

COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

S.C. State's Caldwell resigns

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South Carolina State basketball Coach Percy "Chico" Caldwell resigned last week after his Bulldogs finished with a 14-15 record.

The fourth-year S.C. State coach had established two major goals for his team in the preseason and felt the team did not meet either. The first goal was to finish above .500 and the other was to do well in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament. The Bulldogs won in the first round of the event at the Greensboro Coliseum two weeks ago. But they lost to eventual champion North Carolina A&T 73-65 in the semifinals.

Caldwell made his decision to resign after meeting with S.C. State Athletic Director Dr. Willis Ham.

His four-year contract runs through June 30 of this year. S.C. State will continue to pay on his basketball contract through that date.

Caldwell had a record of 48-65 at the Orangeburg, S.C., school. The Bulldogs have not won a single MEAC men's basketball championship in the 16-year history of the conference.



Alcorn State Coach Davey Whitney shows the frustration of a 5-23 season, the worst since the Braves started keeping records in 1944; the previous low mark had been an 8-16 record in 1956 (photo by J.D. Schwalm).

MEAC notes

• **Cale Player of the Year:** It surprised many an MEAC fan, but not North Carolina A&T's George Cale, who was named league Player of the Year two weeks ago.

"I was surprised but delighted by the choice," said A&T Coach Don Corbett. "But George wasn't. He had a speech prepared for the occasion."

The 6-foot-6 senior with the NBA jumper led A&T in scoring with 15 points a game and was second on the team in rebounding.

Other Aggies named to the all-conference team were Claude Williams and Thomas "Ice" Griffis. Also on the all-conference team were Howard Spencer of Howard University and Earl Lee and Steve Miller of Coppin State

• **Coming To Terms:** Howard University is still trying to explain how it was shunned by the National Invitation Tournament. The Bison (25-5) had the best record of teams not selected for the NCAA Tournament and seemed an obvious choice for the NIT. They lost to three NCAA Tournament teams (A&T, Ohio State and Providence) and one NIT team (Villanova)

• **HU First:** Tony Mack has become the first-ever Howard University wrestler to make the NCAA Division I championships, to be held Thursday through Saturday at the University of Maryland in College Park. Mack won the 150-pound weight class at the MEAC wrestling championships

• **Young Shark:** Howard, which fields one of the few swimming programs in black college sports, has a dynamite freshman swimmer in Camille Richards. The Trinidad native won the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle events at the Tri-State Championships in Frostburg, Md., last month. The rookie also took second in the 100-yard breast stroke

• **Correction And Clarification:** Strictly speaking, the MEAC has not lost its one-year-old automatic bid to the NCAA Division I-AA football playoffs, as reported in last week's notebook. However, the conference has not received renewal either, according to the NCAA Men's Championship office. Renewals will be made over the summer, according to the NCAA. North Carolina A&T lost to eventual national champion Georgia Southern 52-21 in the first round.

Baseball banter

• **Tiger's Eye Another Title:** Jackson State has its eyes on another SWAC championship.

The defending Eastern Division and league champions lost Earl Sanders, who signed with the Toronto Blue Jays, but return outfielder Wes Chamberlain, catcher Franklin Harris and first baseman Darrin Wade.

Southern University and Grambling State appear to be the top dogs in the Western Division. The Jaguars feature the league's top performer in first baseman Adell Davenport, who batted .366 with 13 home runs and 47 RBI last year

SWAC asides

• **A Gibbie Gimme:** There she lurked, on the Southern University bench, patiently waiting for her year to come. The season was 1985-86 and the freshman, a former prep all-America at Monroe, La., Carroll High School, was learning a lesson in humility.

One humbling season and hundreds of points later, that rookie, Gibbie Phillips, is an integral part of the Lady Jaguar program. She averaged 17.2 points per game this past season and scored a career-high 40 in a win over Texas Southern.

"It was real hard not playing last year," Phillips said. "My family motivated me to hang in there. They told me to stick in there and my year would come."

The 5-5 Phillips' forte is the long-range jumper, which is almost a gimme for the Southern sophomore. She made 64 percent of her three-pointers this past season

• **The Last Brother:** Joe Faulkner is the last of three Faulkner brothers at Southern University. His brothers James and Jeff graduated after last season, and their rugged younger brother was left to lead the Jaguars. That he did, as Southern made the NCAA Division I Tournament field for the first time since 1984. Faulkner, a native of the Virgin Islands, averaged 16.7 points per game as the Jags took a 10-game winning streak into last week's game with Temple.

"For or better or worse, basketball has gone to the good athletes and Faulkner is one of the most gifted athletes in the conference," Southern Coach Ben Jobe said. "He has natural ability and is a very instinctive player."

"He's a survivor. If you throw him in the Atlantic Ocean, he'll survive, even if he'll have to catch a whale to shore."

The 6-4 forward, whose favorite movie is "Commando,"

is not unused to success. He was a McDonald's all-America nominee as a senior at American High School in Miami

• **Century Club Leaders:** Southern's men's program, under Carl Stewart, might have been known in the mid-70s as the Century Jags based on the frequency with which they surpassed the 100-point mark. Two coaches later, the Jaguars were regaining their prolific ways, scoring 100 or more points in each of three SWAC Tournament games. That brought their total of century games for this season to seven, the most since the 1977-78 season. Southern has had 80 100-point games since 1972.

SIAC scenes

• **Ramettes' Perfect Record:** Albany State's women finished the regular season with a perfect 27-0 record in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Among the Ramettes' regular-season victories was a 99-60 decision over Division I Mercer University. Albany was led by Lois Hartry, who averaged 17.7 points per game, and Brenda Candies, who averaged 9.9 assists

• **All-Conference Team:** Candies, Hartry and teammate Tiwana Dixon head the all-SIAC women's team. Others named to the team were Fort Valley State's Carla Cooper, Kim Oates and Sandra Brown. Candies, a 5-2 senior, was named the Player of the Year; Dixon, a 6-2 freshman, Rookie of the Year; and Albany Coach John Davis, Coach of the Year

• **Zinn And The Art Of Basketball Maintenance:** Alabama A&M guard Sherrie Zinn played with a mask on last season to protect a broken nose. She performed well enough despite the uncomfortable contraption to earn all-America honors. This season, Zinn, who had maintained some pretty lofty statistical totals entering her senior year, was moved to guard and broke her right hand in a freak, off-the-court accident at Christmas. But that hasn't prevented her from surpassing career 1,000-point and rebound marks. The 5-11 senior accomplished both last month in a 75-67 win over Benedict.

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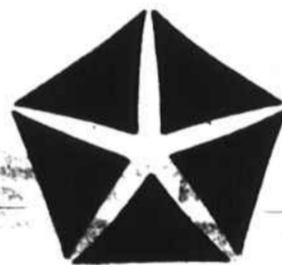
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