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Legend Petree headlines 2008 class

Former Pond Giant owner to be inducted into HOF

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee has selected three members to the 2008 class to be inducted in to the Greater Winston-Salem Professional Baseball Hall of Fame. The selection committee of the Hall of Fame, which was established in 1996, selected Jim Lonborg, Nelson Petree and Eddie Yuhas from a group of nearly 25 candidates.

"We are really excited with the class of individuals that were elected in 2008 to the Winston-Salem Baseball Hall of Fame by the voting members," said Guy Schuman, President of the Winston-Salem Warthogs. "All three of these individuals distinguished themselves in their baseball careers."

The three new members will be officially inducted in to the Hall of Fame at the 14th Annual Winston-Salem Baseball Charity Hot



Former W-S Pond Giant owner Nelson Petree throws out a pitch during a Warthog game.

Stove Banquet and Memorabilia Silent Auction on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. The Hot Stove Banquet will be held at the Benton Convention Center, Hall A North in Downtown Winston-Salem. Former New York Yankees infielder and MVP of the 1960 World Series, Bobby Richardson will serve as the honorary guest speaker at the event.

The Hall of Fame selection committee bases their annual vote on such criteria as having played, coached, or been an administrator for a professional baseball team in the Greater Winston-Salem area and had outstanding accomplishments in their field with the team or with a MLB team following their time in the area. Each new member must be of good character and reputation, along with upholding the ideals of sportsmanship.

Petree purchased the Winston-Salem Pond Giants in 1960 ... remained the owner of the team until the Pond Giants played its final game in 1998. He was a versatile player on the team and also served as the manager. Petree also assumed the roles of coach, instructor and tutor to many of

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N.C. State's Cedric Hickman has been very stressed lately.

Forsyth Country Day gearing for MLK showcase

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Forsyth Country Day hosts showcase events for every sport that the school fields teams for, but the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Girls' Basketball Showcase is usually one of the more exciting events.

The MLK show case event at FCD will showcase teams like Mt. Zion, Oak Hill Academy, Victory Christian, Mt. Tabor, Patterson School, Glenn, Covenant Classical and Providence Day — as well as Forsyth Country Day. The special event will take place on Jan. 21 at FCD in Lewisville.

"By inviting 10 high level girls' varsity teams we are making an effort to provide all of the student athletes who will be involved with both the highest level of competition as well as a great chance of exposure to a variety of college coaches," said FCD head coach Ray Quesnel. "Over 50 college coaches have been personally invited to attend the event which will feature over 25 future college basketball players. Several of those coaches have already responded that they will be in attendance and have expressed to us how grateful they are that we are hosting an event that gives them the opportunity for such extensive one-stop evaluation and recruitment."

Some of the players have already committed to top schools, such as FCD's Margaret Harvey, who committed to Wake Forest. Some of the other participants have signed with schools like Virginia, Illinois, Georgetown, N.C. State, LSU, South Florida, Auburn, Old Dominion, South Alabama, Clemson, Appalachian State, James Madison, Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina, and Syracuse — among many others.

"We also see this as an opportunity for us to provide the Winston-Salem area with an opportunity to see the best that girls' basketball has to offer," Quesnel said. "We intend for this to be an all-inclusive event and have invited public and private high schools from the local, statewide and even national level."

"With other tournaments narrowing their focus we feel that our signature showcase event will be unique in our area and will provide a winning situation for players and fans as well as for college coaches," Quesnel continued. "All of us at Forsyth Country Day School are proud to host what we believe will be the premier girls' basketball event."

Showcase schedule is as follows: Covenant Classical will play Mt. Zion at 1:30 p.m. Oak Hill will play Victory Christian at 3 p.m. Coach Rick Anderson's Mt. Tabor squad will play Providence Day at 4 p.m. Wesleyan will face Patterson at 6 p.m. The tournament will conclude with FCD battling Glenn at 7:30 p.m.



Najet Ouardad and the rest of the Lady Furries will be on display during MLK showcase on Jan. 21.

FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill



Matters clearing up for Hickman

Things are starting to look up for N.C. State's Ced Hickman, who most of us call Big Ced. Some of you may recall the reports of Hickman being arrested for breaking and entering charges a couple weeks ago. Reports said that Hickman and Wolfpack wrestler, Chris Sutton, 19 (of Wilmington) were being charged with five counts of breaking and entering motor vehicles in Cary. Sutton also was charged with resisting, delaying and obstructing arrest and possession of stolen goods.

A lot of us immediately stopped and said, "That doesn't sound like Ced." I know I did. And, I've talked with several people that felt the same way. I was hoping the charges were simply a matter of misidentification. Others said that it was probably a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Turns out that's exactly what happened. I spoke with Big Ced last week, a day after he appeared in court.

"I told the judge everything that I knew," Hickman told me. "I was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. I was in a vehicle with some stolen items in it, but I didn't steal anything. The judge told the other guy that he could thank me for being honest, or he would probably be facing stiffer charges. Now, he's going to be in the first offender program."

I tried to obtain specific information about the case, but the district attorney told me the case was still pending. He said he didn't feel comfortable commenting on the

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Carver's Sherman to run for South Carolina

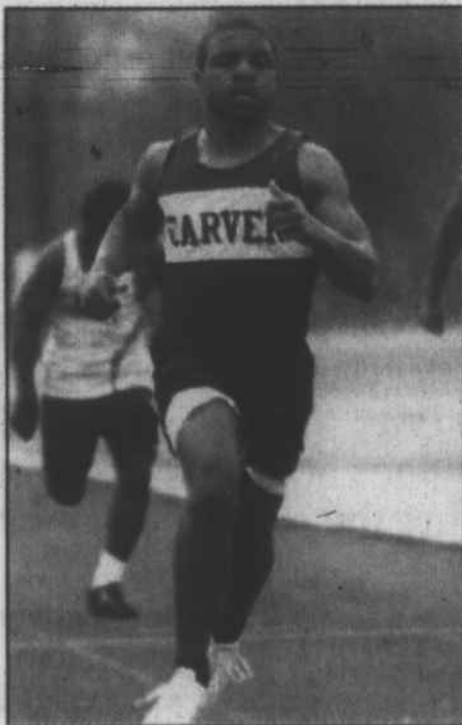
Yellowjacket commits to Gamecocks two days after Christmas

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Carver senior Bryce Sherman, who's one of the more exciting football and track stars around, has decided which school he wants to perform for next fall. He made his decision two days after Christmas. The multitalented student-athlete chose the University of South Carolina, over Georgia Tech and Clemson.

"South Carolina has always been one of my top choices," said Sherman. "It was a tough decision because I was really considering Clemson too. They have a lot of great track athletes. And, they have a good football program. Clemson was also looking at me for both sports. South Carolina is going to let me play football too. I might not play my freshman year, so I can gain more weight."

Sherman has gained 25 to 30 pounds since his freshman year in high school. He hopes to gain 15 to 20 more pounds before he steps on campus in Columbia, SC.



Bryce Sherman has committed to USC.

have to pick up more weight to play football," Sherman said. "I would use my whole freshman year to get bigger and faster. I see myself as the same type of player as guys like LSU's Trinton Holiday and Navy's Ricky Campbell. Both are smaller athletes that make plays."

Holiday is also a standout sprinter on the LSU track team. Track is going to be Sherman's main priority on the next level, despite the option to play football. Sherman is projected to run 100-meter, 200-meter and possibly relay races during the outdoor season in college. During indoor season, Sherman is expected to run a number of events, including the 200. Sherman's best 100-meter time is 10.57. He recorded a best of 21.4 in the 200-meter race. In the 60-meter, Sherman has been clocked at 6.89. In the 300, Sherman's best time is 35.4.

"It wouldn't be a total disappointment if I simply stuck with track," Sherman said. "I honestly think that I have a much better shot at track. I don't have to meet a

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FOR NEW ORLEANS!



LSU Defensive End Ricky Jean-Francois hoists the National Championship Trophy on Jan. 7 after his team beat Ohio State 38-24 for the national title at the Superdome in New Orleans.