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Aggies listed among greatest

Magazine ranks A&T No. 62 on ranking of all-time best programs

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The N.C. A&T men's basketball program has a rich history of success.

The Aggie accomplishments and standout players are numerous. So much so, they caught the attention of a national publication.



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In Street & Smith's specialty publication of the greatest college basketball programs of all time, its assembled panel ranked the N.C. A&T men's program No. 62 all time.

The magazine article pointed out the Aggies' seven straight conference tournament championships (1982-1988), the 156-51 record during the '80s, the 16 MEAC tournament titles, and the legendary players from N.C. A&T such as Al Attles, current Golden State Warriors front office executive; Hugh Evans, senior NBA official; and Joe Binion, the Aggies' all-time leading scorer (2,143) and rebounder (1,257). Former Aggies coach Don Corbett and his 249 wins between 1979-93 were also mentioned in the article.

"Despite the prolific individuals like Evans, Attles, Corbett and Binion, it is A&T's team success that has brought the Aggies the most acclaim," said Street & Smith's writer William T. Conroy. "In fact, only six teams in the history of basketball have won more consecutive conference championships than the seven the Aggies won during Corbett's tenure."

The Aggies are six wins away from 800 all time. The Aggies have more NCAA tournament appearances (nine), more MEAC regular-season championships (11), and more conference wins (278) than any other MEAC school. The former CIAA school also has five championships from that conference.

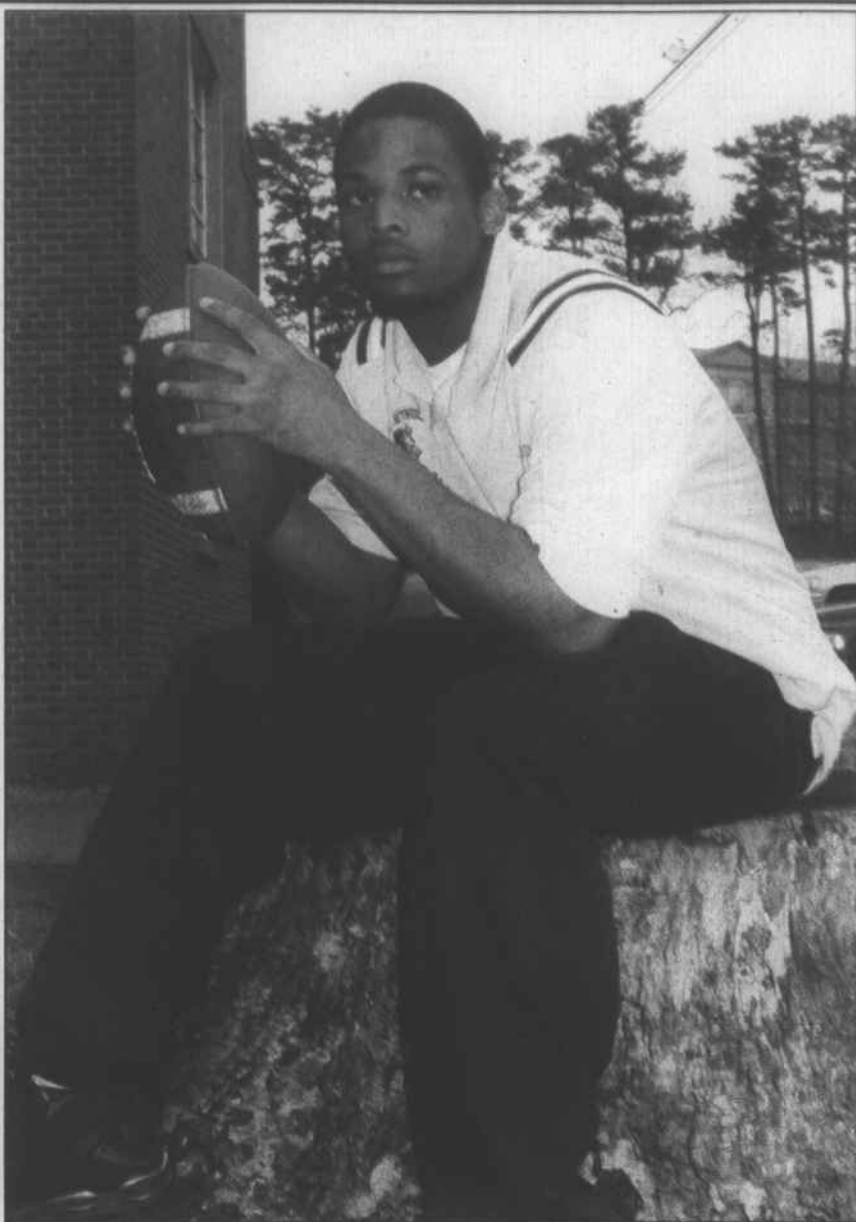


Photo by Anthony Hill

Reynolds High senior Anthony Levine signed a scholarship to play for Tennessee State University last week.

