

SPOTLIGHT

Hunter inducted into AD's Hall of Fame

The late Dr. Milton D. Hunter, former athletics director at South Carolina State, was among a group of five athletic administrators recently inducted into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACD) Hall of Fame at the group's annual convention last month at San Diego.

The posthumous enshrinement was the third such honor for Hunter, who devoted much of his life to the advancement of college athletics. He was inducted into the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 1987.

A native of Lauren, SC, Hunter was part of the South Carolina State athletic administration from 1968 until his death in 1989. In addition to being athletics director, he served as chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education and was also intramural director.

In 1986, he was named as assistant vice-president for academic administration. For six years, he was a member of the NCAA Division I-AA Football Committee. A U.S. Army veteran, Hunter also worked at Mississippi Valley State (1966-68) and Allen (1957-1964), his alma mater.

Hunter's widow, Mrs. Hattie Hunter, an instructor at South Carolina State, attended the NACD induction in San Diego to accept her late husband's award during a special ceremony.

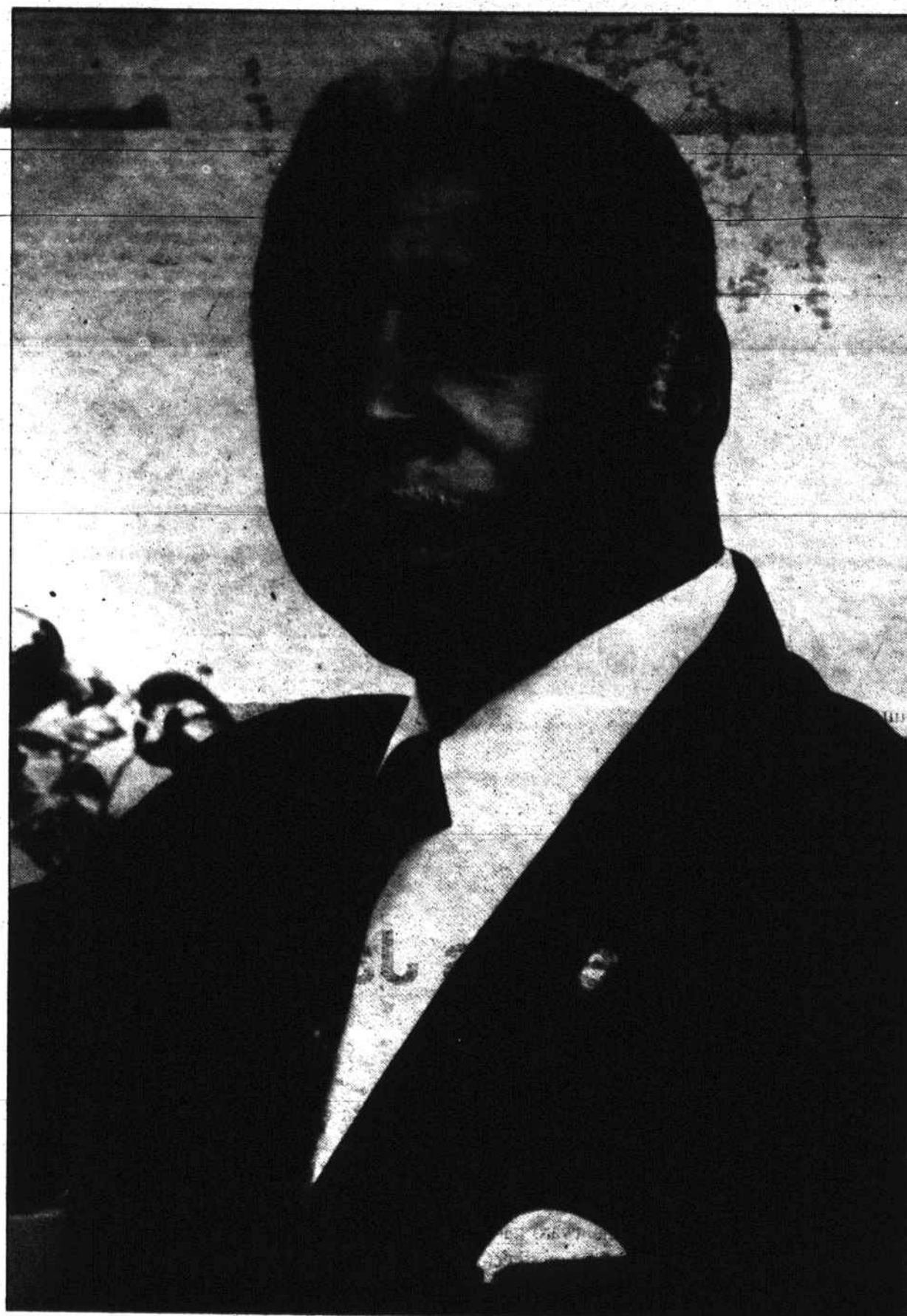


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Dr. Milton D. Hunter

New horizons for BET

Black Entertainment Television has ventured into broadcasting world-class track and field. The network started its venture with two-hour, same-day coverage of the International Track and Field Grand Prix at Villeneuve d'Ascq, France.

BET landed exclusive rights to air the event, which was held July 1. Charlie Neal, BET's sports commentator called the action.

The network's airing of this world-class event is viewed as a significant achievement for black-owned media in the U.S. Even though it's not confirmed, some media observers say that it's the first time that any black broadcast

media has carried a major sporting event during prime-time hours (program's starting air time was 8 p.m. EDT).

This meet featured some of the biggest names in world-class track and field. Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson squared off against each other in the 100 meters, which was their first meeting since the '88 Olympics.

