

# NCCU Eagles On The Rebound For '81

North Carolina Central's basketball program appears to be on the winning track under second

year mentor Jesse Clements. The Eagles, 8-18 last year, are 3-4 at the semester break and seriously entertain ideas of CIAA Tournament participation in their first year back in ten years. The Eagles have home dates January 8 against Johnson C. Smith and January 10 against Livingstone College in key CIAA contests. Clements has reasons to be confident for his recruiting efforts have netted three freshmen starters — 6-8 center Charles Mur-

phy, 6-5 forward Duane Griffin and 5-11 guard Arthur Tyson. Add these guys to seniors 6-4 Donald Sinclair and 6-2 John Bishop and the Eagles begin to look as a winner. Clements didn't stop there and has capable backups in freshmen guard Michael Wright, center Craig Moore and sophomore forward-center Ed Brooks. Veterans Ron Willie and Mike Oakley will continue to lend support.

To make his team more solid, junior forward David Binion, the leading rebounder in the MEAC last year, becomes eligible for the second semester and will give Central needed support on the front line. Binion led the team with a 16 point average last year. The Eagles have rushed out to a 2-1 CIAA mark with wins over Winston-Salem 79-76 and Shaw

75-64. They lost a heart-breaker to Norfolk State 81-77. Their star was a little rocky as they dropped decisions to North Carolina A&T State 94-82 and Longwood College 67-63. They found the winning way in the first round of the Bull-Clay Invitational with an 83-67 win over Shaw, but were upended by two-time champion St. Augustine's 88-80 in the championship game. Bishop leads the Eagle with 23 points per game and 85.7% from the foul line. Sinclair, a pre-season ALL-CIAA pick, is second at 21.3. Murphy is the third Eagle in double figures with 12.9 points per game. He leads the team with 10.6 rebounds. Clements' squad faces 19 challenges — 16 in the conference in search of the first winning season since 1968-69.

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## NCCU Basketball

At McDougald Gym  
**Men & Women's Doubleheader**

January 8 Johnson C. Smith  
 January 10 Livingstone College  
 The Women play at 5:30 p.m.; the Men 7:30 p.m.

### SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets are still available for \$25.00 for the remaining eight (8) home games. See the rejuvenated Eagles against Johnson C. Smith (Jan. 8), Livingstone College (Jan. 10), UNC-Wilmington (Jan. 14), Shaw University (Jan. 17), Saint Augustine's College (Jan. 26), Fayetteville State (Jan. 31), NCAA Division II National Champs Virginia Union (Feb. 10) and Elizabeth City State (Feb. 16).

### CIAA TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets for the 1981 CIAA Basketball Tournament to be held at the Norfolk Scope, February 26-28, 1981 are available at the NCCU Placement Office. Premium reserved seats for the four sessions are \$30.

### COMMUNITY NIGHT - JANUARY 10

Community Night will be held Saturday, January 10 when the Eagles and Lady Eagles basketball teams host Livingstone College. In appreciation for the support given by the Durham Community, the following businesses are giving away tickets to their customers for the Livingstone game: Ampix, Bates Gulf, Bell's Stop 'N' Shop, Carolina Times, Central Carolina Bank (Fayetteville St.), Chicken Hut No. 1, College Inn, Dillard's, McLaughlin Pharmacy, Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Mutual Savings, N. C. Mutual, Service Printing Co.



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## ELSON'S Sizzling Cage Top 15

