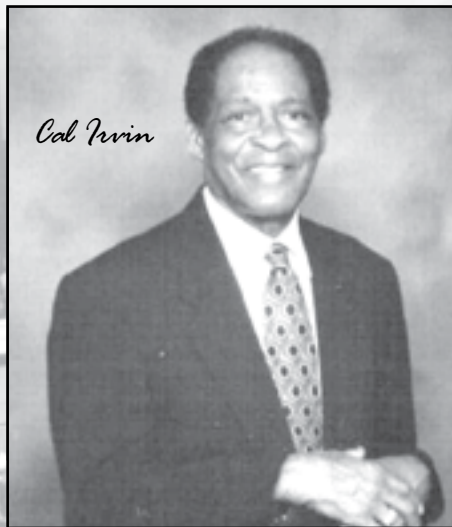
Eighteen players under his tenure played professionally, including **Al Attles**, the only HBCU graduate to coach an NBA championship team. Hugh Evans, another star in the Irvin system, has served in the NBA as an official for 35 years. Irvin finished with a career record of 401-132, including a 308-105 record at N.C. A&T. His first CIAA championship came in 1958. Irvin's teams won CIAA titles in 1959, 1962, 1964, and 1967.

Warren Reynolds – Reynolds won-loss record (64-54) wasn't the greatest, but when tournament time arrived he had his Aggie teams ready. Reynolds was 9-3 in the MEAC Tournament and won three MEAC titles during his tenure from 1972-77.

Gene Littles – Littles, a Guilford County Sports Hall of Famer, didn't stay at A&T long, but he certainly made his mark. He won MEAC titles in both seasons he coached for the Aggies. He went 36-15 over two years and never lost a MEAC tournament game in four tries.

Don Corbett – Corbett along with Irvin has the court at Corbett Sports Center named after them. Corbett's recruiting class began a run that has been unparalleled in MEAC history. Corbett's seven consecutive MEAC tournament titles and seven consecutive NCAA tournament appearances are just the tip of the iceberg on Corbett's résumé.

Corbett finished with a 249-133 record to rank second on the all-time victories list behind Irvin. He won 20 or more games in six different seasons, including a school best winning percentage of .897 thanks to a 26-3 record in 1986-87. Also under Corbett's direction, the Aggies ran off a 37-game winning streak in Corbett Sports Center which lasted nearly four years. Corbett was named MEAC Coach of the Year six times and had a player win MEAC Player of the Year six times.



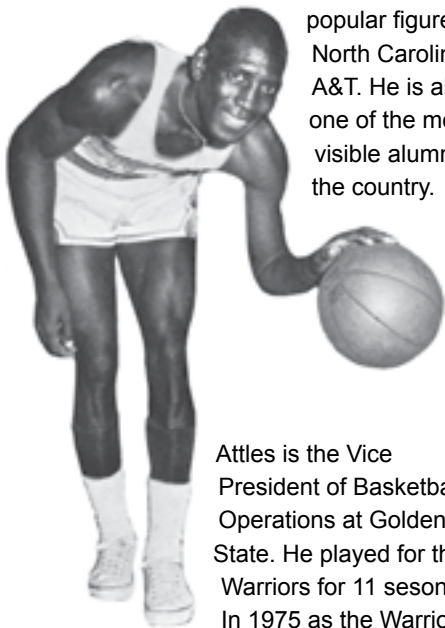
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THE LEGENDARY PLAYERS

Joe Cotton was a two-time All-American and a three-time All-CIAA performer for the Aggies from 1955-59.

Joe Howell was a scoring machine for N.C. A&T during the late 50's. He finished his career at N.C. A&T with more than 1,600 points.

Al Attles is still a popular figure at North Carolina A&T. He is also one of the most visible alumni in the country.



