

SPORTS



NCCU Head Football Coach Resigns; Lattimore Named

Former Morgan Mentor Head Eagle Grid Pilot

Ray Greene has resigned as head football coach at North Carolina Central University. The coach's resignation was received in the office of Chancellor Albert N. Whiting Monday, April 9. Greene asked to be relieved of duties the same day.

Dr. S. Dallas Simmons, vice-chancellor for university relations at North Carolina Central University, authorized the

following statement 2 p.m., Monday, April 9. "It is the understanding of the university administration that Coach Greene has accepted employment at another institution. "Coach Greene has indicated that he has consulted an attorney. In view of potential litigation, no further comment on the contents of Coach Greene's letter of resignation would be appropriate. "It is anticipated that an announcement of the appointment of a new head football coach will be made by the university's athletic director within the next week." Durham newspapers



LATTIMORE has reported that Coach Greene was a candidate for the football coaching position at Alabama A&M University.

LATTIMORE NEW EAGLE COACH

North Carolina Central University Athletic Director Frank Silva Tuesday (April 10) announced the appointment of Henry C. Lattimore as the university's new head football coach.

Lattimore resigned last spring as head football coach at Morgan State University in Baltimore. Morgan State, like N.C. Central, is a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Lattimore was to meet with the NCCU football team Tuesday night as his first official act as the head coach.

"Coach Lattimore has a remarkable record of association with championship football programs," Silva said. "His first year at Morgan, 1976, saw him win the MEAC co-championship, the MEAC Coach of the Year Honor, and the Pittsburgh Courier Coach of the Year Title.

"His service as defensive coordinator of the NCCU football team from 1969 to 1971 included the university's 7-1-1 championship season, the invitation to the NCCAA-sanctioned Broadly Bowl, and the best defensive statistics on the East Coast."

Lattimore was assistant football coach and assistant professor of education at NCCU from 1969 to 1971. He left NCCU to serve as assistant head football coach at Texas Southern University.

He has also been an assistant coach and track coach at his alma mater, Jackson State College in Jackson, Mississippi. He was also head coach of championship teams at three Mississippi high schools (Carthage, Mississippi High School, Travillion High School in Hattiesburg, and Hickory, Mississippi High School, as well as at Utica Junior College in Utica, Mississippi.

Lattimore is 45 years of age, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, a graduate of Piney Woods, Mississippi High School, and an alumnus of Jackson State College, where he participated in football, baseball, and track. He holds a B.S. degree in health and physical education from Jackson State and a M.S. degree in physical education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Lattimore replaces Ray Greene, who resigned the NCCU coaching post Monday.

"We were fortunate that we knew of Coach Lattimore's availability, that the university and Coach Lattimore were well-acquainted, and that Coach Lattimore is able to begin work immediately," Silva said.

"Our primary concern is fairness to the football team and the football program," Silva said. "Coach



WDUR RUNNERS IN SICKLE CELL JOGATHON — Seated on bottom row at left is Chris Cobb, announcer at WDUR along with WDUR runners at NCCU's Sickle Cell Jogathon. Photo by Aaron Thompson

WDUR RUNNERS IN SICKLE CELL JOG-A-THON

At the annual Sickle Cell Jogathon held Saturday, March 31 at North Carolina Central University's track field, WDUR-RADIO (1490 AM) sponsored three teams to participate in the

event. Four days before the jogathon, WDUR began broadcasting requests for pledges for each lap from its listeners. All three WDUR teams completed over 100 laps and therefore

received almost \$1000 in pledges for the Sickle Cell Syndrome Program. The Sickle Cell Jogathon was sponsored by the Annie Day Shepard Dormitory at NCCU.

Silva said the university's first contact with Lattimore was made after the athletic administration was informed by another school that the other school was negotiating a contract with Coach Greene.

A Look Into MEAC Track 1979

BY LARRY BARBER

South Carolina State has already captured the football and wrestling championships for this academic year, and has an athirst eye on the track and field crown.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference moves its meet to the campus of Morgan State in Baltimore, Maryland this season, and a few changes are in effect. The 1500 and 3000-meter Water Falls (Steeplechases) will not be an entered vent, and the two-mile run (3000-meter) has been cancelled in favor of the three-mile (5000-meters).

South Carolina State's Bulldogs are two-year defending champions, and a third crowning is well within their grasp. They return a veteran group composed of six seniors, ten juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen.

Charles Burgess, a 9.3, 100-yard sprinter, will be missed in the speed races, but they have Al Golden, Nate Rivers, Derrick Harris and Rocky Cunningham

back to burn the track. In the distance runs, Robert Dix and Ivan Castrillo will be defending their one-year records. Dix ran the 1500-meter in 4:05.2, and Castrillo did the 3000 in 9:03.4, but will challenge three miles this year.

Phil Murphy, who broke the shot put record last year with a toss of 54'1 1/4", and 1978 javelin winner Ezekiel Goode, will give coach Robert Johnson supremacy in the power of events.

There is an interesting statistic connected with the Delaware State Track Team. It won the 1976 MEAC Championship, but of the other five; the Hornets have always been second place finishers. There was no championship in 1975.

Joe Burden has coached the Delaware State thinclads throughout their MEAC existence, but is hard pressed to continue a good showing this year. With the loss of Larry Savage, Mike Harrison, and Frank White; he will rely on one senior

and three sophomores. Eugne Stewart, the senior, long jumps and triple jumps, James Weal is a class sprinter, while Nathaniel Nelal and Ronnie Merritt merit recognition in the shot put and discus.

