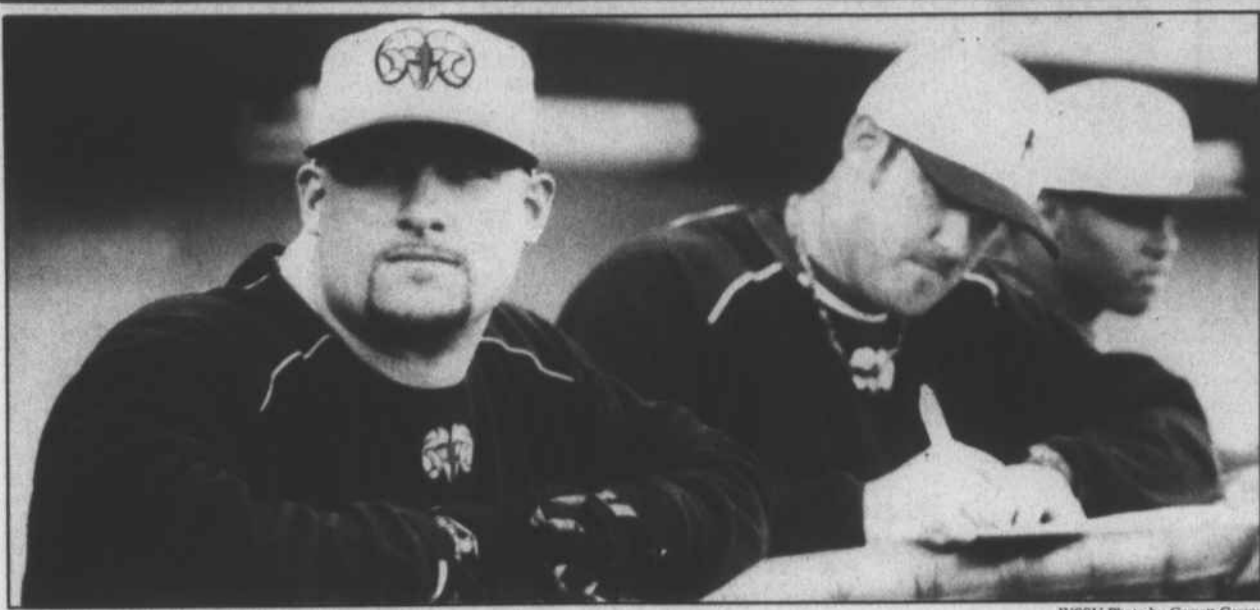


SPORTS WEEK

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Coach Kevin Ritsche (left) has led his team to the top of CIAA standings.

WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

Honors pour in for Rams after week of victories

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Winston-Salem State University baseball players Seth Mahaffey, Aaron Jones, Levi Grassley and Head Coach Kevin Ritsche have earned CIAA honors for a week of play that saw the team go 4-0.

Mahaffey, a junior from Winston-Salem who graduated from Parkland, was named CIAA Pitcher of the Week, as he went 1-0, with two saves in three appearances.

Jones, a Kernersville native, was named CIAA



Mahaffey

Offensive Player of the Week, as he hit .438 last week in WSSU's 4-0 week. Jones went seven for 16 with two doubles and five runs batted in, while slugging at a .563 clip for the week.

Grassley, a Cameron, Mo native, was named CIAA Defensive Player of the Week, as he hit .333 and had just one error in 16 tries, including eight assists.

And head coach, Kevin Ritsche, was named CIAA Coach of the Week for the second time as he continues to lead his WSSU Rams to the top of the CIAA. He led his team to a 3-0 week versus CIAA teams, including two out of two wins over St. Augustine's, and gave the Rams the CIAA lead at 10-1 in the CIAA and 25-8 overall.

MEAC bowler up for top honor

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The International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) has announced the 16 finalists (eight men and eight women) for the 2013 College Bowler of the Year. Maryland Eastern Shore University senior standout Angie Ramirez was included on that list for her outstanding season and is the only female bowler from the MEAC and NCAA on the list.

Ramirez has had a stellar season, earning MEAC Bowler of the Year, All-MEAC First-Team, MEAC All-Tournament Team and MEAC Outstanding Performer accolades. She also won two tournament MVPs and was named Bowler of the Week by the conference six times.

She is averaging a 212.98 overall this season and has a high game of a 279 and shot her first tournament of the year at the Eastern Shore Hawk Classic, sponsored by Hammer. Ramirez has knocked down 11,288 pins in team games and bowled in 53 team and 65 Baker match-



Angie Ramirez in action.

Photo by Megan Raymond

es this season.

This is the third straight year that UMES has had a finalist. Maria Rodriguez in 2010-2011 and last season T'nia Falbo both earned a place among the finalist.

The IBMA Committee, comprised of members who are bowling media and former college coaches, met on March 26 to determine the top eight male and female bowlers eligible to receive the award.

The winners will be announced at the Night of Champions banquet and reception on April 17, 2013 in Lincoln, Neb. The evening festivities will conclude with the announcement of the IBMA Bowlers of the Year as well as presentations to the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association

(NCBA) All Americans, NCBA Gordon Teigen Award winner (volunteer service to collegiate bowling) and NCBA Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year Award.

The 2012 Winners were Jazreel Tan, Wichita State and Marshall Kent, Robert Morris-Illinois. Both players are in the running again this year.

Parkland runners set records

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

If the early part of the outdoor track season is any indication, Parkland's girls will be legitimate contenders for top finishes in the sprints, hurdles and relays when it's time for the state championships in mid-May. Based on the latest rankings released by the ncmilesplit.com web site, the Mustangs have three individuals and two relay teams that are highly ranked among Class 4-A high schools in North Carolina.

