

# Fall means start of CIAA-MEAC and A&T-WSSU annual clash

By Malcolm Pharr

The air is cooling and soon the green leaves will be turning into yellow, reds and burning orange. In time they will descend upon the earth and summer will become autumn. There is nothing more beautiful in death than the way Mother Nature transforms herself from the greenery of spring and summer to the beautiful colors of the fall. And for most in the triad area there is no sweeter sound than young football prospects grunting, grimacing and grotesquely carving their bodies into shape in order to compete during yet another football season.

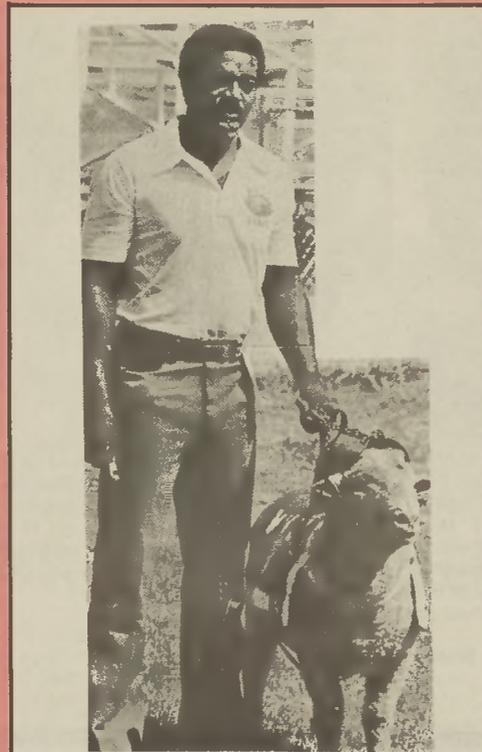
The 1989 CIAA/MEAC Football Preview gives football fans from Tallahassee, Florida to Dover, Delaware the opportunity to see what's in store for them regarding black college football. The season is presently one-week old and already fans are ecstatic

and optimistic about the 1989 campaign.

This season the CIAA will once again chase coach Pete Richardson and his Winston-Salem State University team. The defending CIAA champs have some gaps to fill, but as in their first outing and victory, the Rams have ample talent to plug any leaks that may be in the Rams' squad.

Coach Bill Hayes and the A & T State University Aggies have "the look", that may lead the Aggies back into prominence in the MEAC. Hayes and former W.S.S.U. quarterback, Cornell "Sweetness" Maynor, showed glimpses of explosive offense and stingy defense as they ate the N.C.C.U. Eagles for lunch in the first week of the season 24-6.

Victories by both the Aggies and Rams set the stage for their clash on September 9, 1989.



Two years ago, Bill Hayes held the reins to the WSSU Rams. Now in his second season at A&T, he will have a firmer grip on the Aggies.

Two weeks ago odds makers would have called the game "no contest", with the Rams easily the favorite. Today, the two schools, which are separated by only a twenty-six mile stretch, are dead even.

The rest of the CIAA will be chasing the Rams, but some teams are somewhat closer than others. Former Philadelphia Eagle, Sanders Shiver, takes over the reigns of the high-powered Bowie State Bulldogs. The Bulldogs outlasted the J.C. Smith Golden Bulls in one of the highest scoring contests in league history. The Bulldogs' rushing and passing attack outscored the Bulls aerial show, featuring Mo Flowers, 58-41. (And they say defense materializes before offense.)

The NCCU Eagles and "Hammerin" Hank Lattimore look to be the most overrated team in

the CIAA. It will be very difficult for quarterback Ed Witcher to live up to this position in "Eagle Land." The shoes of Gerald Fraylon and Earl "Air" Harvey could be a bit to large for Witcher. It's not even fair to compare the three.

The Hampton Pirates of the CIAA North are projected to finish first on the churning legs of Tim Dudley. Dudley gained 1004 yards a year ago and has a bone to pick with W.S.S.U.'s Broderick Graves, who won the CIAA rushing title with 1005 yards.

The Howard Bisons and first-year coach Steve Wilson (former Denver Bronco) will battle Delaware State for honors in the MEAC.

The South Carolina State Bulldogs are optimistic about the return of Willie Jeffries. Jeffries left the Bisons amid rumors and allegations of problems in the football program.

## Hayes gets second shot at boosting Aggies

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If second-year Coach Bill Hayes has a case of "Sophomore Jinx," the Aggie Alumni will have him for lunch. The second time around will be better for the Aggie's mentor. After finishing 2-9 last season, one could almost hear the sigh of relief traveling east to west on Highway



Bill Hayes

40. A years experience for coaches and grasping by players of Hayes' system should help bring smiles to Aggie followers.

Aggie's foes will hate to know that All-America linebacker Demetrius Harrison, the MEAC's Defense Player of the Year. Nose guard Kirk Graham is the Mainstay of several returning linemen. Dee Moye will

anchor the Aggies secondary.

Last season the Aggies offense was the weakest in the MEAC. They scored only 13 touchdowns in 11 outings a year ago. This season the Aggies will gain the services of former W.S.S.U. quarterback Cornell Maynor. Maynor, a native of Fayetteville, N.C., led

the Rams to the 1987 CIAA Championship, but opted to leave the Rams program when Coach Hayes departed.

Maynor wasted no time in seizing the field general's job during

spring drills. Maynor's ability to make the big play under fire in some-

thing the Aggie's offense lacked a year ago.

The Aggie's backfield appears to be solidifying with Jerome Crawford,

Doraine Harris and Anthony Carrington prepared to dazzle de-

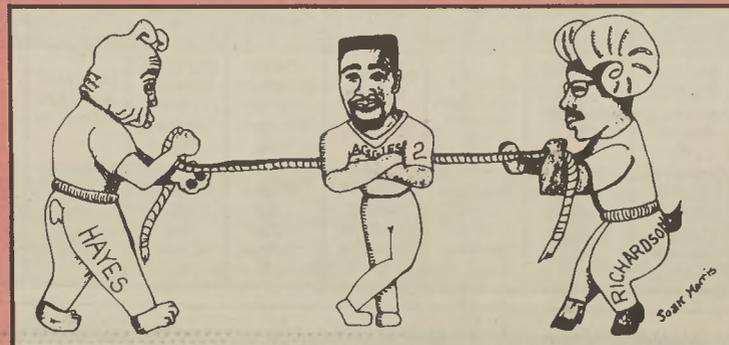
fenses. Hilton Winstead, the Aggie's former quarterback, will get

a chance to show his athleticism as a wingback in the Aggie's offense.

## The rivalry: more than between schools

By Diana Williams-Cotton

We have for years awaited the "Big Game", "The Clash of the Triad", "the meeting of the Aggies and the Rams", September 9, 1989 is the date and Winston-Salem is the place. For years there has been a rivalry between the two Black colleges that are located just a few miles apart. Once they were both in the CIAA, A & T



State University moved to the MEAC. That didn't change a thing, that was until two years ago; that's when A & T stole Winston-Salem State's winning football coach, along with him went their quarterback.

Now we have what some may view as new rivalry between Coach Bill Hayes and his former assistant now WSSU

Coach Pete Richardson.

We are sure they would deny there is any such thing going on, but how would you like to go down in defeat to your former assistant? We will all be on hand to witness whether or not Pete can make it two in a row. Or will Bill make a comeback. Join us at Bowman Gray Stadium Saturday Night.