

# Rams Squeak Past Aggies 80-79

Coach "Bighouse" Gaines always seems to get the best out of what he has. That's exactly what he did Saturday night as his Rams topped the A&T Aggies 80-79, before 13,000 fans in the Greensboro Coliseum.

Many of the fans who turned out to see National Champion N.C. State saw basketball at its best before the Wolfpack came on the court, as one of Black college basketball's hottest rivalries continued.

The game was typically Ram-Aggie with the outcome decided in the final seconds. It was close all the way. The Rams scored the first basket and led 4-2. A&T came back to take the lead 5-4 at 18:23.

They held the 1 point lead until the Rams took a 24-23 lead on a James Pegues basket with 5:53 left.

In the early part of the half it was a battle between the Rams quickness and outside shooting against the Aggies height. The Rams didn't get their first offensive rebound until 10:05 remained in the half. The much larger Aggies started a team with every man 6-5 or over against the Rams whose biggest man was only 6-5. But once the smaller Rams began going to the boards they built a 38-30 lead with 47 seconds remaining in the half and led 40-34 at the half.

In the second half the Rams continued to use a deliberate

attack and used every offensive rebound they could get to build their lead to 12 at 58-46 with 11:10 remaining.

The Aggies then began to use a full court press that forced the Rams into seven turnovers and closed to within one at 74-73 with 4:10 remaining. With 1:03 left the Rams Don Helton made both ends of a one-and-one to give the Rams a three point lead.

Tom Paulin scored on a jumper to keep the Rams up by three. The Aggies then missed a shot with 23 seconds left and the Rams called time out. Coach Gaines obviously wanted to run out the clock but the Aggies press kept the Rams from getting the ball in bounds after the official refused to let Don Helton, who saw the press, call another time out.

James Sparrow, A&T's leading scorer with 25 points, scored with 20 seconds left

and the Rams lead was again cut to one at 78-77.

With the Rams still trying to run out the clock Tom Paulin was fouled with 9 seconds remaining. Paulin, the game's leading scorer with 28 points, made good on the one-and-

though James Sparrow scored on a drive with 2 seconds left making the final 80-79 Rams.

The Rams placed four men in double figures: Paulin with 28, guard Don Helton with 10, and forwards James Pegues 18 and Carlos Terry 16. The Aggies had 38 rebounds, led by 6'10" Sinclair Colbert with 10. The smaller Rams had 32 lead by the 6-5 Terry with 10.

The win gave the Rams a 4-2 record and dropped the Aggies to 3-3 over all. The Rams next game will be January 8 against Elizabeth City in Elizabeth City.

## A & T Gets \$94,000

Greensboro, N.C. - The Transportation Institute at A&T State University has been awarded a grant of \$94,000 by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The funds will underwrite the continuation of the institute's rural public transportation feasibility study.

Arthur Saltzman, director of the institute, will serve as principal investigator for the project. He said the rural transportation study, now in its second year, is designed to determine what kinds of transportation systems are appropriate for various types of local situations in rural America.

He said it is expected that the study will produce a manual that will aid local transportation planners and community groups interested in improving or implementing rural transportation systems.

Joining Saltzman in the study will be Mrs. Joyce H. Johnson, who has already conducted studies on a number of rural transportation systems around the state, and Dr. Marion R. Blair, associate director of the institute.

"With increasing inflation and the accompanying shortage of fuel and other vital resources," said Saltzman, "public transportation in general will be in greater demand. This will be especially true for residents and industries of rural areas which will experience an even harder crunch from a fuel shortage as they must travel greater distances to obtain needed distribution services and employment."

He said that except for the inter-state transportation services and a few demonstration projects, "there is virtually no public transportation regularly serving rural areas."

Saltzman said that Congress recently passed legislation and appropriated \$500 million for rural transportation systems.

"Even more funds and technical know how will be necessary to institute effective public transportation systems in rural America," said Saltzman.

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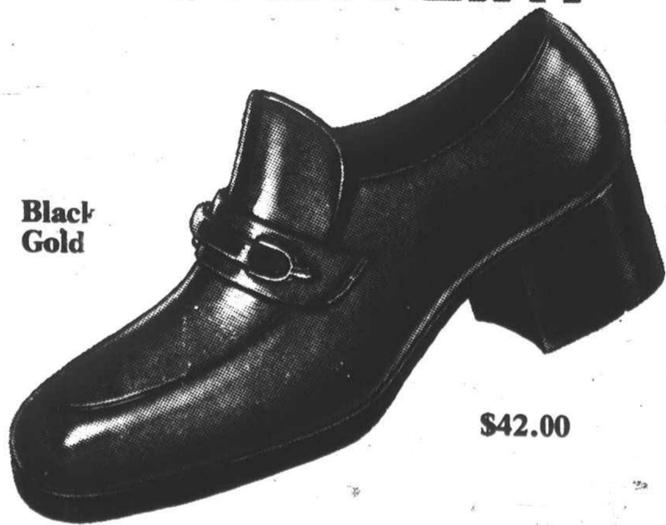
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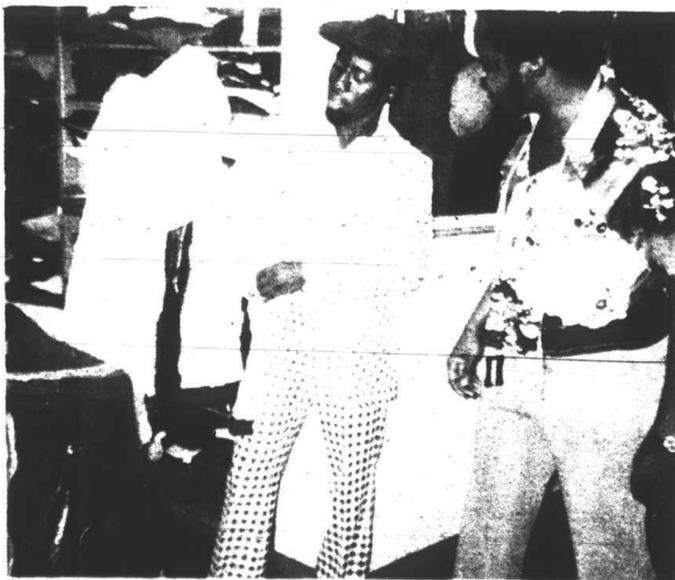
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