In the sprints, Erin Morrison and McKinley McNeil are off to excellent starts. Morrison, a sophomore, is fifth in the state in the 200 with a time of 25.74 seconds. McNeil, a freshman, is seventh at 25.95. These two also rank among the tops at 400 meters with Morrison holding down No. 2 in the rankings (58.27 seconds) and McNeil at fifth (59.02).

In the hurdles, sophomore Ebony Williams continues to solidify her status as one of North Carolina's elites. Williams is ranked No. 1 in the 300-meter hurdles (46.21 seconds) and fifth in the 100 hurdles (15.19).

Williams and Morrison posted strong performances during the winter indoor season. At the Class 4-A State Indoor Track and Field Championships, Williams ran a personal best of 40.01 seconds to finish as the runner-up in the 300-meter dash. She also placed eighth in the 55-meter hurdles with a clocking of 8.63 seconds.

Morrison, in the meantime, made her presence felt. She finished third behind Williams in the 300 (40.31) at the state. In a highly-competitive 55-meter dash, Morrison ran 7.30 seconds for fifth place. It was a race in which the top eight runners in the state indoor final were separated by only .23 seconds.

Parkland's sprint relay teams are sure to be a major factor in the final outcome at the state outdoor championships. The 4x100 (Ila Mumford, Myshale Spigner, Katlin Sherman and Somora Edwards) have the state's fastest time so far (48.89 seconds). The Mustangs will most likely battle No. 1 Cary for the top spot in the state rankings for the remainder of the season. For now, Parkland's foursome of Miaysha Bryant, Morrison, Williams and Brianna Mitchell is second in the state.

In a head-to-head showdown two weeks ago at the J.J. Knox Track and Field Classic in Mebane, Cary won the 4x400 with a state-best clocking of 3:59.51. Parkland's quartet finished second at 4:05.55



Submitted Photo

Ebony Williams has the fastest time in the state in the 300-meter hurdles.

Rhodes Scholarship winning football star speaking at NCCU

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North Carolina Central University (NCCU) will recognize the academic excellence of more than 200 students at the annual Honors Convocation on Friday, April 5, at 10:15 a.m. in the McDougald - McLendon Gymnasium. The event speaker is Rhodes Scholar and former NFL player Myron Rolle.



Rolle

In 2006, Rolle was ranked as the No. 1 high school football prospect in the country by ESPN. A graduate of the Hun School of Princeton, he received 83 scholarship offers from Division I schools. He selected Florida State University.

Rolle made news again when he sat out his 2009 football season, choosing instead to study for a year at Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar. He received his master's degree from Oxford in medical anthropology in June 2010. That same year, he entered the NFL draft and was selected by the Tennessee Titans in the sixth round.

After being released before the start of the 2011 season, Rolle went to the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is only the third Rhodes Scholar to play in the NFL.

Now retired from pro football, Rolle is a scholar and philanthropist, heading the Myron Rolle Foundation dedicated to the support of health, wellness, educational and other charitable initiatives throughout the world that benefit children and families in need.

"As a nationally recognized and distinguished Rhodes Scholar who has excelled in the classroom, in the community and on the field of play, Myron Rolle exemplifies what is possible for our students if they live a life of dedication, without limitations," said Ansel Brown, assistant professor of political science and director of the University Honors program.

NCCU will confer honors to students in a number of categories, from the Chancellor's Award and University Award recipients — the university's top honors — to deans' lists and departmental academic honors.



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Desmond Lawrence helps his team to a decent showing.

Aggie runners make noise at Raleigh Relays

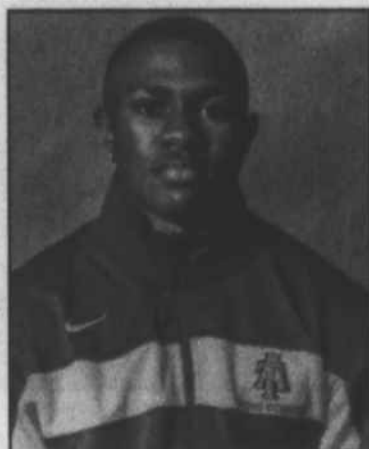
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Two good showings in relay races highlighted North Carolina A&T's day at the Raleigh Relays on Saturday in track and field action at Paul Derr Track.

The men's 4x100 meter relay team finished fifth, while the men's 4x200 meter relay team finished sixth.

Individually, Desmond Lawrence was the main stand-out for A&T. Lawrence competed in the 100 meters and 4x100 meter relay races. He was also a part of the prestigious 200 meter dash invitational event.

In the 100, Lawrence placed third with a time of 10.65. Teammate Marquis Noble, who



Marquis Noble

qualified for the 100 meter finals with a seventh-place finish on Friday, placed seventh again on Saturday in 10.89. Lawrence was also effective in

the 200 meter invite. Among some of the best sprinters in the country, Lawrence placed ninth in 22.11.

Lawrence then teamed with Jeffrey Lewis, Noble and Keenan Smith to run the 4x100 in 40.82 for a fifth place finish. The Aggies 4x200 meter relay team of Lewis, Christopher Barnes, Ashanti Felder and Maurice Rucker placed sixth in 1:28.26.

A&T's best field event was the men's triple jump, where Smith placed seventh with his best leap extending to 48-feet, 1/2 inch.

The Aggies are scheduled to compete in the Florida Relays and the Duke Invitational this week.