Attles is the Vice President of Basketball Operations at Golden State. He played for the Warriors for 11 seasons. In 1975 as the Warriors' head coach, he led them

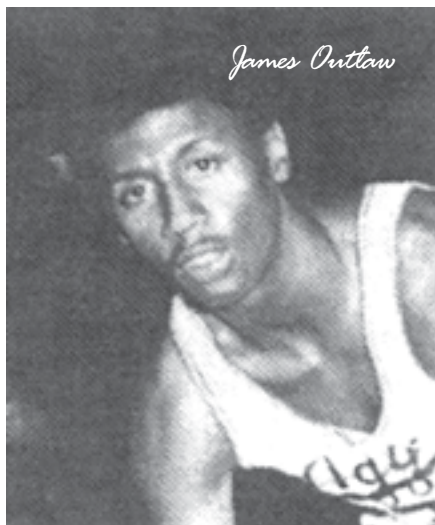
to an NBA Championship, becoming just the second African-American coach to accomplish this feat. To this day, he is the only HBCU graduate to win an NBA title as a head coach.

James Jackson played for the Aggies in the early 60's and is a part of the N.C. A&T Sports Hall of Fame. Jackson still owns the school's single-game scoring record with 41 points against Fayetteville State in 1964.

Maurice "Reece" McHartley was also a big-time scorer on the Aggies early to mid 60's teams. McHartley led the Aggies in scoring during the 1963-64 season. McHartley, a Detroit native, was drafted by the St. Louis Hawks in 1964. He played in the ABA for three seasons.



June Harris



George Mack would be one part of 18 players Coach Cal Irvin would send to the NBA or ABA. Mack was a 15th round draft choice by the Philadelphia 76ers.

Ted Campbell was a rebounding machine at N.C. A&T. He left the school as its all-time leading rebounder with 872. He averaged double figure rebounds over the final two years of his career.

Warren Davis led the Aggies in rebounding as a freshman. The 76ers would make him an 11th round draft choice in 1967.

Lonnie Klutz led the Aggies in rebounding during the 1969-70 season. Klutz was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in the sixth round of the 1970 NBA draft. He also played for the Carolina Cougars of the ABA.

Elmer Austin led the Aggies in scoring and rebounding over the final two years of his career. He was also the first-ever MEAC Player of the Year. He is the only Aggie to be named both All-CIAA and All-MEAC.

William "June" Harris is the first ever two-time All-MEAC selection in Aggies history. He was the 1973 MEAC Tournament most valuable player.

James Outlaw was the third standout on those outstanding early 70's teams that included Harris and Austin. Outlaw owns the Aggies single-season scoring record with 647 points scored during the 1973-74 season. Outlaw was a two-time All-MEAC selection.

Allen Spruill led the Aggies in scoring as a senior. He earned All-MEAC honors and was drafted in the sixth round by the Detroit Pistons in 1975.

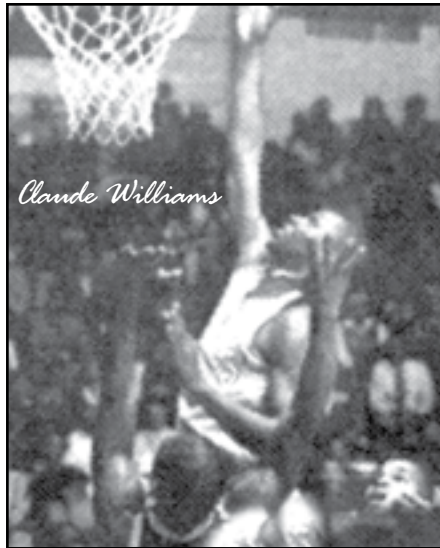
Aggie Men's Basketball

Many will say **James Sparrow** is the best player in the history of North Carolina A&T. He led the Aggies in scoring for three seasons. During the 1975-76 season, he led the Aggies in scoring, assists and steals. He was also a two-time MEAC Tournament MVP and the MEAC Player of the Year in '76. Sparrow holds the Aggie all-time career scoring average with 18.8 points per games. He was an All-MEAC selection in three of his four years at N.C. A&T (1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78).

