

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Eight to join Hall of Fame

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem State University Clarence "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome eight individuals and one team in the induction class of 2007, as confirmed by Hall of Fame Committee Co-Chairs Kimberly Fair-Reese and Samuel Puryear on Monday.

The WSSU Athletic Hall of Fame enshrines an annual class of distinguished individuals in three categories as former athletes, former coaches, and individuals who have exhibited meritorious service to the University and the Athletic Department.

The latest Hall of Fame class includes one former coach, seven former athletes and one team as announced by the 14-member Hall of Fame induction committee.

Honored as the lone 2007 inductee under the coaching criteria is Melvin J. Fair. Fair, the former head wrestling coach at WSSU who led the Rams to three consecutive CIAA wrestling titles and earned four CIAA Coach of the Year awards, is joined by seven former WSSU athletes including Richard S. Glover (basketball), Thomas J. Cunningham (basketball), Donald Franks (football), Everette "Doc" Payne (football), Harold S. Kitt (basketball), Jonathan "Sly" Nimmons (football) and Jack Cameron (football).

The eight individuals are joined by the 1953 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) champion WSSU men's basketball team.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to

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## LOVE & TRACK

Real life athletic couple working together

BY ANTHONY HILL  
THE CHRONICLE

The movie *Love & Basketball* was a hit drama in 2000 that was a story of two neighbors in California, who grew up loving basketball and, eventually — each other. The two start as rivals and grow into lovers and friends.

In Winston-Salem, a real-life love and athletic story has been in the works for the last two years and two months. R.J.R. senior track stars Charlton Rolle and Shanice Jones have been dating for that long, and have been tearing tracks up quite nicely together.

"To see a couple like them is rare," said Reynolds sprint coach Derrick Speas. "They are a very unique couple that are both working hard to be the best. I'm glad to have both of them at Reynolds. Over the last four years, I'd say they've been the most consistent than any group of runners."

"Archie (Barrow) and J-Mee (Samuels) were great athletes," Speas continued. "But they had spells where they battled injuries or something happened. This couple



Reynolds track standouts Shanice Jones (left) and Charlton Rolle are quite a combination off the track as well.

Photo by Anthony Hill

has been able to maintain excellence. They've put us in a good situation for the last three or four years."

Rolle is presently one of the top hurdlers in the state.

He also excels in the long jump event. During the city county track meet, Rolle cleared a distance of 22-0 1/2 feet. He also established a new city county meet record

in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles. In the 110-hurdle, he finished with a time of 13.80. Rolle finished with a time of 37.64 in the 300.

Jones is also having a

great year on the track during her final year of high school competition. During the city county track meet, Jones easily won the 100-meter hur-

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## SWIFT KICKIN'

Photo by Charlie Pfaff

A group of young athletes participate in an indoor soccer match at Reynolds Park Recreation Center last week. Reynolds Park has a soccer league for kids, ages 3 to 4. League action will conclude on May 17. Games are played every Thursday at the recreation center.



File photo

A respected youth coach receives love from his players after a contest.

## Is it really all about the kids?

FROM THE HUDDLE  
Anthony Hill



One of the most overused phrases I hear is, "It's all about the kids." I usually hear that when I talk with people associated with some kind of youth sport — whether it's a parent, coach or representative.

Youth sports should really be about the kids. I can't say that enough. Some sports and tears give kids a sense of belonging. Some sports give kids self confidence. You'd be surprised how more social and responsible some youth sports can help as well. Yet, most of you have noticed that a lot grown ups trying to come up off youth sports.

I hear some parents parading their child around as if they are the next Chris Paul or Camille Little. You'd be surprised with the number of parents or AAU coaches that act like sports agents too.

I also see a number coaches tooting their own horn as if they're the sole reason certain athletes do well in their sport.

Let me get more specific on that one. A couple people told me about a few remarks that a track club coach said after reading my column on Taylor Dewberry a couple

weeks ago. In the column, I gave my opinion on how good I thought she was, and will be. I also talked about how she did in the city county track meet. Why did a fairly new AAU coach, that didn't even coach her in AAU, wonder why her summer coach didn't get quoted for my column?

Number one, it's my column — which means that it's my opinion. I didn't have to quote one person. Even if I were writing a story on Taylor or any other high school athlete, I wouldn't have quoted an AAU coach. So, every time a high school, college or

pro athlete does well a reporter is supposed to reference his or her Pop Warner, recreational basketball or AAU track coach? Whatever.

Don't get me wrong. I truly believe that a number of AAU, Pop Warner and other youth coaches have a lot to do with the development of an athlete. A number of youth coaches do a great job with a number of kids. But none of them should reach for coverage and disguise it with, "It's all about the kids." If you want fame then do your thing. Don't

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Photo by Jason Pitt

W-S Recreation and Parks Senior Community Educator Haley Gingles, who's also an AKA, attempts a put for the camera.



## AKA Golf Classic goes off without hitch

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Phi Omega, Inc., a non-profit corporation of Alpha Kappa Alpha women, held its Thirteenth Annual Golf Classic this past Saturday, at Winston Lake Golf Course.

The special event generated funds for the Ivy Arms apartment complex. Economic development is one of the most critical aspects for continued growth and vitality in the African-American com-

• Tourney had more than three flights of competition

munity. The visionary black women of Phi Omega, Inc. have provided affordable housing in East Winston-Salem since 1991 and have built own 44 apartments and a community center.

Evelyn Acree chaired this year's golf classic and Geneva Brown served as chairman emeritus. According to coor-

dinators, the entire golf tournament was fun, exciting, challenging and rewarding for all golfers and guests. Souvenir bags, program booklets, refreshments, silent auction, prizes and a delicious lunch catered by Aramark Food Service -WSSU, were part of the day's activities.

The big winners on the

golf link were as followed: Champions Flight winners were the team of Donald Adams, Robert Bethea, Sam Puryear, Harden Wheeler (53). The First Flight winning team consisted of Dan McGill, Bill Tucker, Len Tucker, Nathan Tucker (59). The Second Flight winners were: Donnie Gibson, Keith Grandberry, Tyrone Grandberry, Emery Rann (63).

The Third Flight winners

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