

DRIVE TO SPLIT CIAA GAINS FORCE

Lee Calhoun To Run Saturday In Chicago

North Carolina College's 1956 110 meter high hurdles champion, Lee Calhoun, will compete in the 60 yard high hurdles at the Chicago Daily News' meet in International Amphitheater in Chicago Saturday night (March 28).

Calhoun, a graduate student in physical education at NCC this semester, retired the Harrison Dillard Trophy in the Knights of Columbus meet in Columbus, O., on March 21 by finishing 6.1 in the 50 yard high sticks to equal his own 1957 record. In the March 21 race he edged out Hayes Jones of Western Michigan and Charley Pratt, former Manhattan star.

J. T. Walker, Calhoun's track coach at NCC, said "He seems sounder than ever. He's got that same desire to win and his legs seem getting stronger each event."

The former NCC flash will run outdoors for the first time at the big Quantico Marines' carnival in Quantico, Va., April 10 and 11.



RETURNING HERO—Cat Irvin, who coached the A & T College Aggies basketballers to CIAA visitation and tourney championships for the second year in a row and in winning the NCAA District Play-offs at Tuskegee, Ala., is being hoisted above the shoulders of Aggie fans as he deplaned in Greensboro after his boys had capped third place in the NCAA College Division Tournament at Evansville, Ind.

Team Returns from Evansville A. & T. Aggie Fans Tie Up Traffic Greeting Basketball Heroes

GREENSBORO—Traffic at the Greensboro High Point Airport was snarled for about an hour Saturday afternoon, March 14, as students at A&T College put on a wild demonstration honoring their returning heroes, the A&T basketball team.

The team was returning from the NCAA college division basketball tournament held that week at Evansville, Indiana in which the Aggies had won third place.

Nearly 2,000 rabid fans, assisted by a hurriedly pieced together band cheered Coach Cal Irvin and his boys and blocked the main entrance of the terminal and entry ways to the parking area. When Irvin, draped in leis of the college colors, was lifted to the shoulders of the cheering mob, the crowd burst in loud applause. It was the first time that the Aggies had reached the national finals of any basketball tournament and local observers pointed out that it was the biggest celebration ever put together by Aggie fans. The celebration closed with the singing of "Dear A&T", the Alma Mater.

Due to a change in routing by the airlines, the team arrived before they had left the terminal. Irvin, making a brief statement at an assembly of students immediately preceding the regular Saturday evening movies, told the throng, "we were not cheated in the semi-finals game we lost, we had to play the best game this season to have won." We paid high commendation to the conduct of the tournament, the citizens of Evansville and the play of his team.

Shaw Diamond Drills Open With 22 Men

RALEIGH—The Shaw University Bears are entering into their third week of pre-season baseball practice under the watchful eye of Coach James E. Lytle.

Coach Lytle has 22 candidates from which to choose an opening day lineup. Leading these candidates are Captain Eugene Hammonds, a 21 year old senior second baseman from Asheville, and Clarence Crutchfield, a junior of Roxboro and the Bears' leading pitcher for the past two seasons. Crutchfield has been placed on the all-conference team for two consecutive seasons.

Returning lettermen are Bennie Benson, Isaiah Taylor, Wilbur Lytle and Frank Baker who give the Bears a strong pitching staff. Lytle and Benson were starters last season. Taylor was used mainly as a reliever and Baker was used sparingly as a pitcher because of usefulness in other positions.

Other returning lettermen are outfielder David Cobb and Harold Ramsey.

Robert Pettaway, a returning veteran, who was out of school two years serving in the Army is a strong candidate for the third base position.



ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING—In addition to the blooming crocus, the rise of asp, etc., the gathering of young athletes in Florida and other southern parts of the country presages the coming of Spring. Typical of many of them is young James McClain, pictured here as he left his home on Hazel street last week for Sanford, Florida where he and other New York Giant farmhands will train for the coming baseball season. McClain is scheduled to move up to the class A Springfield, Connecticut team of the Eastern League this season. He was an outstanding performer last season in an all-rookie league for the Giants' Hastings, Nebraska team.

