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## Bibbs re-ups with Aggies

Coach signs a four-year extension

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The North Carolina A&T interim athletics director recently announced a four-year contract extension for women's basketball coach Patricia Cage Bibbs. Financial terms of the deal were disclosed.

Bibbs will begin working under her new contract immediately which means the terms of her old deal have been voided in place of her new arrangement. Bibbs' new contract extends into the 2011-2012 season.

"Patricia was brought in to do what she has done so many times in her career — elevate a program to the top of the conference," said Brown. "She certainly has not disappointed. She has taken the women's basketball program from the middle of the pack in the conference and made us the team to beat in the MEAC. We are excited about where she can take our program not only in the MEAC, but nationally."

"This is a joyous day for me," said Bibbs. "The opportunity to coach at an institution like North Carolina A&T is a privilege because the Aggie family has been so gracious to me, my family and our program. I said when I came here I was going to take this program to the NCAA Tournament and this gives me the opportunity to do that many times over."

Bibbs had the Aggies on the brink of the NCAA Tournament in March. The Aggies lost to Coppin State in the MEAC Championship Game 72-70. Despite the title-game loss, the Aggies put together the best regular-season in school history.

The Aggies won a school-record 25 games, won the MEAC regular-season title with a 15-1 record and earned the program's first national

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NBA All-Star and Olympian Chris Paul glides through the air for a score during a Pro Am game last week. Games are played at Forsyth Country Day on Mondays and Thursdays.

Photo by Charlie Pfaff

## SPOTTING STARS AT PRO AM LEAGUE

It's sad to see the Late Nite League not go on this summer. But it's good to have an alternative like the Triad Pro Am League at Forsyth Country Day in Lewisville.

From the looks of the action and attendance last week, it's already turning into a community favorite. Well, it's not quite the same atmosphere as Late Nite. But it's not the same type of players either. Late Nite gave people a chance to see some of their friends, and a few overseas ballers get down. The Pro Am League offers fans a chance to see college guys they cheer for on television. It also gives fans a chance to see some of the newest area college stars — straight out of high school. And, it also offers fans a chance to see some area standouts bang against a number of other area college standouts and overseas professionals.

The Wake Forest freshmen looked really good last week, especially Al Farouq Aminu

(A McDonald's All-American). Wake's L.D. Williams, Gary Clark, Ish Smith, Harvey Hale, James Johnson, Chas McFarland, Jamie Skeen, Jeff Teague (my favorite Deac) and a few other Deacs are also getting down out there. There was also a Chris Paul sitting last week. CP also played on Monday night.

There's a few talented guys that don't play professional or college ball anymore that still play. Guys like Rusty LaRue, Ray Bristow, Craig Dawson, Rod Dunlap and Mike Drum — to name a few.

Let me throw out some more names you can see ball during Pro Am games: Jon Rumley, Josh Pittman, Eric Wallace, Phillip McCandies, A.J. Highsmith, Josh Nofflet, Rhett Bonner, Kyle Boardman, JK Edwards, Danny Gathings, Walt Baxley and Tony Woods. I'm not finished. You can

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### FROM THE HUDDLE

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## SHERMAN RETURNS

Track star wins 100 meter at regional meet

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Carver's former track and football star Bryce Sherman, who ran for Tri City Relays over the weekend, has heard all of the talk and whispers about him losing a step, or not really being as fast as he used to be.

But he's used that as motivation, especially during last weekend's AAU Regional Track and Field meet in Knoxville, Tenn. Sherman helped his 4x100 team finish second behind the Memphis Mustangs with a time of 41.67. Immediately following that race Sherman was clocked at 10.73 to win the 100-meter final — defeating Dante Shaw (Charlotte Heat) and James Raley (Tri City). Ironically, Sherman finished behind both of those runners in the preliminary race.

"That was my best time all year," said Sherman. "I'm very happy about that. I thought that I had a chance to win the 100. James (Raley) beat me in the prelims at the last minute. That was the second time he beat me. He also beat me at the state meet. I wasn't really mad. I was straight with that. I just tried harder during the final. And, I felt really good after the 4x100."

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Level Track Club coach Derrick Spears added: "It was the old Bryce out here this weekend. He looked really quick. Bryce was really coming in that 100. He simply dominated the last 20 or 30 meters of the race. There was a lot of great competition in the 100. But Bryce definitely showed that he hasn't lost it. It was really good to see him perform like that. It really was."

Sherman couldn't do as much training as he probably would've liked this past season due to a broken ankle. His doctor even told him that he wouldn't be completely healed until July. Yet, Sherman still tested himself as much as he could by competing during the outdoor season.

"My dad told me that I wasn't 100 percent," Sherman said. "He could tell by the way I ran this year. The doctor told me that I wouldn't be healed until July. But I saw that we had a team that could possibly compete for a state championship at Carver. So I ran anyway. Plus, my ankle wasn't really bothering me that much. I simply couldn't do some of the things I was doing before."

Sherman's training consisted of a lot more stretching and weight training — as well as countless hours on the track. He knew that he had to get himself into better shape after finishing with a time of 11.4 in the 100 just two weeks ago.

"I really wasn't doing what I needed to do to get better before," Sherman said. "But I got more focused on my goals after last weekend. I ran an 11.4, which is not good. That's why I'm so happy about my time in this meet. That was my best time all year. And, I felt as good as I have all year. I really did feel like myself during this meet."

Sherman said that his relay team probably would've won a

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Photo by Jeff Sides

Tri City Relays sprinter Bryce Sherman jets past competition in Tennessee.

Oh Snap!



Photo by Anthony Hill

Reynolds senior quarterback Jeremy Peterson takes a snap during a preseason passing drill earlier this week. The Demons and several other area high school football teams are already getting right for the upcoming season.

## T.I.C.K.S finish second in tourney

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The T.I.C.K.S (Teaching Inner City Kids Structure) 15U boys squad gave a valiant effort during the Division II National Tournament in Little Rock, Ark. (July 7-12), but was unable to win it all. The squad did manage to accomplish more than they have in the past, though.

The T.I.C.K.S., which are sponsored by NBA star Josh Howard, finished second in the nation after losing to the St. Louis Pal Five, 45-32, in the championship game. The T.I.C.K.S finished second in the nation out of 56 other teams. The squad defeated the North Carolina Wizards (70-65), Arkansas Kings (63-54), AP Wildcats (64-63) and Team Louisiana (52-49) to reach the championship tilt, after finishing Pool Play with a 2-1 record. Previously, the squad wasn't able to make it past Pool Play — which resulted in having to play in the Classic Tournament.

"I'm very proud of the guys,"



Photo by Anthony Hill

T.I.C.K.S head coach Quincy Smiling (from left) and team founder Jonathan Brown pose with the runner-up trophy.

said T.I.C.K.S head coach Quincy Smiling, Ph.D. "They played very hard throughout the tournament. After we went 2-1 in Pool Play I gave the guys a motivational speech and we took off in the championship

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