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become a sponsor of the association's annual CIAA men's and women's basketball tournament. That tournament will be held in Richmond in February, and next year it comes to Winston-Salem, the home of Wachovia Corporation.

The city announced last September that it had won the contract to host the CIAA tournament for three years, starting in 1994. The city guaranteed each of the 14 universities in the CIAA \$16,000, for a total of \$224,000.

Ken Brown, public relations manager for Wachovia of North Carolina, said that it was the bank's policy not to comment on the actions of any of its competitors.

William C. Mann, vice president of community and economic development for Wachovia and a member of the committee responsible for luring the tournament here, also refused from making a comment on the NationsBank and CIAA

partnership. Wachovia played a role with a lot of other banks in the bidding process," said Mann. "It was a community-wide effort and we, like the rest of Winston-Salem, are very excited that we won the contract."

Wachovia, he said, has committed itself to contribute to the scholarship fund. Mann refused to disclose what that amount would be.

According to NationsBank's news release, the bank will contribute \$63,000 this year to the general scholarship funds to each of the universities in the CIAA. The bank will contribute an additional \$70,000 next year. The balance - \$105,000 - will be used to support other athletic events, including the 1993 and 1994 Football Roundup and the spring sports championships.

Helen Ryan, public relations manager for NationsBank of Virginia, said the bank was extremely

pleased with the partnership and viewed the tournament as an investment.

"We already have a good relationship with many of these universities," she said.

Although NationsBank doesn't have a branch in East Winston, Ryan said the bank is very much a part of the Winston-Salem market, and she didn't think it unusual that her bank was named the CIAA's official bank.

She also said the commitment to the CIAA was made before the bank knew that the tournament was coming to Winston-Salem.

However, Wallace Dooley, public relations director for the CIAA, said that although negotiations have been going on for several months, it was only during the last couple of weeks that the "ts were dotted and the 'ts crossed."

He said that the partnership came about mainly because the

association is trying to move away from its major beer sponsor. Dooley said that Leon Kerry, the CIAA's commissioner, is a former bank officer with Sovran Bank, which merged with North Carolina National Bank (NCNB) to form NationsBank. Kerry approached NationsBank officials about a possible partnership.

"The CIAA is always trying to secure sponsorships," Dooley said. "Money is so hard to come by these days."

Fred Nordenholz, president of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, said it was not clear what impact NationsBank's contribution would have on the commitment the city has made to the CIAA.

"Obviously, its going to give the tournament a tremendous boost. It will have a wonderful impact. I just haven't figured out how that relates to the city's commitment."

Local Poet Adds To Collection

hour in the locker room at Hanes Hosiery Mill," Harrison says. "Something hit me, and I had to write about it. I didn't have any paper, so I sat down and wrote on a brown paper towel."

During that sitting, Harrison wrote "Thanksgiving at Home," a poem she says she dedicated to the soldiers who were away fighting the war.

Harrison says she only wrote "Thanksgiving at Home," a poem about parents' hopes of seeing their sons return home safely from war, for her own pleasure, but a co-worker urged her to send a copy of it to President Roosevelt's office.

"And I got a letter from William D. Hassett, secretary to President Roosevelt, dated June 15, 1944, thanking me for a copy of the poem."

But that was only the beginning.

Harrison says in 1956, just after "Babe" Ruth's death, she wrote a poem about the legendary New York Yankee baseball player, called "Home Again."

"I didn't know anything about baseball, but I knew who Babe Ruth was," Harrison says. "So I found the manager's name, Casey Stengel, in the newspaper, and I sent him a

copy of the poem and asked him to give it to Mrs. Ruth (Claire Ruth)."

Mrs. Ruth wrote back on September 22, 1956.

Then in 1961, Harrison sent a copy of "The President's Invasion Prayer in Poetry" to President Kennedy's office. She has a March 24, 1961 letter from Ralph A. Dungan, special assistant to the president, thanking her for the copy.

But her most recent postcard from President Clinton's office, also thanking her for a copy of the poem, has her the most excited.

Ironically, Harrison says she never wrote a poem about President George Bush, while he was in office.

"He had a job in the White House, what, twelve years," she said. "But I've never been inspired to write nothing about Bush. He just didn't excite me."

And she says she's no Maya Angelou, but she did write a poem just a few days ago, after seeing President Clinton's inauguration on television.

She calls it:

After the Inauguration

Now the trumpet sounds - To a new beginning

Not a call to bear arms, though arms we need.