NO MORE WAIT

Reynolds senior signs with Tennessee State

BY ANTHONY HILL
THE CHRONICLE

Reynolds High All-Conference and All-State football star Anthony Levine has waited for the day he would sign a college scholarship for as long as he can remember. He's also had to wait on a few other things before he could actually sign his letter of intent to play college ball.

Levine had to wait until he made the appropriate score on his SAT. He had to wait on the right schools to recruit him. He also had to wait on the attention he deserved on the football field. For some reason, Levine has

been slightly under the recruiting radar in this state. But after putting together a fine senior football season at Reynolds and improving his academics, the wait is finally over for Levine.



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Last week, Levine signed a national letter of intent to play for Winston-Salem native James Web-

ster at Tennessee State University next fall. Levine couldn't be any happier with his choice.

"I feel real good about Tennessee State," Levine said. "I felt comfortable ever since me and my dad went up there for a visit. I really like coach Webster, and the other coaches. I like the players up there too. Another thing that played a big role in my decision to go to Tennessee State is the fact that coach (Marcus) Gladden will also be going there next year."

Levine is expected to play a number of positions on the squad. He's expected to be a

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Photo by Charlie Pfaff

The Winston-Salem State Rams are playing with a lot of emotion on the court this season.

Is this the Rams' year?

All-County junior varsity hoops team coming

FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill



Can this be the year the Winston-Salem State men hoist the CIAA championship trophy in Raleigh? Does this year's team have what it takes to sweep through the CIAA tournament, defeating teams such as Virginia Union and Bowie State?

The Rams beat Virginia Union pretty badly on Jan. 4. They beat the then-No. 1 team in Division II 76-62. Then, on Jan. 29, the Rams skated past a tough Bowie State squad 67-62. Both of those games were in Winston-Salem, of course. I know there are some other teams that will present potential problems for Winston-Salem State, but Virginia Union and Bowie State are the main obstacles.

I think the Rams can do it. I

think they're more determined to win the CIAA championship this year, and I believe they're more confident of their abilities than they've been in recent years. The past two seasons it was almost as if the Rams hoped to win, rather than believed they would win in the tournament. And that coincidentally led to an early exit from the action.

The Rams seem to be flying high this year. They earned their 20th victory of the season on Tuesday at the Joel when they beat N.C. Central 79-58. That improved their record to 20-6 overall (13-2 CIAA, 8-2 CIAA West) on the season. That's a great record in

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Photo by Anthony Hill

Young ballers at Hanes Hosiery are playing some of the most exciting games in the Hot Hoops Basketball League.



Basketball squads making playoff push

Postseason set to start soon

BY JOHNNY JAMISON
FOR THE CHRONICLE

As the season winds down, teams at the Hanes Hosiery continue to make a strong push toward the postseason. A few teams have set themselves apart from the pack, while others are still trying to find an identity or salvage what's left of the season.

In the 6-10-year-old division, no team has made a push quite like the Blue Devils. They've already clinched first place in their division.

Blue Devils 31, Wolfpack 20: Infiniti Penn was too strong inside for the Blue Devils, leading them to a 31-20 victory over the Wolfpack. Penn scored 16 points, while the talented

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REUNITED



Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Wake Forest star point guard Porshe Jones reunited with UNC's Camille Little during last week's game between the Deacs and the Tarheels. The two former Yellowjackets have faced each other only twice here in Winston-Salem. Little and the Tarheels won 78-69 in the Joel on Feb. 16.

Paul also scores in classroom

Wake Forest guard named Academic All-District

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wake Forest's Chris Paul is not just doing big things on the basketball court. He is also handling major business in the classroom.

The talented sophomore was selected to the 2005 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District III Men's Basketball University Division Team, announced College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) last week.

To be eligible for the team, student-athletes must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher. Academic All-America selections will draw from the pool of All-District teams later this year.

Paul averages 15.1 points per game and



Paul

See Paul on B5