Howard University's head track coach, William Moultrie, is experiencing rebuilding pains since losing seven seniors, four of which are All-Americans. His lone consolation for a proven returnee is All-American senior Michael Archie. Thirteen freshmen make up 65 per cent of the team.

Moultrie's strengths last year were the distance relays, and his Bison will concentrate on that again this campaign. Leonard Braxton, who coaches the women as well as the men, is only in his second year at Morgan State, but expects great things out of his squads.

The women's mile relay team has already provided Morgan with worldly acclaim. Their 3:44.2 time in the Princeton Univer-

sity Women's Development Meet, December 17, 1978 broke an American and Collegiate record set by them on February 26, 1978 of 3:45.1, and tied the world mark set by the 1976 Florida Track Club.

As for the men involved in the MEAC Championship Meets, he said, "We are steadily on the move. The year before I got here, Morgan scored only 8 points, but last year we placed fourth with 57. Our strength should come in the speed races led by Neville Hodge."

Billy Cox, high jumper; Andre Wicham, discus and shot; and Derrick Campers, pole vault; should fare well. Others returning are: Jerry Molyneux, Jimmy Kidd and Herman Petion.

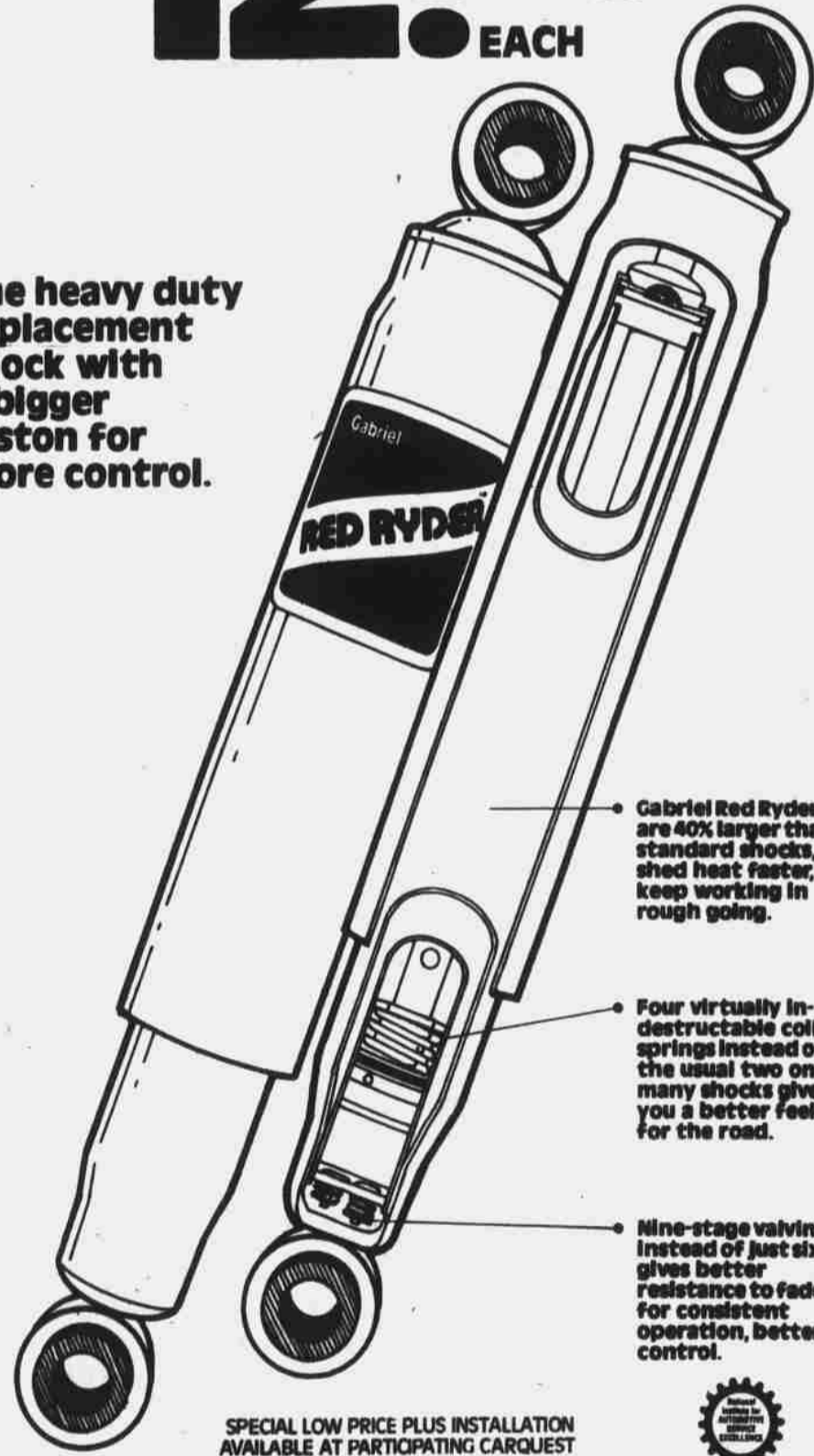
The A&T Aggies are optimistic about their 1979 track team especially after a fine performance during the Florida A&M Relays earlier this campaign. Kennel Simmons broke a meet record by an inch with Continued on page 12

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