In addition, Leroy Burrell, the current world record holder in the 100 competed. Burrell set the new world mark at the USA/Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championships in New York last month. Burrell ran 9.90 and beat Lewis,

who was second at 9.93. Prior to that race, Lewis owned the record at 9.92, which was set at the Seoul Games. Lewis was awarded the world record after Johnson's 9.79 clocking was nullified because he tested positive for steroids in a post-race urinalysis.

Other top-of-the-line athletes who competed in the meet include: Soviet pole vaulter Sergei Bubka, the world recordholder; middle distance stars Peter Rono of Kenya and Said Aouita of Morocco; plus Americans Renaldo Nehemiah (high hurdles), Lillie Leatherwood (400 meters), Sandra Farmer-Patrick (intermediate hurdles), and

Joetta Clark (800 meters).

BET is the nation's first and only cable television network providing programming targeted towards a black audience. The network is currently available in 31.2 million households.

Baseball news

... Pedro Swann, Delaware State's star outfielder, was picked by the Atlanta Braves in this year's Major League Baseball Draft.

In the NCAA Division I final baseball stats, Bell ended the year ranked eighth in RBIs (52 in 38 games) and 20th in hitting (.424)

... Florida A&M's Morris Daniels, another outfielder, was named to the Baseball America Freshman All-America team. During the '91 season, Daniels hit .423 and ranked sixth nationally in triples (eight in 42 games).

Tokyo-bound

Former Alabama A&M sprinter Jearl Miles assured herself of a spot on the U.S. team for the World Championships to be held in Tokyo next month.

Miles, a 400-meter specialist, qualified for the worlds by finishing second in the USA/Mobil Track and Field Championships last month in New York. She will also run in the Pan-American Games in early August.

The former Lady Bulldog clocked a personal best of 50.19 in the one-lap race, losing to Lillie Leatherwood who recorded a 49.66, the best time for an American woman since '88. With her second-place finish, Miles will also run on the American 4 x 400 relay team at both championship events.

Athletes who finish among the top three at the TAC nationals are the ones who automatically earn berths on the U.S. team.

Miles was an All-America at Alabama A&M in the late '80s. In her senior year ('87), she won Division II national titles in the 400 and long jump. She currently competes for the Reebok Track Club.