



John Smith Wins Durham Open Golf Tourney

By GODFREY LAWS

The Greater Durham **Open Golf Tournament was** by John Smith of Fayetteville, Sunday, August 7, at the Duke University Golf Course here, with a score of 150.

Smith shot a 2 under par at Hillandale Saturday and finished with an 80 at Duke on Sunday. This was Smith's fourth consecutive win. He won the Sportsman Club's tournament in New Bern; the Metropolis Fayet teville

Tournament and the Bull club going." City Open. He also won the Wilson-Floyd Memorial **Championship** Flight John Smith, 70-80-150; year. Smith is a retired Army Sergeant, originally from Dur-ham, who lives in Fayette-ville.

Harold Thomas, 76-77-Smith said "I like the

Duke) because it gives everybody a better chance to win. There should be more Second Flight There should be more Carter Newsome, 82-78-tournaments with this same 160; Cleveland Banks, 81type of format. The Bull 79-160; James Knox, 82-City Open is the greatest 85-167.

151; William Wilson, 79-74new format of playing at both courses (Hillandale and 153; Tony Cadwell, 78-77-155.

THE SAME TO YOU - If you can't read the doctor's handwriting, you sure can read his sign language. Texas Ranger's Doc Ellis gives Chicago White Sox fans the raspberries from the dugout during the game on August 4. Sox fans were getting on Ellis as he sat at the end of the dugout, which prompted Ellis' reply in kind. (UPI).

A&T Surpasses \$300,000 Goal In Stadium Fund Raising Drive

GREENSBORO - A 12 week campaign to raise funds for a new A&T State University football stadium has surpassed its \$300,000 goal by nearly \$28,000.

Fred Whitfield, Lonnie Goode and Dr. Theodore Mahaffey combined to raise more than \$85,000 in contributions for a new football stadium at A&T State Jualumni and friends has been of the current athletic field. successful, said Smith. "We were confident from the beginning that A&T would have a new football stadium on the campus by next year." Smith said nearly 1,000

persons have purchased seats in the stadium. He said the architect is completing plans for the stadium, and it is hoped that construction can

Smith said basic construction of the stadium will be built of precast and pre-stressed concrete and will contain aluminum seats.

The stadium will also contain press and VIP facilities, an attractive stadium club, concession stands, an eight lane com-



I visited Pinehurst, N. C. last week, and spent three days admiring the golfing atmosphere there. You don't have to go in-side the Golf Hall of Fame exhibition there to know the importance of the game to that community. Having not played golf in four or five years, I did not attempt to play at Pine-hurst. But, I left the area wanting to have some kind of game together by next year.

In Durham, last Saturday and Sunday, I again experienced a golfing environment. The 2nd Annual Greater Durham Open was sponsored by the Bull City Golf Club, a black golf club. The spirit and competition was infectious, inspiring me to set an ambitious goal of being a playing participant next year.

JOHN SMITH CHAMP

My novice play will complement the talented play of those such as John Smith, the retired army veteran who won this year's GDO's championship flight. My play will complement the other golfers, not with my golf score, but my golf funds . . . my entry fee. As Smith told me, "It means a lot to me to play against the super guys and golfers in these tournaments, but I also like the purpose of giving some black kids a chance that I never had as a youngster".

Having won five of the last six predominantly black golf Having won five of the last six predominantly black golf tournaments he has played recently, Smith of Fayetteville, ob-viously preferred to talk about the benefits the tournaments are giving to others instead of himself. He said, "When I was com-ing up, a lot of black guys who had super sticks did not have a change to get golf scholarships to college. Now, most of the golf clubs in the North-South Golf Association (an association of black golfing clubs) not only fulfill their desires for golf competition, but they develop funds and scholarships for help-ing young black golfers who really want to play golf." Smith continued "also maying in these tournaments against older continued, "also playing in these tournaments against older players can help the younger players learn to think and play better golf. Who knows, someone we help may get on the pro tour some day. It could be your son."

tour some day. It could be your son." Smith convinced me, and Gene Hayes, a member of the Bull City Golf Club and Chairman of this year's event rein-forced my yearning. Said Hayes, "We, the members of the Bull City Golf Club, played together all the time, and two years ago we decided to do something other than just play golf. We have contributed to fund-raising for curing Sickle Cell Anemia. We have helped the John Avery Boys Club, and given to the Heart Fund and other worthwhile organizations. We strive to in-crease the interest of young kids of Durham in golf." crease the interest of young kids of Durham in golf."

NAGGING PROBLEMS

Hayes expressed concerned that the efforts of the BCGC Hayes expressed concerned that the efforts of the BCGC have not been without nagging problems. He said, "The community can help us to help by playing in the tournament and patronizing our fund-raising activities. If we can get more participation from the many Durham residents who play golf, our tournament would be more of a success." The popular Durhamites went on, "We have approximately 250-300 black golfers in Durham. Only about 20-25 of the 87 participants this. year were from Durham. We don't know why the Durham participation is so low, but we will try to find out, and hope-fully about 20-25 of the ser amore the more