Joe Brawner was named MEAC Player of the Year in 1979. He led the Aggies in assists twice and in steals three times. Two years after Sparrow led the Aggies in scoring, assists and steals, Brawner did it during the 1978-79 season.

Joe Binion is the Aggies all-time leader in scoring and rebounding. Binion is the only player in school history to lead the Aggies in scoring for four straight years. Binion scored 2,143 and grabbed 1,257 rebounds. He is the only player in MEAC history to win Player of the Year three times.

Eric Boyd is one of the best combo guards to ever play at N.C. A&T. He could score and distribute the basketball with effectiveness. Boyd led the Aggies in assists all four years of his career. He was the 1985 MEAC Player of the Year.



Eric Boyd was the first of a long line of exceptional point guards for Corbett. Boyd was followed by Thomas Griffin who led the Aggies in assists all four years. He was followed by **Glenn Taggart** who led the Aggies in assists all four years. Griffin, Taggart and Boyd rank 1,2 and 3 in all-time assists.

George Cale was a two-time All-MEAC performer who won MEAC Player of the Year in 1987.

In 1988, **Claude Williams** earned MEAC Player of the Year honors. It's hard to believe, but he is the last Aggie to win the honor. Williams led the Aggies in rebounding for four straight years. He led the Aggies in scoring as a senior.



Phillip Allen never made first-team All-MEAC, but he certainly showed up when the conference tournament arrived. Allen is a two-time MEAC Tournament MVP, leading the Aggies to the 1994 and '95 MEAC Championships. He is second on the Aggies all-time 3-pointers made list.

As years go by it will be argued that **Steven Rush** was the best pure shooter in school history. He helped in the Aggies resurgence after years of single-digit wins. Rush broke the Aggies single-season 3-pointers made record during the 2006-07 season. He also broke the single-game 3-pointers record twice and is the all-time leader in free throw shooting percentage.