Among the missing will be Roy Hurst, State's fine all-around athlete, who has started back on the road to recovery from a knee operation.

Turn-Out Of 55 Greets Coach At S. C. State Baseball Training

ORANGEBURG, S. C. — Fifty-five hopeful candidates reported to Coach Edward Martin's first baseball practice at South Carolina State College. Among this group were ten returning lettermen.

Rounding out the veteran infield are Harry Nelson, Leroy Ransom, Charles Smalls, Dick Fogel, James Payton and Albert Green. Robert Dixon is the only returning outfielder.

Pitching will be handled by Willie Jeffries, Razzie Smith, Richard Williams, and Robert Bosley. The catching which is South Carolina State's number one problem will be handled by Rudolph Chanzater and Carlton Askew, both newcomers.

Other freshmen who have looked good are: Lewis Davis, outfielder; Carl Edgse, infielder; and Dave Boyd, pitcher.

South Carolina State's baseball schedule is as follows:

- March 19—S. C. Area Trade—Denmark, S. C.
- March 21—S. C. Area Trade—Home
- April 3—Morehouse—Atlanta, Ga.
- April 9—Tuskegee — Tuskegee, Ala.
- April 10—Alabama State—Montgomery, Ala.
- April 11—Florida A & M—Tallahassee, Fla.
- April 20-21—Allen University—Columbia, S. C.
- April 27—Florida A & M—Home
- April 28—Tuskegee — Home
- May 4-5—Allen University—Home

Committee Is Picked To Meet Prexys On Issue

The CIAA's 13 colleges have set up machinery that may eventually result in a division of the association.

Following the three-day 47th annual session in Washington over the weekend, a special committee was appointed to meet with the Council of CIAA Presidents.

In addition, a special CIAA committee gave a progress report on some possible factors to consider in dividing the association. Among these are geography (The membership extends from Pennsylvania to North Carolina), male enrollment, philosophy, schedule, and amount of financial aid provided for athletes.

Dean T. H. Henderson of Va. Union, Richmond, was reelected president of the conference for the sixth time Saturday.

He will head the committee to meet the presidents. Others on the committee are W. M. Bell, A and T, Greensboro; Dr. L. T. Walker, North Carolina College; G. G. Singleton, Va. State; and J. E. Thompson, St. Paul's College.

A popular idea circulating during the 47th meeting was a division of the football teams with other sports retaining their present status.

For several years, there has been growing insistence for separation on the lines of "emphasis and ability to meet the competition."

There has grown within the conference also a feeling of difference between the state-supported schools and the privately maintained colleges.

Progress on division discussions shared the spotlight with announcement of the shift in the basketball tournament from Durham to Greensboro.

NCC Athletic Director was re-named CIAA Vice President from NCC Southern region. Others from NCC attending the 47th session were Dr. W. H. Robinson, H. H. Riddick, F. H. Brown, James A. Stevens, J. W. Young, Dr. L. T. Walker, and Charles A. Ray.

Blueberries from Bladen County, N. C. are shipped to every section of the country a full six weeks in advance of the nation's normal blueberry season.

Tournament Chairman Singles Out Durham Groups For Special Praise In Success Of Promotion Of Event



CIAA RE-ELECTS — Dr. T. H. Henderson, (left) incumbent president, and L. D. Smith (right) tournament chairman, were re-elected to their posts by the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association at its regular meeting in Washington, D. C. last week.

Stiffer Penalties

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association, holding its annual meeting here at A&T College Saturday, March 14, tightened up on penalties to be inflicted for rules infractions.

The group authorized further powers to the office of the commissioner to deal more efficiently and promptly with minor rules infractions.