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

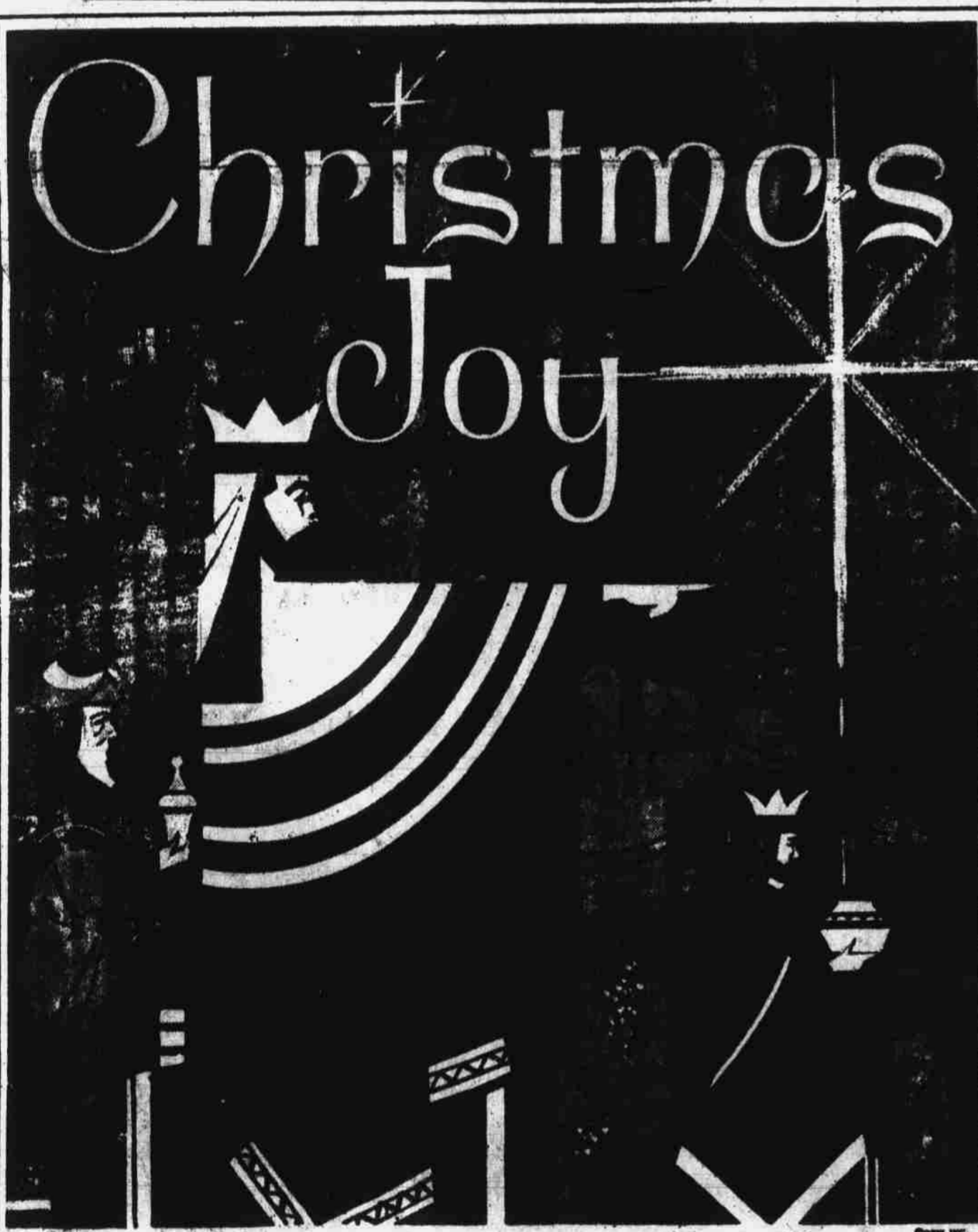
1. Kentucky - The Wildcats have turned each of their opponents a shade of "K.U. Blue" and they are tough. Next it's the big shoot out with Notre Dame in Louisville.
  2. DePaul - These Blue Demons just may give likeable Ray Meyer a national title in March but first they've got to take on UCLA.
  3. UCLA - The Bruins just returned from Japan where they showed the Far Eastern fans just why they're usually near the top in the good ole USA.
  4. Wake Forest - Talk about surprise teams, the Deacs are hot with a capital "H." They've got a few lightweight on the agenda.
  5. North Carolina - Just off a big win over Indiana, the Tar Heels head for Charlotte to play Rutgers. Then it's the Winston Tire Classic in LA.
  6. Oregon State - The eager Beavers are set to host the Far West Classic.
  7. Virginia - The Cavaliers and a two week layoff on December 30 against James Madison.
  8. Notre Dame - Digger Phelps is just dying to find a way to beat Kentucky. Try shamrocks, Digger!
  9. Maryland - The Terps escaped N.C. State by the skin of their shells. They have a few breathers now.
  10. Michigan - Another surprise team. Could be the best Wolverine club since 1976.
  11. Texas A&M - In Texas nobody's making Aggie jokes about this team!
  12. Clemson - The Tigers suffered their first loss of the season by a point to Marquette. Now they journey to Hawaii. Enjoy the sun, Tigs.
  13. Fresno State - Another surprise outfit (except to their defeated opponents). Boyd Grant's wonders can get some national recognition if they win at Kansas State on New Year's Eve.
  14. San Francisco - Unlike the temperamental Dons of 1976-78, this club is quietly winning its way toward the NCAA.
  15. Arkansas - The Razorbacks will definitely be a force to reckon with when SWC play starts.
- More Football News:** A big salute is in order for the Elon College Fighting Christians who defeated Northeastern Oklahoma 17-10 in Burlington last Saturday to capture the NAIA National Championship. I also salute the more than 6200 fans who shivered in the 32-degree weather but they warmly mobbed their heroes when it was all over. Elon finished the season 13-1.

## Practical Nurses Pinned At DTI

Durham Technical Institute's graduating class of Practical Nurse-Educators were pinned in a ceremony held Friday, December 19, at the school. The traditional pinning ceremony signifies the students' completion of the one-year nursing program. The graduates received their nursing pins from Ms. Leona Crockett, chairman of Practical Nurse Education at Durham Tech. Dr. William Martin, dean of degree and diploma programs, awarded diplomas to the graduating students.

Speaker for the occasion was Ms. Valeretta Roberts, head nurse of the orthopedic department at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Ms. Dorothy Royster, class president, gave a tribute to family and friends. Also included on the program were remarks by Ms. Joan Sikes, instructor, and Aaron Conn, director of Counseling Services.

The following persons are members of the graduating class: Meses. Sheila Abbott, Debra Davis, Roberta Dunn, Mertis Dunston, Mutemah Gregory, Ryan Kiriakides, Deborah Luster, Karin McArtan, Martha Nedrow, Janice Parnell, Hattie Poole, Pamela Rath, Linda Robinson, Pauline Rollain, Dorothy Royster, Willie Stevens and Lisa Williams.



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