

Wright Named To Team



Michael "Mean Mike" Wright - a Fayetteville State University linebacker - has been selected to the Mutual Black Network All - American Team. The 6-0, 190 pound native of Rocky Mount is a junior at Fayetteville State University and was earlier selected to the District 29 All - NAIA team.

The Mutual Black Sports Network has selected Fayetteville State University All-Star linebacker Michael "Mean Mike" Wright to its Black All-America team. The announcement was made by Frank Bannister, Director of Mutual Black Network Sports in New York City.

Wright, a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, was selected District 29 All - NAIA linebacker for the 1972 gridiron season.

"I think that Mike truly deserves the honor of being selected to the Mutual Black Network All-America defensive team," said head coach of football Raymon McDougal.

Wright, a 6-0, 190 pounder is the only player to be selected from the CIAA conference to the Mutual Black Network All-America team.

"I feel that the FSU coaching staff and the entire defensive unit helped me to garner this honor," said Wright, and "I hope that I will prove to be worthy of it."

Vet Is High On Education

His boyish looks belie the fact that he is a twenty-two year Army veteran and father of five. But more importantly, Ralph Harris, Jr. completed requirements for his undergraduate degree in Business Administration at Fayetteville State University in two straight school years and two summer school sessions. He started in the summer of 1970 and finished in December 1972.

This is quite a feat when you consider the fact that Harris worked as a janitor from the hours of eight to five a.m. while attending classes during the day at Fayetteville State University.

When asked how he felt about this experience, Harris replied casually, "Well, it really was a grind particularly having to work 'til five in the morning and then going to school the same day."

Harris is certainly the epitome of self-determination. He did not make things too easy for himself during the two years. In fact, he switched majors during this period and still managed to graduate.

"I must say that I did not make things too comfortable for myself because I started majoring in sociology and ended with a degree in business administration. You might say I switched horses in the middle of the stream," said Harris.

Harris, a youthful-looking 45-year old native of Long Branch, New Jersey, said that he has always wanted to attend college.

"I am the oldest of ten children and the very first in my family to achieve a college education," he said.



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One might think that Harris is taking it easy now. However, the former Army Master Sergeant has other plans.

"My goal or aspiration is to get all the education that I can. I am presently seeking my Master's degree in Business Administration at the University of Utah-Pope Air Force Branch," Harris said.

When asked what does he want to do when he gets his degree, Harris smiled, "I want to get my doctorate."

This summer Ralph Harris' daughter plans to enroll at Fayetteville State University. "I do not think that she plans to complete school in the length of time I completed," he laughed, "but my family is very proud of what I accomplished, and what I am presently attempting to do," Harris replied.

Harris said that he would eventually like to work in top-level government position when he finished his education.

"I am enjoying school so much, I just may stay in school," Harris said.

Soul Music's Future

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it did more than just open the eyes of people in the movie industry to the fact that Black artists can compose scores for movies be they Black or White movies.

"Now that a whole lot of low-quality Black films have failed to become the kind of box office success that Shaft was, the movies are going to have to get better in every respect, and this certainly includes the themes," Butler said. "Before Hayes' success, competent people like Oliver Nelson, J. J. Johnson and Quincy Jones who've been doing a whole gang of things were receiving nominal recognition, but I think that they

are in for their due.

"Any Black musician who writes a musical score now doesn't have to do so with an Academy Award in mind, but one thing that he would have to keep in mind is that it would be good." Butler went on. "A creditable offshoot here also is that no longer will Blacks just do musical scores for Black movies, but movies in general, Black and white. These avenues that were opened by Quincy, Hayes and the rest of them will help broaden the outlook of Black artists and force them to strive for a higher degree of competency, especially academically.



Cogdell Selected Player Of The Week

Alton Cogdell, Fayetteville State University's "do-it-all" forward was selected as NAIA District 29 "Player of the Week" for December 11, 1972.

A native of St. Pauls, North Carolina, Cogdell is the leading point-maker for the Reeves-men. The 6-3 play-making and defensive-minded sophomore has poured in 79 points in four games for an average of 19.8 per contest. Cogdell scored 18 points as Fayetteville State won 73-71 at South Carolina State. He burned the nets for 25 more points as the Bronco-men disposed of Federal City 81-71. The one-man scoring machine continued his torred pace of getting points by dropping in 18 points as the Reeves-men conquered the Blue Bears at Livingstone College, 113-80. Coach Reeves' prize forward collected 18 points in FSU's squeaker over Pembroke State University, 62-61. Cogdell canned 14 points in FSU's first loss of the season at Howard University.

The Bronco forward is a fantastic athlete to watch in action. According to the head man, Coach Reeves, "Cogdell is the type of individual who can score from anywhere, either on long ones from the outside or on spectacular drives."

"He is especially effective when he banks the ball underneath through the loop or on quick follow shots under the basket," said Reeves.