A&T Athletics

Jarrell Herring

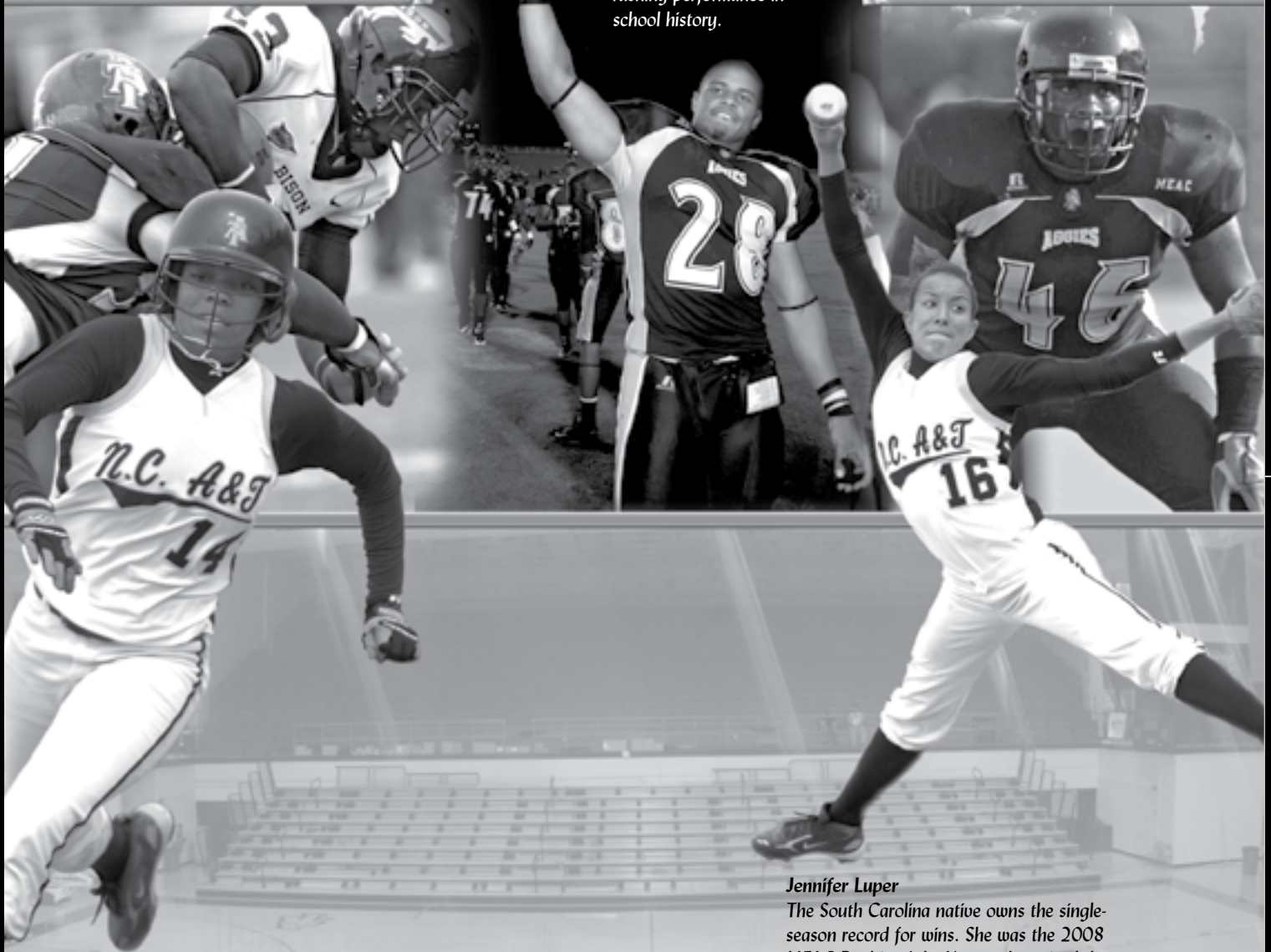
The junior college transfer was named a preseason All-American by Consensus Draft Services.

Michael Ferguson

The Durham native rushed for 1,169 yards in 2007. It was the fourth-best rushing performance in school history.

Andre Thornton

In 2006, Thornton became the first freshman to lead the Aggies in tackles. The rising senior led the Aggies in tackles the first two years of his career.



Ryanne Hill

Hill was named the 2009 MEAC Softball Player of the Year. She also earned All-American, All-Region and All-State honors in 2009.

Jennifer Luper

The South Carolina native owns the single-season record for wins. She was the 2008 MEAC Rookie of the Year and received the prestigious Aggie Club award in 2008.

A&T Athletics

Team Celebration

The 2005 North Carolina A&T baseball team won the MEAC Championship and advanced to the NCAA Regionals.



Winnie Quick
The woman with the perfect sports name earned second-team All-MEAC honors last season. It was the first time a women's tennis player earned a post-season accolade in more than a decade.

Lillian Bullock

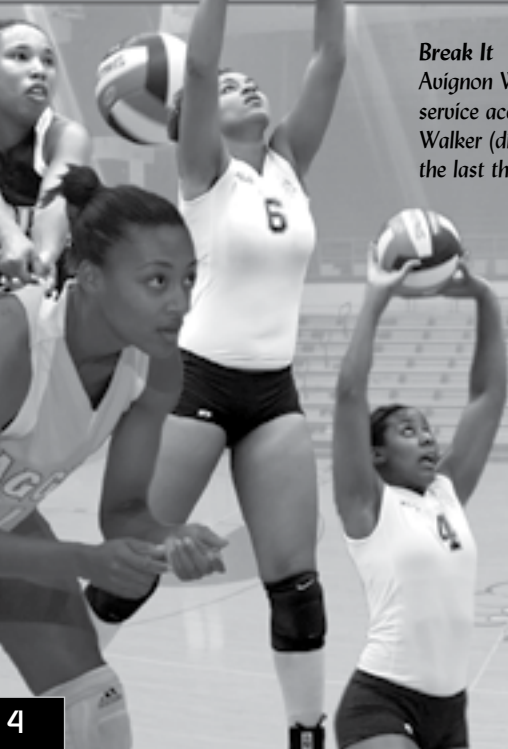
The Alaskan became the school's all-time leader in home runs in just one season. She is a two-time All-MEAC performer.