The organization voted to hold a football clinic this fall with the employment of a "name coach" to conduct it and a one-day basketball clinic to be held in connection with the basketball tourna-

WASHINGTON, D. C. — L. D. Smith, chairman of the CIAA's 14th basketball tournament held at North Carolina College, Durham, last month, expressed public appreciation at the association's 47th session for the many groups cooperating to make the 1959 games a success.

Smith singled out for particular mention the eight participating teams, officials and the following trophy donors: Norfolk Journal & Guide for its championship award; the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., for runner-up trophies; Southern Aid Life Insurance Co., third place award; Afro-American news-papers for the outstanding Coach's plaque; the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and Raleigh for the Most Valuable Player plaque; the Jones Sausage Company of Raleigh for prizes to the Visitation Champion; the Dunbar Realty

Co., Durham, Sportsmanship award; C. R. Stanback of Durham and Josten's Jewelry, All CIAA team awards; and Mutual Savings and Loan Association, Individual Player Awards to Visitation Champions.

Special appreciation was extended the Durham Business and Professional Chain for sponsoring a Press Luncheon.

NCC President Alfonso Elder, the college's staff and student body were thanked and special appreciation was extended members of an advisory committee, including: Miss Sarah Dolson, housing; William Jones, facilities; H. A. Hudson, ticket sales director; L. B. Frasier, business support; C. A. Hay, publicity and promotion; and the entire communications industry—press, radio, and television.

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ON MAY 17, 1954 THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DECLARED SEGREGATED SCHOOLS TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND A NEGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY;

SOUTHERN YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING TO OBTAIN THESE RIGHTS HAVE SUFFERED INDIGNITIES, HUMILIATION AND VIOLENCE;

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Spring Drills Show N. C. College Team With Many Holes To Plug

North Carolina College's football coach, Herman Riddick, going into the last week of annual spring football drills here at the beginning of the week, bemoaning the big problem facing him in replacing the heavy loss his grid Eagles suffered in the backfield as a result of the loss of seniors Clifton Jackson, Willie Hayes, Ike Gatling, Harold Joyner, and Lloyd Rason, all outstanding backs in the Eagles' stellar grid play in 1958.

Practice sessions will cover a period of twenty days, according to the worried grid mentor discussing the sad fortune he expects his grid machine to be in next season.

The prime emphasis in the spring drills will be placed on the fundamentals of the game, and developing someone of the inexperienced newcomers to replace those of the graduated ranks.

The reduction of football scholarships from 23 to 16 is the main reason for the shortage of ample replacements among the Eagles' ball-carrying corps. The reduction of scholarships prevented the Eagles' coaching staff from bringing in any top-flight frosh prospects in the backfield to take the place of the graduating senior backs.

John Baker, a former All-American tackle for Riddick's championship grid powers, and now a member of the professional Los Angeles team of the NFL, will join the Eagles spring practice camp to assist with rounding line prospects into shape for the '59 pigskin season.

Ike Gatling, NCC's all-CIAA signal-caller last season, has been assigned the chore of working with the Eagles depleted quarterback corps. He will devote special attention to two prime candidates in Reggie Pryor, a triple-threat specialist, and Nathan Cook, a flawless field general.

The graying Eagle mentor complained about the short period allotted for spring drills, saying that "it is doubtful if we will be able to accomplish much in this period of time, because of the limited time allowed, and because many of the fellows have late afternoon classes."

"However, if we don't lose any of the boys we now have on the squad for academic reasons, we will have the nucleus of a sound club, but we will not have that depth that a contending club needs in a race for championship honors," muttered Riddick, as he rambled on, discussing the sad plight for his team next season.

All of the Eagles' running backs will play any spot in the backfield except the quarterback slot, with Hazel Freeman, a 220, 5-8 barrel-like fullback being the only exception, according to the head mentor at NCC. Freeman, a powerful running freshman who saw considerable action in his initial collegiate season, will be the no. 1 choice at fullback in his second season of collegiate play.

Everything stacks up solid at the terminal post with all-conference end George Wallace leading a handsome crop of fine flankmen. Vernon Hatch, Clark Wither-

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