



Unwinding

Kent Hardee ponders future of beleaguered boxing program; an overworked Hardee (six fights in six months) has not decided whether to go through with his next fight, scheduled for next Friday in Atlantic City, N.J. (photo by James Parker).

College Notebook

Hampton, St. Augustine's capture all-sports awards

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The Hampton University men and St. Augustine's women repeated as winners of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association All-Sports Trophies.

Norfolk State finished second in both competitions.

The Hampton men totaled 165 points, Norfolk had 152, J.C. Smith 136, Virginia State 136 and Winston-Salem State 125.

The St. Augustine's women outdistanced Norfolk State 95-88 to take the title for the third consecutive year. The Falcons won four sports, including indoor and outdoor track and field, cross country and volleyball. Hampton was third with 82. J.C. Smith had 74 points, Shaw 64 and Winston-Salem State 60.

St. Augustine's Harvey Heartley was selected as the CIAA Athletic Director of the Year by his peers. The Falcons, in addition to the four women's titles, won the men's indoor and outdoor track and the cross country championships.

"My winning is not as much my doing as the fact we've got a good, solid program with good athletes," said Heartley, who also won the award last year. "The fact that the administration and the athletic department have worked together over a long period of time has resulted in our success. They know what it takes to win regionally and nationally."

St. Augustine's women captured the NCAA Division II indoor track and field during the winter. It was the first national title under Heartley, but there have been many top-four finishes in track, basketball and volleyball. For example, the Falcon men finished third and the women fourth in the outdoor track championships last month.

Heartley is also the coach of the men's basketball team, which was in the Division II finals last year. St. Augustine's lost to Central Missouri State 81-77.

SWAC Baseball

Infielder Jesse Jackson of Alcorn State heads the Southwestern Athletic Conference all-conference baseball team.

Jackson, a freshman from New Orleans, batted .458 in 118 at-bats for the Eastern Division champions. The second baseman had 14 extra-base hits and 25 runs

batted in for a Brave team that posted a 23-14 record and captured the division championship.

Grambling State dominated the all-conference selections. The Tigers, who posted a 36-16-1 record and were eliminated by Texas 4-3 in 12 innings in the NCAA Division I playoffs, placed seven players on the squad, including Eric Taylor, Juan McWilliams, Darryl Blanks, Ira Tieul, Leonard Webster, Gary Eave and Martin Foley.

Also on the team was Earl Sanders, a sophomore at Jackson State who is the SWAC's best prospect for next June's free-agent draft. Tim Stargell of Southern and James Harris of Alcorn round out the team.

Women's Conference

Six Southeastern colleges have formed the New South Women's Conference.

The league, which becomes the 11th female-only Division I conference, consists of Florida A&M, Central Florida, Stetson, Georgia Southern, Georgia State and Mercer.

S.C. State Signees

South Carolina State has signed a pair of North Carolinians to track scholarships.

They are Rodney Harris of Durham and Tonya Filmore of Charlotte. Both specialize in the 400-meter run.

Bulldogs Set Record

The Alabama A&M women set an NCAA Division II record in the 400-meter relay at the recent outdoor nationals at California State-Los Angeles.

Cherylann Bourne, Cefornia Polk, Fredricka Wright and Dannelle Young were timed in 44.93, which is 0.09 seconds faster than their previous best.

Young ran a 22.85 in the 200, which would have been a Division II record were it not for a following wind.

Happily, she later ran a 22.92, which was good enough for the record. It broke the old standard of 22.97, set by Sherri Howard of Cal State-L.A.

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Sports Beat

Twin City boxing has bad w

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The tornado that touched down in East Winston last week didn't leave the community a disaster area.

But it was if the violent storm carried some force with it that wrecked havoc on the community's boxing programs.

Indeed, that force scored a technical knockout in what must rank as one of the worst weeks for Twin City boxing in recent memory.

To put it mildly, the times are not good for Winston-Salem boxing.

Two weeks ago the Patterson Avenue YMCA closed its doors. The boxing program there has not been invited to the new Winston Lake Family YMCA.

Norman Joyner, the executive director at Winston Lake, suspended all "special interest" programs until the fall, when a decision will be made on which of these programs will be maintained. He wants to concentrate on implementing core programs in the new facility's first summer.

Joyner, who transferred to Winston-Salem from Los Angeles, will give each "special interest" pro-

gram the chance to show it merits support from the Winston Lake YMCA. Programs must show their worthiness by showing that they can be sustained and foster good relations with the community.

Until the Winston Lake YMCA makes a decision on such activities as boxing, the old Patterson Avenue program exists out in the streets.