Jeremy Jones



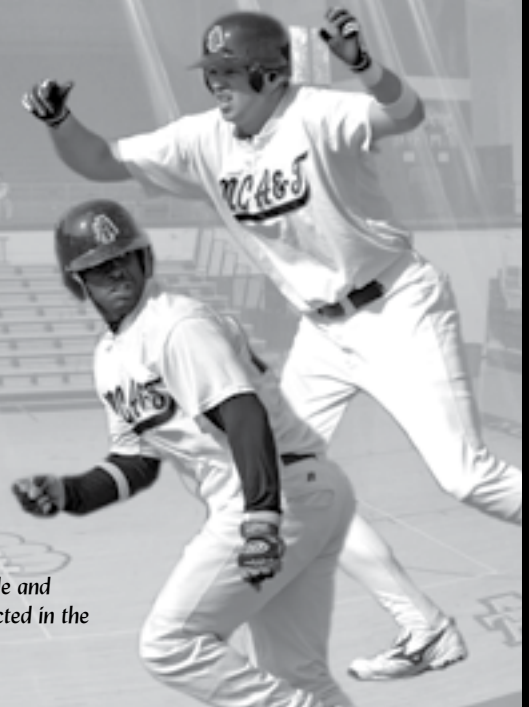
Break It

Avignon Williams (blocks), Arlene Mitchell (kills, service aces), Brenden Chatman and Lauren Walker (digs) have all set new school records in the last three seasons.



Back-Draft

Jeremy Jones, Charlie Gamble and CJ Beatty have all been selected in the MLB Draft since 2005.



A&T Athletics

Back-to-Back

Brittanie Taylor-James (left) and Amber Bland (right) led the Aggies to back-to-back MEAC regular-season titles, the 2009 MEAC Tournament Championship and a berth in the WNCAA Tournament. Taylor-James earned conference player of the year honors in '09, and is only the second three-time first-team all-conference performer in N.C. A&T history.

Top Lady

In addition to being a matrix of sorts for the Aggie swimming program during her tenure, Gia Wright was also named A&T Senior Female Athlete of the Year in 2008.



The Champs

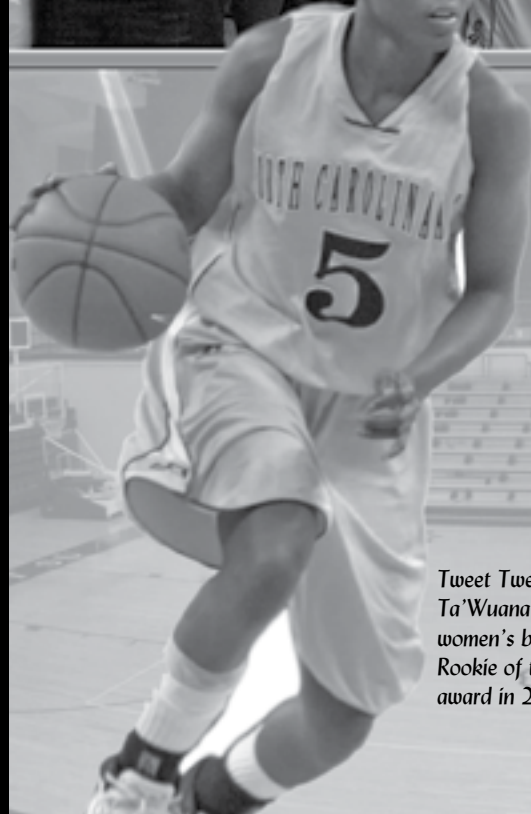
The North Carolina A&T women's basketball team won the MEAC Championship for the first time in 15 years when it took home the title in 2009.

