

# SPORTS

## Eagle Perspectives 1977

**HEAD COACH WILLIE SMITH:** I never predict numbers, but it is known what we are shooting for. I always say to the guys that we are good enough to think and believe that we can get there. A lot of teams come to camp and don't even think they can get there (championship), so they don't try. So we are that good. We believe that we can get there.

**CHARLES ARMWOOD, QUARTERBACK:** I think we have a good chance of taking the whole thing. Everybody is enthused and working together. We have an explosive offense. It can strike at any time. Our fine running backs are returning, along with our receivers, and we have some freshmen who can help us.

**REGINALD SMITH, WIDE RECEIVER:** The team has a good chance of winning the MEAC. I am going to try to improve my contribution to the team over last year. More receptions, blocking, and yardage on passes per game, reading the defense are the strengths I want to contribute. I want to be better than last year.

### NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY 1977 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Virginia Union†	Oct. 22	Md.-Eastern Shore
Sept. 10	Elizabeth City	Oct. 29	South Carolina State†
Sept. 17*	Winston-Salem	Nov. 5	J. C. Smith
Oct. 1	Morgan State†	Nov. 12	Howard†
Oct. 8	Elon	Nov. 19	N. C. A&T
Oct. 15	Delaware State†		

\*Night Game  
†Home Game

Head Coach: Willie Smith  
Assistant Coaches: Robert Jackson, George Suggs, James Carter, Joseph Aicher, Charles Edwards, Jesse Clements.

## Eagles To Host Panthers Saturday

The NCCU Eagles host the Virginia Union Panthers on Saturday, September 3rd at O'Kelly Stadium. Kickoff is set at 1:30 p.m.

The Eagles, 6-5 last year, are searching for their fifth straight winning season under the tutelage of Willie S. Smith.

The Panthers were 7-4 under Willard Bailey.

The Panthers lead in the series 11-9-0 but lost the last encounter with the Eagles in 1970 14-0.

Coach Smith's and Coach Bailey's teams met in 1971 when they played to a 0-0 tie. Smith was then the head coach at Maryland - Eastern Shore.

The Eagles under Coach Smith have never lost their opener. In 1973 they whipped Winston-Salem 21-13; the

following year they played Savannah State to a scoreless tie; in 1975, they beat Savannah State 30-0, and last year they plummeted Elizabeth City State 34-0.

Coach Smith is looking for an improved offensive and defensive output from his charges.

The starting lineups for the Eagles are expected to be the following:

TE, Joseph Mack, 6-2, 220; T, Vincent Pearsall, 6-5, 275; GG, Gary Smith, 6-2, 230; C, Kenneth Noble, 6-3, 240; G, Reginald Holmes, 6-2, 225; T, Anthony Price, 6-2, 260; SE, Maurice Basset, 6-2, 200; QB, Charles Armwood, 6-2, 175; HB, Delasio Bartley, 6-2, 220; FB, James Lawrence, 6-1, 205; WB, Reggie Smith, 5-6, 160; and Ricky Mozingo, 6-3, 220.

### EAGLES ANNOUNCE 25-GAME CAGE SLATE

NCCU Director of Athletics Frank Silva announced this week the 1977-78 NCCU Basketball Schedule.

The Eagles have added Fayetteville State and Virginia Union to this year's schedule replacing Livingstone College and Coppin State.


The Eagles will play 12 MEAC conference games. In addition, they will play 9 CIAA schools and Georgetown University.

The schedule includes:

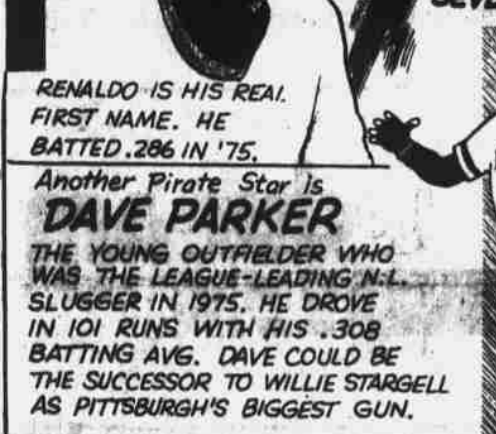
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 30	Tuesday	Shaw University	Durham, NC 7:30
Dec. 2	Friday	Norfolk State College	Norfolk, VA 8:00
3	Saturday	Elizabeth City State Univ.	Elizabeth City, NC 8:00
6	Tuesday	Winston-Salem State Univ.	Durham, NC 7:30
9-10	Friday-Saturday	Bull-City Invitational Tournament	Durham, NC 7:30
		Shaw - St. Augustine's NCCU - Fayetteville State	
Jan. 3	Tuesday	Georgetown University	Washington, DC 8:00
6	Friday	Shaw University	Tallich, NC 7:00
7	Saturday	St. Augustine's College	Tallich, NC 8:00
13	Friday	Maryland-Eastern Shore, Univ.	Durham, NC 7:30
14	Saturday	Delaware State College	Durham, NC 7:30
14	Monday	South Carolina State College	Durham, NC 7:30
19	Thursday	North Carolina State College	Orangeburg, NC 8:00
21	Saturday	Winston-Salem State Univ.	Winston-Salem, NC 8:00
27	Friday	Maryland-Eastern Shore, Univ.	Princess Anne, MD 8:00
28	Saturday	Delaware State College	Dover, DE 8:00
30	Monday	Virginia State College	Durham, NC 7:30
Feb. 3	Friday	Morgan State University	Baltimore, MD 8:00
4	Saturday	Howard University	Washington, DC 8:00
7	Tuesday	North Carolina A&T State U.	Greensboro, NC 8:00
10	Friday	Howard University	Durham, NC 7:30
11	Saturday	Morgan State University	Durham, NC 7:30
14	Tuesday	North Carolina A&T State U.	Durham, NC 7:30
15	Wednesday	Virginia Union University	Durham, NC 7:30
18	Saturday	Johnson C. Smith University	Charlotte, NC 8:00
23-25	Thursday-Saturday	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament (Greensboro Coliseum)	Greensboro, NC

\*Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game  
All Home Games Played at T. L. McDonald Gymnasium

**SPORTS SPECIAL**



**ONE OF THE BUCS' MAINSTAYS IS SECOND BASEMAN RENNIE STENNETT**  
WHO NOW HAS DEVELOPED INTO ONE OF THE VERY BEST IN THE BUSINESS. HE IS WELL LIKED IN PITTSBURGH BECAUSE OF HIS SLICK FIELDING, AND HE SWINGS A MEAN BAT, TOO! IN ONE GAME IN 1975, HE STROKED SEVEN SAFE HITS!



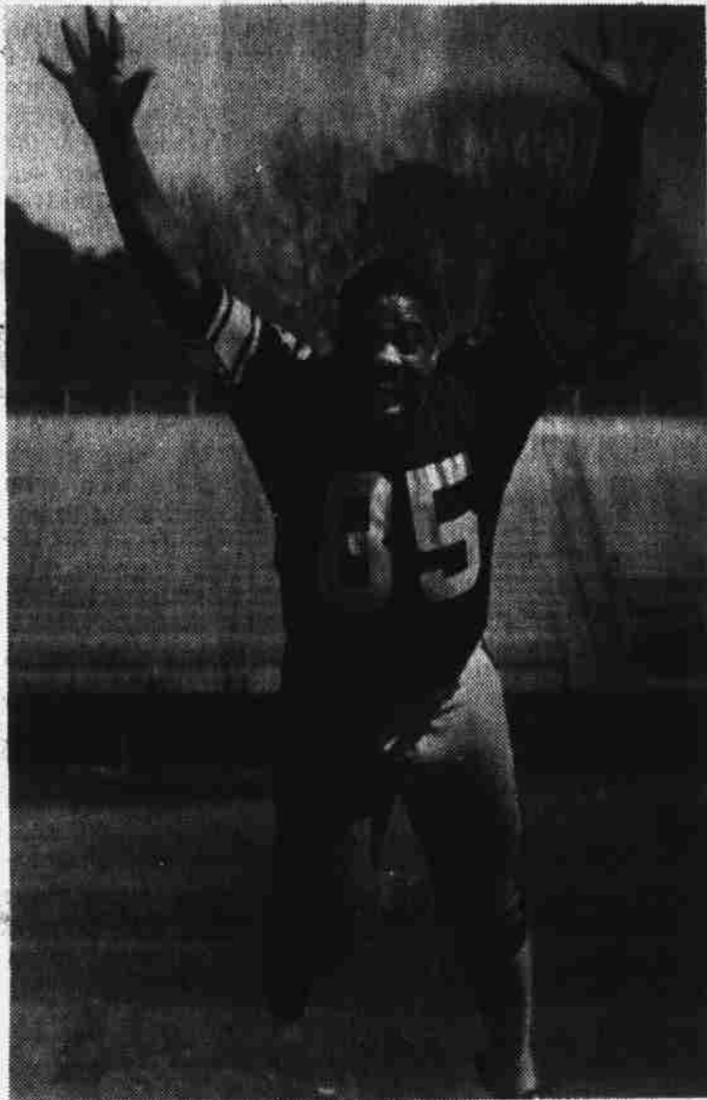
**RENALDO IS HIS REAL FIRST NAME. HE BATTED .286 IN '75.**  
Another Pirate Star is **DAVE PARKER**  
THE YOUNG OUTFIELDER WHO WAS THE LEAGUE-LEADING N.L. SLUGGER IN 1975. HE DROVE IN 101 RUNS WITH HIS .308 BATTING AVG. DAVE COULD BE THE SUCCESSOR TO WILLIE STARGELL AS PITTSBURGH'S BIGGEST GUN.