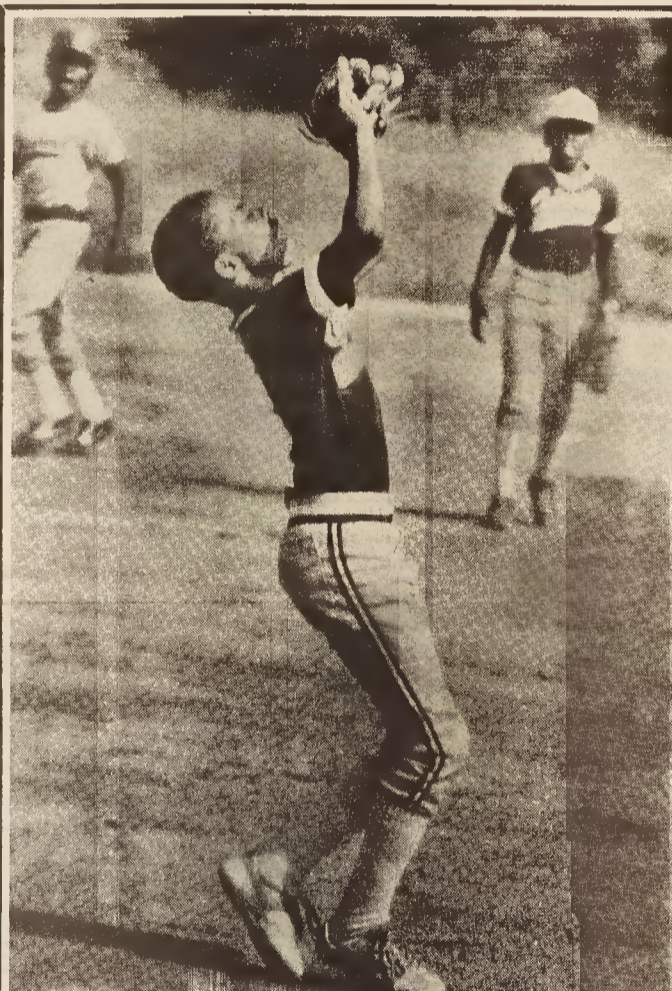
No Place To Train

This brings us to the reason Winston-Salem boxing took it on the chin last week.

Because Coach James Ford, who has been a venerable Austin Benjamin two years ago, has no place to train his boxers, the old Patterson Avenue program was unable to send one of its best boxers, Greg Boykin -- to the American Boxing Association regional in Atlanta last weekend. Since the Patterson shut its doors, Ford has had his boxers training at Hanes Park.

"I can understand Coach Ford not putting Greg in there green," said Kent Hardee, a product of the Patterson Y program who

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Catch Me If You Can

Giant third baseman Carlos Gregory, left, squeezes a pop fly in a Twin City Little League game at Rupert Bell Park Saturday; teammate Tyrone Leach, right, scores and sees how



another teammate fares at third base. See results of other Twin City games in the Local Sports roundup on page B4 by James Parker.

The Sports Column

Wilson attempted changes as Florida A&M

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You may not have heard of Roosevelt Wilson, the athletic director at Florida A&M. After all, athletic directors never get credit for anything. Blame, yes. Credit, no. At black colleges, athletic administrators perform a thankless job. They deal with a demanding public and with resources so small that the task of fielding sports teams never can be done right.

Wilson knows what it is like to buck those odds. That's one of the reasons he's throwing in the towel. He is one tough fighter who has decided he's had enough.

The Rattlers' former boss was perhaps the most controversial athletic director in the history of black college sports. Sure, that's a strong statement, but it is fitting because Wilson made strong stands.

It was Wilson who guided the Rattlers through their painful withdrawal from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. It was Wilson who defiantly announced that the Rattlers would stop playing arch-rival Bethune-Cookman College in football. It was Wilson who refused to back down when the Florida Board of Regents, which governs the state's colleges, tried to tell him how to run FAMU's athletics.

Wilson may have often stood on shaky ground, but he was always a genuine rock of

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determination. He defended what he thought was right for FAMU. If the public didn't like that, well then, the public could go take a leap.

But now Wilson has quit. Hoorays may go up in some MEAC towns. That league wants FAMU back, and league Commissioner Ken Free saw Wilson as one big stumbling block. The obstacle has been moved.

There may also be some applause in Daytona Beach, Fla., where Bethune-Cookman College is located. Wilson dealt B-CC a tough hand each year in football game negotiations, but now he will no longer sit at the war table. It is unlikely the next Rattler athletic director will be so tough.

Throughout black college sports, Wilson was known as a no-nonsense administrator who would battle tooth and nail for every advantage. Some people didn't like that,

especially those who have been disappointed since handshake agreements were made to schedule a contest.

The world of business is not that simple anymore, however, and Wilson was no exception. That as soon as he took office, Wilson found that as soon as he took office, people's resistance to change was one of the frustrations behind.

Florida A&M, and indeed all of black college athletics, will miss Wilson. He made good decisions or bad, but he was compassionate or determined, and he tried to make things happen.

He tried to bring about change that clings to tradition. He tried to bring a historically black school into the world of intercollegiate athletics. It was a tough job.

Wilson found a hostile constituency that he could not buck. The consequence of the endless battles took a toll. Some even think Wilson would have a longer, healthier life now that he is free from the FAMU pressure cooker.

That is apparently what Wilson wanted to do -- get out from under the FAMU A&M will miss him.

Wilson's departure is another blow to the Rattlers' athletic program. Several years ago, FAMU President Walter Huggins was firmly committed to athletics

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