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Sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Omega Chapter, display their banner at their Seventh Annual Golf Classic last Saturday at Winston Lake Golf Course. The proceeds from the tournament will help the fraternity provide housing and services to the community of Winston-Salem. The team of Harden Wheeler Jr., Samuel Puryear, Ernie Pitt and Donald Adams captured the championship in the A Division. More photos on Page B2.

AKAs host Seventh Annual Golf Classic

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The team of Harden Wheeler, Samuel Puryear, Donald Adams and Ernie Pitt captured the championship of the Seventh Annual Phi Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Golf Classic last Saturday at Winston Lake Golf Course, but the real winner is the community of Winston-Salem.

The golf tournament, which was hosted by Phi Omega Inc., a nonprofit corporation of Phi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, is the chief fund-raising effort for Ivy Arms Community Center. The sorority has determined that economic development is one of the most critical aspects for continued growth and vitality in the African-American community and the sorors of Phi Omega Inc. have been involved with providing affordable housing in East Winston-Salem since 1991. This visionary team of African-American women has built a total of 44 apartments and a newly

expanded community center.

The Golf Classic tournament was chaired by Geneva Brown and was fun, exciting, challenging and rewarding for the golfers who participated. Souvenir bags, program booklets, refreshments, auction items, prizes and a delicious lunch catered by sorority members were part of the day's activities.

Members of the sorority said the tournament was made possible by the special efforts of many people and sponsors. They included First Union Bank; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; Adam's Mark; Winston-Salem Convention & Visitors Bureau; SMSI; Winston Lake Golf Pro and employees; Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation; R.H. Barringer Distributing Co. Inc.; Cahill and Swain; Allegacy Federal Credit Union; Norman Stockton; Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools; Lowe's Home Improvement; Lucky 32 Restaurant; sorors of Phi Omega Chapter and Phi Omega Inc., AKA.

The team of Wheeler, Puryear, Adams and Pitt held off Daniel McGill and Geneva Brown, who finished second in Division A. The team of Tommy Gavin, Harry Davis, Neal Wilson and Leonard Jackson finished third.

The team of Lester Carpenter, James Lindsay, Robert Bethea and Victor Johnson took third place in Division B. Finishing third was the team of Ken McKeel, Al White, George Williard and Raymond Goolsby. The third-place team was comprised of Missy Clouse, Susan Rader, Bill Tucker and Len Tucker.

AKAs attending the golf tournament included: Geneva Brown (tournament chair), Diane Butler, Velma Simmons, Bertha Carter, Alma Flood, Lisa Clarke, LaRue Cunningham, Veronica Ford and daughter Inez Gerald, Lynette Hawkins (recording secretary), Brenda Hodge (treasurer), Barbara Puryear, Alma Joyce, Wilhelmina Lash, Hazel McGill, Viola

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Dukes impressive in Region 8 competition

It was the biggest stage on which Melanie Dukes had ever performed. And Dukes, a 12-year-old Winston-Salem gymnast, came through with her best performance to date at the Region 8, Level 8 AAU Regionals held last weekend at the Benton Convention Center.



FROM THE PRESS BOX
SAM DAVIS

In her final event of the competition, Dukes scored 9.40 to place 10th in the floor exercise. That score was by far her best of the competition and helped her to place 33rd all-around in the meet, which featured gymnasts from eight states. Dukes advanced to the competition, which was hosted by Salem Gymnastics, by finishing among the top Level 8 gymnasts in the state competition.

But performing at such a big event in front of many family members and well-wishers was a new experience. Although she admitted she was a bit nervous, Dukes came through in her favorite event.

"I was very excited," said the soft-spoken, modest Dukes, a student at Downtown Middle School. "I thought I did very good. It was fun because I got to compete against girls from a lot of different states."

Dukes was one of three gymnasts from Salem Gymnastics to participate in the meet. The others were Allison Waypu and Megan Rindkopf.

Since taking up gymnastics five years ago, Dukes has progressed steadily according to Kenny Morphis, her coach.

"Melanie has made constant progress," Morphis said. "She has a lot of potential because the raw ability is there. She has a lot of qualities that could help her become a very good gymnast."