### SUGAR RAY AIDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

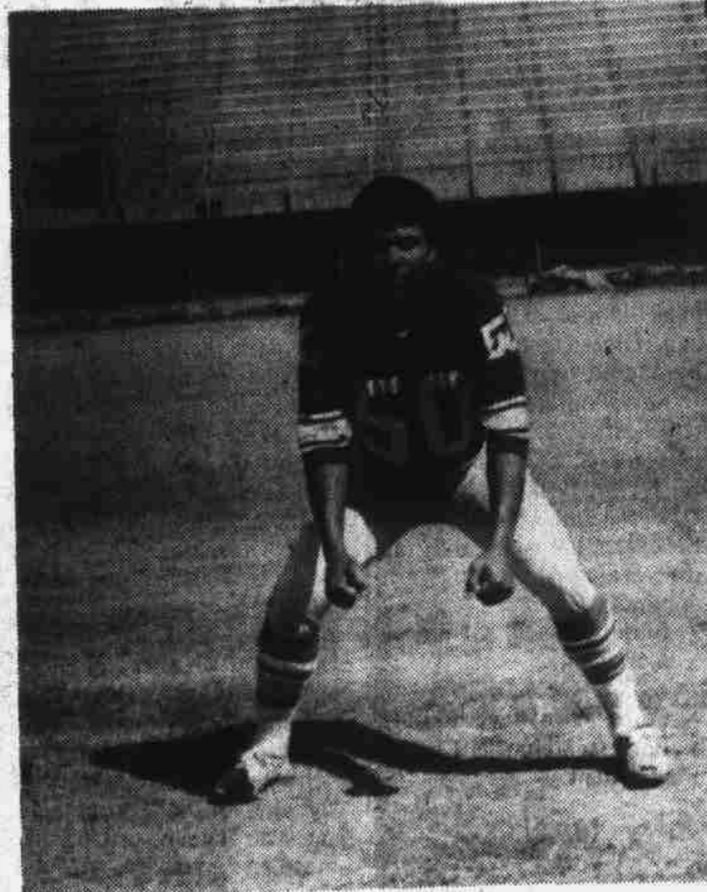
In a gesture displaying his concern for the welfare of other young athletes, former Olympic boxer "Sugar Ray" Leonard presented a \$1000 check to the Howard University Athletic Scholarship Fund recently.

According to Bison Athletic Director Leo Miles, who also doubles as an NFL official on weekends, "Leonard is an outstanding and down-to-earth young man who thinks of others as much as himself. That's rare these days.

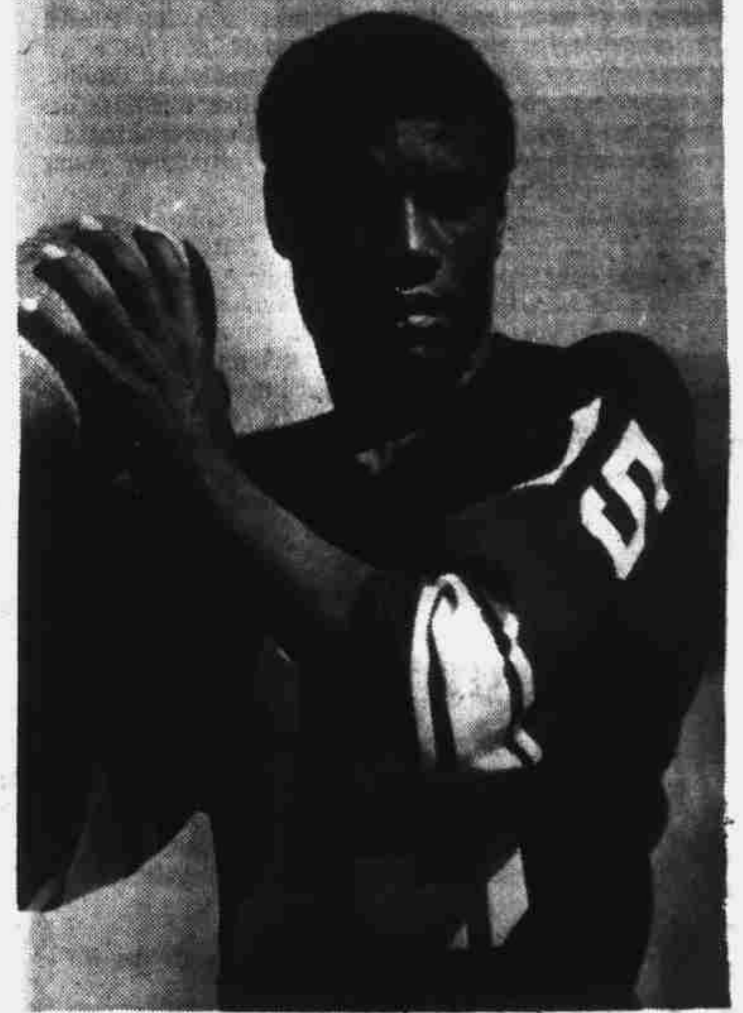
"His gift will be an inspiration to Howard and the community to continue to seek excellence in the classroom and in athletics. We hope he'll be able to join us at Giants Stadium in New Jersey September 10 to inspire our team to victory over Florida A&M."



