# **N.C. A&T Dominates Karate Competition**

#### By Charles M. Boney

On August 18, 1990 four of the North Carolina A&T Karate Students participated in one of the few tournaments held in Greensboro. The tournament was sponsored by Pizza Hut. The four karate students included Malachi Parsons, Derek Hart, Milton Pittman, and Jawanza Moseley. The tournament was a great success for the Aggie team. Derek Hart participated in the fighting, Kata, and selfdefense events. Hart had the winning edge after performing his Kata and receiving first place. The motivated karateka went on to win first place in fighting and the selfdefense competition.

Malachi Parsons won

fifth place in the fighting competition and continued with a second place win in the Kata performances. As tournament the progressed, it became even more evident that the Aggies would be the tournaments top winners. Milton Pittman started

by taking second place in the junior division White and Yellow belt Kata competition. He proceeded to take second place in fighting and in the self-defense competition.

Jawanza Moseley virtually dominated everv event he participated in. Moseley quickly eliminated all of the competitors in his division to secure first place in the Kata competition, first place in the fighting competition and first place in the selfdefense competition. The head instructor and coach, Dr. Gilbert Casterlow, praised the Aggie competitors for the excellent way they represented the A&T State University karate team. More recently the Aggies participated in another round of tournament competition in Burlington, N.C. Steve Harper, a senior,

weapons competition. After an excellent performance with the . Tonfa, Harper was awarded first place and the Aggies were off to another great display. Derek Hart and Milton

Pittman were winners again. Derek placed first in the Yellow belt Kata competition and Milton battled his way to a first place award in Kata and

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a second place win ir set the pace for the other karatekas be competing in three events. Harper, took second place in the Kata competition and second in the Kumite (fighting) event. Harper's final challenge place in the Brown belt division was the

the Kumite competition. After receiving thirc place in the Kata competition Tony Taylor fought in White and Yellow belt competition. eliminating all of the competition, to take first

Willie Hairston, the

Burlington the tournament and the Aggies brought home nine trophies given ten opportunities to win. Dr. Casterlow stated that "The results from these tournaments, being very much in line with the results of the ten tournaments attended

newest Aggie Black belt

karateka, fought in Black

belt competition for the

first time and secured a

The A&T karate team

competitors in the

Greensboro tournament

and earned 11 trophies

out of 12 possibilities for

a win. Five Aggie

karatekas competed in

second place trophy.

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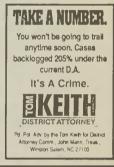
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last year and in previous years, indicate that the North Carolina A&T karate team continues to be the dominate competition in North Carolina and the Southeastern United States."

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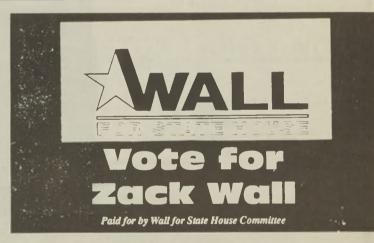
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