

Assistant coach enjoying season

By DON RHODES

Lamont McNair is a teacher of exceptional children at Rocky Mount Senior High School. He is also the assistant basketball coach of North Carolina Wesleyan men's basketball team.

McNair, who last year was an assistant coach at Edwards Junior High in Rocky Mount, was informed of a vacant assistant coach position by a friend earlier this year. At first, he admits, he wasn't sure about taking the job, but upon careful considering of the idea, he decided, "Why not move up?"

Now that McNair has been at Wesleyan for a couple of months, he feels good about the move. He believes that the players have improved, and that he has helped them with some of the fundamentals of the game.

His biggest success, however, has been in instilling good values, like teamwork, into the players. He wants teammates "to go to each other with their problems, and help each other with their studies."

If the players have "respect for each other, then they will learn to get along in life," which is most important, McNair said.

McNair still plays basketball for

Jounigan Food Store. His biggest thrill as a player came a few years ago when his team won the trophy, the only team from the Rocky Mount area in the last 15 years to do so.

Although he doesn't like to predict, McNair said that he feels good about the season and that the team "will be in the top three or four in the conference, and maybe the top two or three."

Three loan programs offer aid to residents

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American youth show ignorance of geography

American students don't know very much about geography, studies released during recent weeks show.

Separate surveys of students' geography knowledge at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and California State and Mankato State universities found some collegians were unable to find the Soviet Union on a map, thought Nicaragua was an Asian island, or didn't know the U.S.'s leading trade partner was.

Students who took a 21-question, multiple-choice geography quiz at Cal State Fullerton, for example, averaged just 12 correct answers.

At the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, only 22 percent of students recently surveyed could find the Soviet Union on a world map. In Dallas, another survey revealed that one quarter of the high school seniors tested knew that Mexico is the United States' southern neighbor.

"The tests are depressingly accurate," said Patt Morrison, a University of Southern California journalism teacher and Los Angeles Times reporter. "When students place the Bering Straits off the coast of Maine and think Nicaragua is an island off the coast of India, something is definitely wrong."

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Watch the "upcoming events" board for details of future visits.

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GRE TEST DATES

February 6, 1988
April 9, 1988
June 4, 1988

GMAT TEST DATES

March 19, 1988
June 18, 1988

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