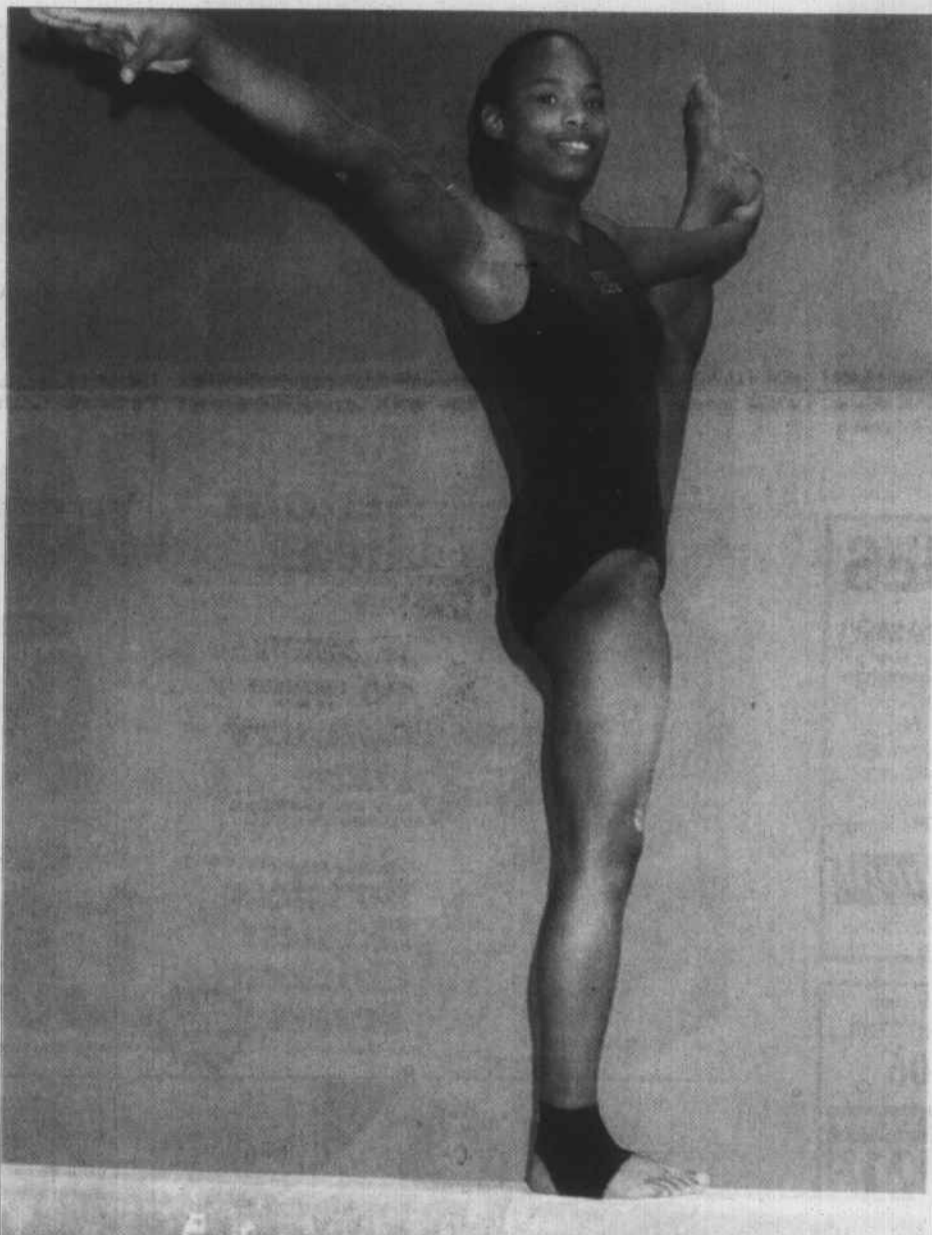
At Level 8, Dukes is two levels lower than those who compete on the national and international levels. Morphis believes Dukes can reach that level eventually.

"She's very powerful and has good flexibility," he said. "Each year she has improved and gone to another level. Last year she made it to the state competition. This year she did well enough at the state to qualify for the regionals."

Continuing that progress to reach the next level will take even more concentration and dedication



Morphis



Melanie Dukes, a 12-year-old gymnast from Salem Gymnastics Center, shows her talent on the balance beam. Dukes was one of 275 gymnasts from eight states in the Southeast who competed at Benton Convention Center last Saturday.

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Majors, Minors end first half at Twin City

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Twin City Little League's regular season reached the midway point in the Major and Minor League divisions last Saturday, and both groups are rolling along into their second half of the season.

The league's other divisions, T-Ball, Juniors and Seniors, are also progressing well, according to league president Donald Scales. The Juniors will reach their halfway point of the regular season on Saturday, while the Seniors had their opening games last weekend.

In the Minor League Division all things point to a showdown between the Barons, coached by Clem Williamson and Wesley Littlejohn, and the Elite Giants, coached by Larry Roberts for a showdown to determine the division champion. Both teams came through the first half of the season with unblemished records. The Barons finished the first half 7-0, while the Elite Giants were 6-0 after having one game canceled. However, both might be pushed by the Stars, who started slow but have been making great strides in recent games.

