

WSSU Standout

Barbour Finds Place In WFL

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Staff Reporter

The Charlotte Hornet coaching staff feel they have a future super-star in ex-Winston-Salem State Defensive End Bennie Barbour.

Barbour, a 22 year-old Charlotte native, was overlooked by the N.F.L. in the draft but the Hornets were so high on the two-time all-CIAA performer that they signed him before any N.F.L. team could pick up the 6-3, 235 Barbour as a free agent.

Bennie is now a fixture for the Hornets at right Defensive End. Bob Dickenson points out that Barbour is so good that he is listed along on the Hornets depth chart.

Barbour at one time had hopes of being a high N.F.L. draft choice but injuries slowed him down. Barbour suffered numerous knee and leg injuries while at WSSU but still managed to go both ways at Defensive End and Offensive guard for the Rams.

State coach Cleo Wallace calls Barbour "one of the best linemen I have ever coached." Bennie says he is happy to be with the Hornets and says the team has a winning attitude. Barbour says he now feels no effects from his college injuries.

A modest young man, Barbour, when told of the praise kepted on him by the Hornet coaching staff says, "I still have a lot to learn because I'm only a rookie." Barbour



Bennie Barbour

says the Hornets have a great coaching staff and feels the league will get stronger each year.

Two other former Rams are with the Hornets; cornerback Charlton (Charlie) Houston did not play last Saturday because of a twisted knee suffered the week before in Hawaii. Houston says he feels so he can make it with the club. "I hated to miss playing in Winston-Salem but I'll be ready Monday," he added. The Hornets are also high on Houston who is playing behind one of the few established stars on the Hornets squad four year veteran Larry Sears.

Curtis Phifer at 6-2, 250 pounds is listed at three offensive line positions on the Hornet depth chart. Dickenson

son says, "Curtis has great versatility. We're looking for players like him who can play more than one position because of the 38 player limit. Phifer is almost a sure bet to make the club.

Danny White, a former Johnson C. Smith star, also looked good Saturday night. He caught two passes for 16 yards including an action point and blocked exceptionally well. Dickenson commented, "Danny's a great athlete, he came here as an offensive guard but he's a tough tight end." The Hornets boast seven MEAC graduates, and a total of 17 players from predominantly black colleges.

Rep. Brooke To Speak

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of speakers from both the public and private sector. The special impact of the nation's economic woes on minorities and the poor will constitute the primary focus of the conference.

Staff workshops will be featured on July 24, 24, and 26th. Staff members from the Winston-Salem Urban League will be: S.D. Harvey, Executive Director, attending Tyrone Posey, Assistant Director, and Hazel E. Brown, Administrative Assistant.

The Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club will charter a bus and be in attendance on July 26th and 27th as "Boosters" of the local Urban League.

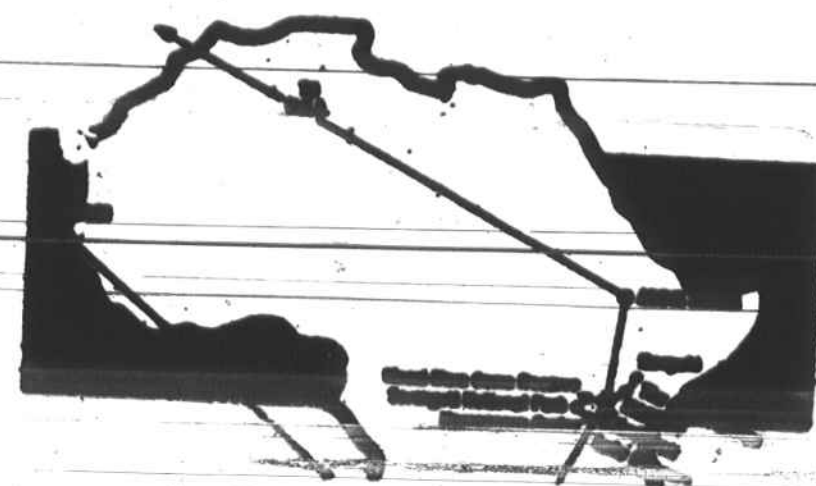
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African Spotlight



Nigeria Prepares For Black & African Festival

Lagos: Nigeria

When Nigeria does anything, that thing is usually done in a big way. This statement is particularly true of the way Nigeria is getting ready for the 2nd World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture which she will host in November and December this year.

As I arrived in Lagos from London I sensed the festive fever in many people's mood in this port city of over one million people. What with a new theatre and cultural complex being built in Lagos at a cost of over \$40 million, the festival village actively being completed and a new 300 bed hotel in its final stages of completion.

The mass media, both newspaper, radio and TV nightly devote hours of coverage to the festival. Nigerians are reminded that the much talked about African hospitality, where a visitor is given first choice of the goods and services of the host, must be practiced to its fullest during the festive months.

Nigeria booming economy and the dedication of the government to see that the festival is well planned and executed mean that no chances are spared to see that neither money or poor judgement will hamper the plans for the festival.

From every angle or part of the city of Lagos, I saw roads construction in progress. It is expected that over one million visitors will be in Nigeria for the festival and the government is aware of this great attraction potential that the festival seem to hold for people everywhere. Hence, Nigeria is not just hosting the 2nd World Black and African Festival, but she is also committed to making this period a time to be remembered by people everywhere.

As the time of the festival draws nearer and nearer, the problems of accomodation for the many expected visitors seem to be more and more in the minds of the festival officials. It is proposed in Nigeria that schools and colleges be on vacation during the festive weeks so that these schools and colleges will be utilized as housing places for the visitors.

I saw new air conditioned big buses that were purchased for the transportation of the visitors.

The committee for the festival made it very clear in a recent announcement that the festival will be held as planned. Few weeks ago, some people were asking if the festival will still be held in view of the fact that work is still going on at many of the festival sites. "There is no truth," the committee said, "in the rumor that the festival might be postponed."

What are the benefits, if any for Nigeria in relationship with the festival? Nigeria is regarded by many as the leader among many African countries. It is only right that a festival of this magnitude be held in Nigeria. Nigeria is a very political aware Nation and she is regarded by many as the champion of blackman's aspiration for self-sufficiency and political awareness. Nigeria is conscious of her leadership position in Africa and the rest of the world, hence her eagerness to bring all African people together for the promotion of black and African arts and festival.

A number of people will go to the festival from North Carolina. For those planning to go, group rate is available. Mr. Lewis, Upward Bound, UNC, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514, is handling the arrangements in this area.

When Nigeria does anything, she does it in a big way. When Nigeria is preparing this Black and African festival of the Arts and Culture, she is preparing it in a grand scale. The festival promises to hold attractions for everybody who will attend and even to those who may not be able to go.

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