Not a call to battle, though embattled we are indeed.

Let the trumpet sound until all we'll be reaching

To apply to King's teaching.

By God's word,

Preaching will be heard.

Scientifically, we are advancing, striving to stay ahead.

But morally and spiritually, we are on a backward tread.

In the struggle and burdens against

Hunger, joblessness, discrimination, bigotry and war,

All forms of violence, unrest - and fear,

Let the trumpet sound until there will be less tears

Let the trumpet sound until the struggle against the enemy of man,

The many kinds of diseases,

Let our soul be blessed and our mind relieved

To this endeavor,

May the energy, the faith, the devotion

And the love light our country's

And all who serve with good conscience,

Our sure reward,

Waiting and trusting each day

Red Cross Offers Benefits

The Northwest North Carolina Red Cross joins the celebration of the end of the Persian Gulf War by urging Gulf War National Guard and Reserve veterans to take advantage of the financial benefits available through the Persian Gulf Family Support Project.

In September, 1991, the Red Cross received a grant from the Department of Defense as part of the Persian Gulf Conflict Supplemental Authorization and Personnel Benefits Act appropriated by Congress. The project offers partial reimbursement for child care expenses incurred during the conflict; individual, family and budget counseling expenses as a result of

the conflict; and assistance for employment skills development.

"This grant confirms the unique relationship we share with the Department of Defense, and the trust it has in the American Red Cross," said Michael Guerriere, national director of the project.

Hostilities in the Gulf ended on February 27, 1991, but many National Guard and Reserves returned home to unique problems resulting from Operation Desert Storm-Shield.

"Although child care reimbursement accounts for over 85% of our cases, each month we see an increase in the number of counseling cases," says Guerriere, "and we

expect an increase in inquiries as attention to the anniversary of the end of the war brings to the surface some of the problems many military and family members are still dealing with."

Red Cross chapters around the country have assisted over 4,480 families for grants totaling over \$1,096,700.

National Guard and Reserve Persian Gulf veterans, and their families, who need assistance should contact the Northwest North Carolina Chapter at 724-0511. All services provided to military personnel are strictly confidential.

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in the Lord.
With history the final judge of our deeds.
Let us go forth with God in the lead,
Knowing that God's work here on earth
Must truly be our own.
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And we hear that welcome voice,
"Well Done."

— Ruth H. Williams Harrison

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ARIES (3/21 - 4/19): Your current residence could be in for a change. After the change, don't look back. Forward motion is essential to keep the proper outlook and goals.
TAURUS (4/20 - 5/20): You will work extremely hard at a difficult task with achievement in mind. Your efforts will not be recognized. Don't let this discourage you from trying again. Reward will come.
GEMINI (5/21 - 6/20): Relative will talk to you about family reunion at far away destination. A neutral zone that means less travel for all may be more practical. Romance blossoms.
CANCER (6/21 - 7/22): Someone who you don't reverse will tell you exactly how to live your life. Don't over-react, just listen and forget later. Taurus plays role.
LEO (7/23 - 8/22): Someone will promise you that the debt they owe you will be paid off. The terms will be made clear. Be sure to write down the terms and have document signed.
VIRGO (8/23 - 9/22): Learn how to apply newly discovered knowledge to other fields of interest. Once you've mastered how to learn and how to use what you've learned, you will be unstoppable.
LIBRA (9/23 - 10/22): Constructive criticism comes your way. Don't forget it because you could actually turn it into good advice. You have a secret admirer. Look around.
SCORPIO (10/23 - 11/21): Someone you love will concede to your wishes. You win the battle but you may not reap all the benefits. Hard feelings may result. Do something to rectify the situation immediately.
SAGITTARIUS (11/22 - 12/21): You're ready for anything. Keep an open mind. Take advantage of opportunities that fall in front of you. Let others help that are willing to help. Don't deviate from straight forward direction.
CAPRICORN (12/22 - 1/19): Someone who cares about you deeply wants to do more for you. You have a bad habit that is bothering loved one. Encourage them to talk about it. Try to break it.
AQUARIUS (1/20 - 2/18): Don't let someone borrow something from you. It may be returned in less than perfect condition. Your feelings will inevitably result and the friendship will be dissolved.
PISCES (2/19 - 3/20): Your intuition tells you must give a little. Accept a less than ideal attitude. Others need your resignation approval, support and company.

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