In the Major League Division, the Mets were the only team to finish the first half with an undefeated record. Coach Chris Key's team hasn't been challenged through its first seven games of the season but will face stiffer competition in the second half.

The Braves, who didn't field a team last season, have been the big surprise in the division thus far. The Braves, led by Jamal Mayer and Prince Gause, finished the first half in second place with a 5-2 record and have outstanding pitching and hitting. Mayer is 5-0 as the Braves' starter and Gause leads the league in home runs with two.

The Royals, Reds, Dodgers and Indians are also still in the divisional race. All are hovering around the .500 mark in the division and still have a chance to make some noise before the season ends.

The league's T-Ball Division is experiencing one of its most competitive seasons, with each of the teams still in the thick of things.

In the Juniors Division, the Yellowjackets are atop the league standings. The Camels and Panthers aren't far back, with the Bulldogs bringing up the rear. Teams in the Junior Division are named after Winston-Salem's former predominantly black high schools, Carver, Atkins, Paisley and Anderson.

The Seniors Division consists of four teams, the Blue Jays, Red Sox, Cardinals and Tigers.

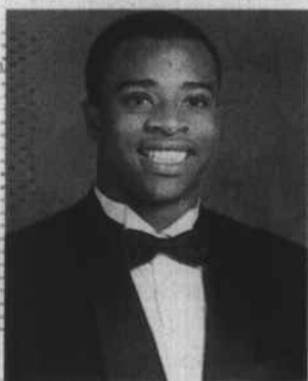


Mayer



Gause

Renaissance Man



Thomas "Greg" Dalton, a student at Carver High, has been awarded the National High School Athletic Institute's prestigious All-American Scholar Athlete Award for football. The selection is based on high academic excellence, overall athletic performance and moral force of character. He is the son of Thomas and Veta Dalton.

Junior Golf program under way for youths

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Golf is Harold Dunovant's life. And about this time each year Dunovant has the time of his life.

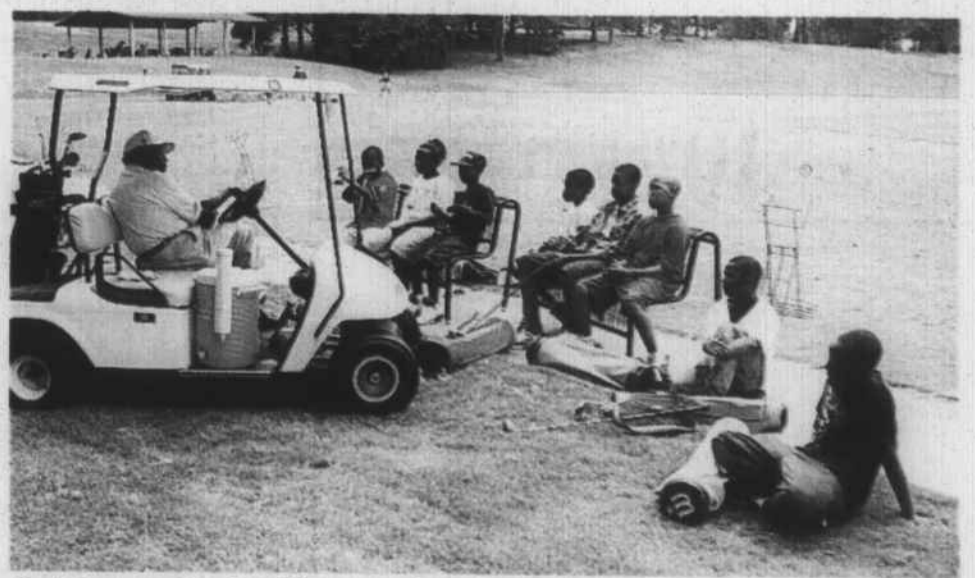
As the spring season rolls around, it seems that Dunovant is revived each year. That's because his attention turns to his Junior Golf program, which is one of the oldest programs in the country that is designed to introduce inner-city youths to the sport.

Dunovant, who was one of the first African Americans to earn a Class A PGA Card, is the founder of the Black Golf Hall

of Fame. The BGHF has recognized the contributions made by African Americans and others who aided African Americans in their quest to become professional golfers. It also sponsors, along with the Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem, the Housing Authority/Black Golf Hall of Fame Junior Golf Program.

The Junior Golf program, now in its 10th year, recently began the first of three sessions that will be offered this year. Participants in the spring program will receive approximately two months of instruction (April-May). Another session will be

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Harold Dunovant gives instructions to members of his Junior Golf program during a practice session. The program has had 1,600 participants in its first 10 years.