A&T headed to Chapel Hill in NCAA's From Page B1

think facing the ninth-best team in the country is a whole lot better than having to play number one." Coach Don Corbett could not be reached for comment early this

week, but was reportedly happy

"It is good that we will be close to home," Corbett told the Greens-boro Daily News when hearing of the matchup Sunday evening.

"This will allow us to practice at home more and give us the local support," he said.

"Playing Syracuse is like play-ing any of the rest of them -- they are all tough. I've seen them on television several times and I know they like to run

"They are bigger than us, but that's not unusual. We'll have our hands full."

A&T Athletic Director, Orby

said he ecstatic about the

"When I first heard it, I thought it would be wonderful for us to be playing so close to home," said Moss.

"But the UNC fans thought

they'd be playing in Chapel Hill and they bought up all the tickets. W'ree having a big problem getting enough tickets.

"Still, I thought considering how well we played on the road that we deserved to be an 11th or

Free said it is NCAA policy to be 250 tickets to the schools in

"All our people want is the \$16 single session tickets. What it all boils down to is that we will have to wait until the last minute to get wait until the lass ...
them.
"I think a lot of the kids will
"muching it on television."

end up watching it on television."

The placing of Duke in the
"Dean Dome" instead of the UNC

"I just pointed out that A&T had won their conference for seven straight years and had been on the road every

-- Ken Free, MEAC Commissioner and NCAA Committee Member

advance and not to break up ticket books.

They won't start selling tick ets to individual games until the last minute," said Free. "That's to

last minute," said Free. "That's to promote better overall sales." Moss said that several Tarheel fans wanted to sell their \$50 books of tickets, but could not break them

"That price puts the game out of reach for the students," Moss

has not only fouled ticket sales up, it has stirred considerable contro-

something eye awakening," Free

"I wasn't all that surprised," he said. "They had a chance to play at home and they lost it and the ACC Tournament Sunday.

"Duke beat them three times and won the tournament. I think

they deserved to stay close to home."

home."
Free said the same line of thought helped A&T land a first-round site in their own backyard.
"I brought up a few stats to the committee," he said.
"I just pointed out that A&T had won their tournament seven straight times and had played on the grand every year.

road every year.

"I also convinced them to rank
the Aggies individually and not
with their conference. If you dominate a league for seven years, then you deserve a better look

The committee aparently listened to their rookie member and "rewarded" A&T with this after-

rewarted A&T with this atter-noon's matchup with Syracuse. Free said considering that such teams as LSU and Georgetown were eighth and ninth, that 14th wasn't all that bad.

"Like I said, I think they came out of the whole thing in pretty good shape," Free insisted. "They were drawing number ones and

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Fletcher takes surprise indoor win From Page B1

After an even start, Fletcher poured it on at the finish where he was sure he had won.

Moose said it so close that he nor the crowd could tell who won.

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"It took a photo to tell who
won it," Moose said. "I didn't know

on it." Moose said. "I didn't know r sure until they announced it 15 inutes later."

"I just knew I had it won," etcher said. "I was pretty sure I me across in front."

Indeed he did, as the Parkland senior not only won the race, but established the fastest time in the nation in the 55-meter hurdles this

The 7.22 mark was the fourthbest high school time ever in the event, topped only by Fletcher's

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For A Deal!! idol, Renaldo Neimiah, who still

holds the top three places.

Before the race, Fletcher's dad helped him work out an arm swing that had been slowing him down.

His father, Lawrence Fletcher, is a track coach at a New Jersey High School and made the trip to watch his son surprise the field.

"He showed me a little thing I

"I felt if Scott made the top six, then that would be quite an accomplishment. Anything after that, would be gravy. Obviously Scott came home with a lot of gravy.

-- Jim Moose Parkland Track Coach

"My dad's advice was probably the difference in my time improv-ing so quick," said Fletcher, whose previous best was a 7.41 in the state

was doing wrong and it turned out to win the race for me. I had my lead arm sticking out and it was slowing me down.

cal race. We were all fast. The person with the best technique and form would be the winner. It felt like the fastest I've ever run."

Fletcher credited the support of his family, schoolmates and coaches for the victory.

e victory.
'A lot of people helped me win

This guy right here has been pushing me hard in practice," said Fletcher, referring to teammate David Brown.
His oldest brother, Kevin Gary, boasted of Fletcher's achievements.
"Just go look in his room," said

Gary, a former prep football star.

"He's got a whole shelf full of them. We're awfully proud of

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