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CHARLES ARMWOOD

Senior quarterback Charles Armwood will be flinging the pigskin to tight end Joe Mack, split end Maurice Basset and wingback Reggie Smith. Armwood completed 75 of 156 passes for 889 yards last year. Mack, an All-MEAC tight end, caught 30 passes, Smith 25 passes, and Basset 15 passes.

The Eagles will count on five backs to do the bulk of the rushing. Senior fullbacks James Lawrence and Carl Cheek will once again carry the load. Lawrence was the leading Eagle rusher last year with 549 yards in 141 attempts for 6 tds. Cheek had 367 yards; Reggie Smith 332 yards, senior halfback Delasio Bartley 247 yards and junior halfback Melvin Crawley 218 yards.

The Panthers will counter with junior halfback Judge Thomas. Thomas, a fleet-footed junior, was the 7th leading rusher in the NCAA Division II last year with 1116 yards and ten touchdowns. Joining Thomas in the backfield will be junior William Harris (354 yards last year).

Spearheading the Panthers will be senior cornerback Frank Dark who picked off 8 enemy passes last year.

Junior linebacker Walt Odom will head an Eagle de-

fensive unit that features 6 returning starters. Odom, an ALL-NAIA District 29 selection, led the team with 34 unassisted and 64 assisted tackles and one fumble recovery. Strong safety Thomas Lancaster had 31 unassisted and 37 assisted tackles and intercepted three passes.

## Can Grambling Quarterback Get Heisman Trophy Bid?

Grambling head coach, Eddie Robinson, has no doubts in his mind. "You can measure him by any yardstick and it still comes out that he is a bona fide candidate for the coveted Heisman Trophy," Robinson insists.

He's touting Douglas Williams, the Grambling signal-caller with the rifle arm. The

6-4, 215-pound senior owns just about every passing record at Grambling, surpassing such standouts as Matt Reed and James Harris.

Williams will be on display at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, September 17th, when the Grambling-Morgan State Annual Football Classic returns to New York City. The

Classic is sponsored by the New York Yankees in association with the New York Urban League for the benefit of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.


In his two-and-a-half seasons as Grambling starting quarterback Williams has passed for 55 touchdowns, two better than James Harris'

previous school record. In 1975, Williams tossed 23 touchdown passes to break the Louisiana mark set by Terry Bradshaw, now of the Pittsburgh Steeler and then of Louisiana Tech.

Williams is gunning after another Bradshaw Louisiana school record, total offense. He has amassed 5,125 yards since taking over the Tiger helm in the fifth game of his freshman year.



**FINISHING THE SEASON**—The Women's Softball team sponsored by University Fruit Market, cheerfully pose at Rock Quarry Park as they neared the end of the season. They finished the season in second place and fourth place citywide. They will be playing in the softball tournament Labor Day at Durham Athletic Park. (L-R, top picture, front row): Pat Johnson, Lavon Taborn, Brenda Martin, Lavern Harris, Tonya Lynn, Barbara Johnson and Brenda Riley. (Standing in) Manager Jerome Leathers, Lula Eddie, Diane Smith, Maria Witherspoon, Olympia Hayes, Dino Davis, Sherrie Williams, Kathy Parker and Assistant Manager J. C. Cadlett. Record 13 - 3. In bottom photo, Sherrie Williams shows her form at bat. (Photos by PCNS)



## FOOTBALL LABOR DAY SPECIAL

All Students \$1.00

NCCU "EAGLES" vs. VA. UNION "PANTHERS"

**Sept. 3, 1977 — 1:30 P.M.**

**O'Kelly Stadium • Durham, N.C.**

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**AMPIX Studio**  
(LAKEWOOD SHOPPING CENTER)

**Durham Sporting Goods**  
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(NCCU)

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