Lost & Found

FOUND:
A "1972" girl's class ring was found in the vicinity of the Taylor Science Building. Come to the Student Center for information concerning it.

ADVANTAGES OF BICYCLING

The sport of bicycling has reached an all time high in popularity. Today 65 million people (33% of the nation's populace!), adults as well as children, ride bicycles for a variety of reasons.

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POOL TOURNAMENT

Ervin Melvin and Haywood Faison, both students at FSU, competed in the finals of the pool tournament held at FSU. Melvin came out on top with an overwhelming victory of 50-39. Ervin is a Physical Education major from Baltimore, Maryland. By winning the championship, Melvin now goes to Tennessee for the Regional Tournament with hopes of becoming the victor. Ervin also won the summer championship games held here also. Melvin is a member of the Bronco Football team.

In the second game Haywood Faison, a junior Math major from Clinton, N. C. went against Reginald Wallace, a Business Education major from Everettes, N. C., and won by a score of 42-32. This game decided who will be runner-up for the championship.

The champion, Ervin Melvin, will receive a trophy and the runner-up, Haywood Faison, will also receive a trophy.

The tournament was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

BASEBALL

Ron Battle, a junior at FSU, was officially declared batting champion in Area 7 of the NAIA for the 1972 baseball season, according to the American Association of College Baseball Coaches. Ron is coached by Mr. M. Armistead who is the head baseball coach, as well as assistant basketball coach.

Ron received a trophy from the Adirondack Company in recognition of his achievement. This "Big Stick" trophy was given at a banquet held in Chicago on January 6 at the AACBC convention sponsored by the Adirondack Company. Battle's average for the 1972 season was .481.

The Voice's sports staff wishes to congratulate Ron Battle and Coach Armistead on their recent achievement and wishes them the best of luck in the 1973 season.

INTRAMURALS

Intramural basketball has started here at FSU and it began with the first two set of teams meeting Wednesday night January 15, in the Lilly Gymnasium. The first team who played to start the season off were the Hurricanes, coached by Benny Thorpe, going against the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., coached by Felix Sawyer. The A's won the game by a score of 52-43. Their high point men were Keith Jefferies with 14 points and Jesse Alston scoring 10 points. The other scoring men were Kenneth Vinson 4 points, Witton Best 9 points, James McPherson 12 points, and Donnie Campbell 3 points. The Hurricanes high point men were Larry Faison scoring 17 points and C. Brown with 14 points. Scoring along with them were C. Evans 2 points, Roger Clemons 8 points, and L. Beamon 2 points.

In the second game the Huskies clashed with the Bullets. The final score of this game was 44-40 with the Bullets over the Huskies by a slim margin. The Bullets, coached by Glenn Brown, high point man was Harry Terrell scoring 15 points, Dennis Gibson scored 4 points, Frank Hargains 6 points, Chester Alston 2 points, Carlton Jones and Edward Johnson with 4 points, Ervin Cogdell, George Ellis, and Archie Smith all scoring 2 points.

The Huskies, coached by Wayne Lewis, high point man was James Sanders scoring 12 points and Reginald Christman scoring 10 points, James Tucker 9 points, and Joe Tate 8 points. A schedule for the remaining games to be played will be posted.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team are doing their thing again this year. Coached by Miss Lourette J. Taylor, the team is ranking number one in their conference. Their overall record is three wins and no losses. The members of this undefeated team are Gail Cameron-Captain, Linda Cotton-Co-Captain, Joalle Mosely, Maggie Edwards, Barbara Smith, Arlene Joyner, Katrinia Melvin, Gail Thrett, Linda McKoy, and Peggy Williamson. With versatile players such as these the team looks as if it will make it to the championship playoffs.

J.V. BASKETBALL

The J. V. Basketball team of FSU went against the J. V. basketball of Elizabeth City State University Tuesday night January 16 and loss 58-63. It was a rough game and the team fought hard to pull it out, but E.C.S.U. was able to win by some outstanding rebounding which presented a factor in the closing minutes of the game.

ALLEN'S COMMENTS

Well, everyone's question should be answered by now. What is that question? How will the team do without former All-NAIA, All-CIAA, All-American Michael Sneed? Well, so far the team record is far better than it was last year. The players seem to take the game more seriously and there is more teamwork on the floor, with men such as James Tyus and All-CIAA Prospect, Alton Cogdell, who are two of the most aggressive men on the Bronco team. As one of the co-captains of the Bronco team, Joey Donnell, put it "the team is doing great."

I am inclined to agree with him because the question is answered and there is no doubt in my mind that FSU will be in the CIAA Championship play-offs this year and take it. Presently, second in the CIAA Southern Division, the team is in good standing and in good shape in CIAA competition. I send compliments to coach T. L. Reeves and assistant coach M. Armistead and I wish them luck during the rest of the season.