Trend setters

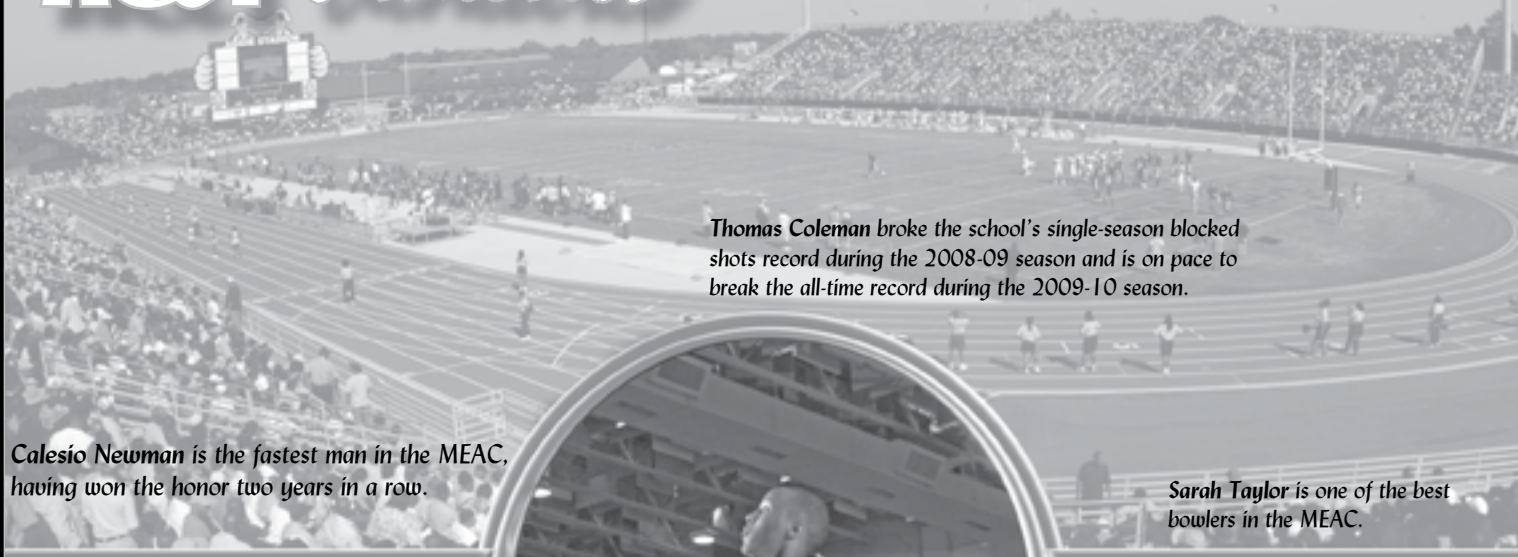
Alexandria Spruiel became the first female in school history to earn All-American honors in indoor track and field (400 meters), claiming the honor in 2009. She also earned All-American honors during the outdoor season.

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Ta'Wuana "Tweet" Cook became the first women's basketball player to win MEAC Rookie of the Year when she took home the award in 2007.



A&T Athletics



Thomas Coleman broke the school's single-season blocked shots record during the 2008-09 season and is on pace to break the all-time record during the 2009-10 season.

Calesio Newman is the fastest man in the MEAC, having won the honor two years in a row.

Sarah Taylor is one of the best bowlers in the MEAC.



When Loreal Smith (100 meter hurdles) also earned All-American honors during the outdoor season, it marked the first time two Lady Aggies earned All-American accolades at the same meet.

Steven Rush broke the single-season record for 3-pointers made during the 2006-07 season and became the first first-team All-MEAC performer in five seasons.