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Former Deac
standout enjoying
coaching at FCD

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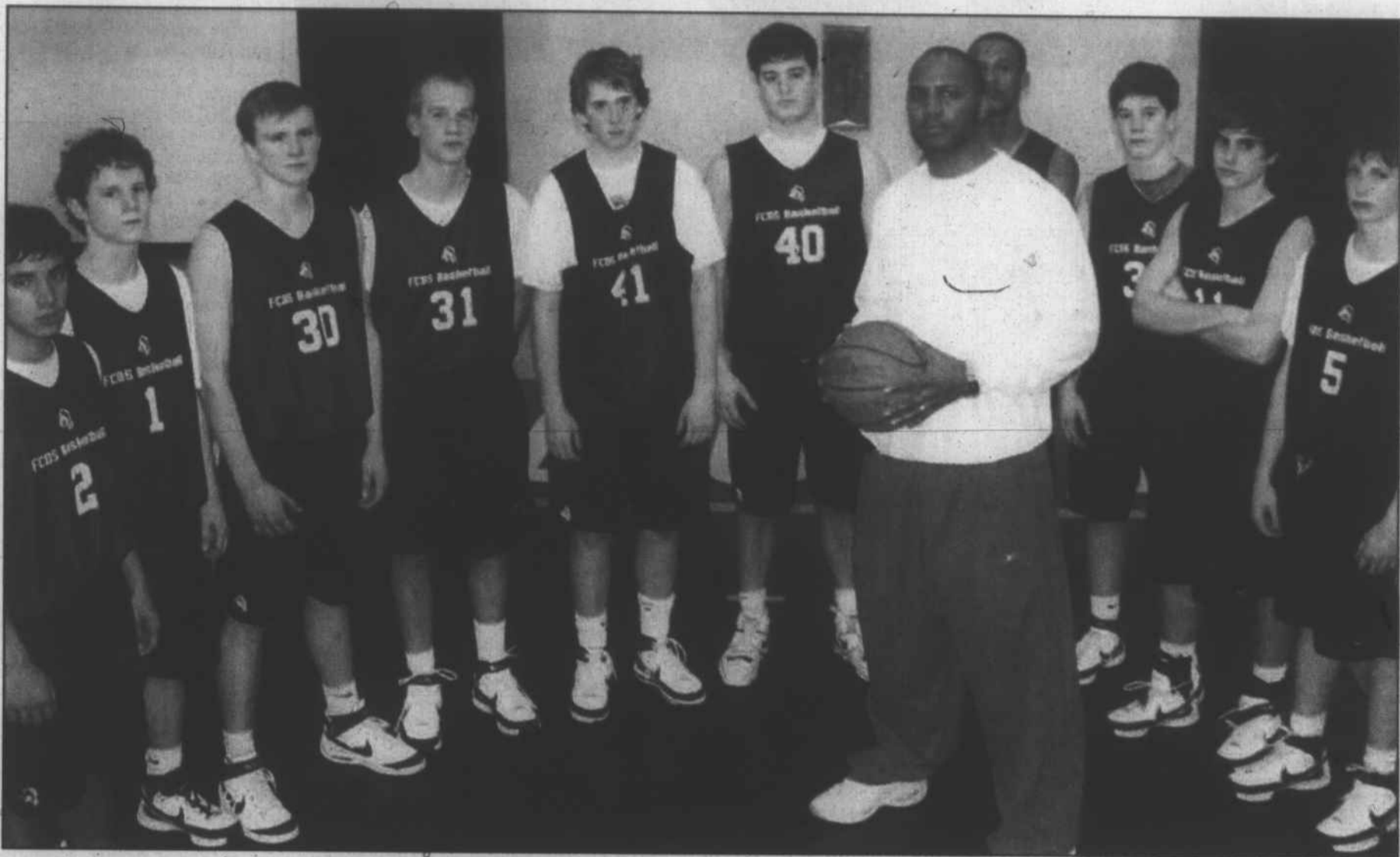
Craig Dawson was one of the most prolific shooters to come out of Wake Forest University. He entered his senior season (2001-02) with the fourth-most three-point field goals. Injuries kind of took over from that point, and limited his scoring and career.

But he hasn't looked back. One of the reasons Dawson has been steady pushing forward is the fact he's never really left the court. He simply became a coach. He's presently the head JV boy's coach at Forsyth Country Day.

"I'm loving every minute," Dawson said. "It's the greatest thing in the world besides actually being on the floor and playing. I actually get a thrill out of this. It's like a 24-hour job. I truly enjoy every facet of being a coach here at Forsyth Country Day."

Dawson has always kind of wanted to be a coach.

"As a kid, I really liked watching the behind the scenes things about basketball," said



Forsyth Country Day head JV coach Craig Dawson stands with members of his squad.

Photo by Anthony Hill

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Reidsville JV spoils Atkins celebration

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Tuesday night was supposed to be the night that the Atkins JV boys (10-7, 9-1) celebrated the school's first conference title of any kind since re-opening three years ago. The Camels were supposed to all but conclude an undefeated conference record with a win over Reidsville.

Reidsville (11-6, 4-3) evidently didn't get the memo, as they left Atkins with a 47-45 victory in front of a packed house at Atkins in the JV Game of the Week.

"I knew they were the better team the first time we played them," said Atkins head JV coach Rodney Brewington. "We were still able to pick up a big win for our program. We were really starting to gel. But we lost a number of players to varsity after the brawl. But we still played well tonight. I thought we had our chances to win."

No other Camel stepped up like Phillip Clark. He finished with 18 points, a block and three assists — to go along with two steals. Clark got Atkins off to a good start with a number of exciting finishes and passes in the first half. He didn't take long to make his presence felt either. He blocked a Reidsville ball on its first possession of the game. Then, he hit the first 8-of-9 points for Atkins to start the game. Ricardo Johnson, who finished with 12 points, also made some big shots for Atkins in the first half.

Reidsville, behind the play of A.J. McNeil, Mark, Fountain, Marty Server and Eldrick Gunter, still managed to hold on to a 15-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. But Atkins took control of the

game in the second. Clark started things off for the Camels with four quick points to give him a total of 12 total points in the early moments of the second quarter. Johnson followed that up with two-straight 3-point bombs to give the Camels a 21-17 lead. Justin Haney then hit a free throw to give the Camels a 22-17 lead. "On Atkins next possession, Phillip Clark and Haney hooked up for the play of the game. Clark executed a flawless spin on Reidsville's Gunter, dipped between two

Reidsville post player, and then flipped a behind-the-back, no-look pass to Haney for the basket to give Atkins a 24-17 lead with a little over two minutes to go before the half. Clark, Darius Cameron and Kevin McMoore closed things out for the Camels to give Atkins at 30-21 halftime lead.

"The first game felt just like this one," Brewington said. "We had a 15 point lead on them the first time. But they are so athletic. They just keep coming. We did an outstanding job of going on a run to get the 9-point lead. But they did an outstanding job of slowing down the game. No team has really slowed us down this year like they did. Nobody has really been able to run with us. They made us play a halfcourt game in the second half. We simply couldn't get it done tonight."

Atkins actually seemed to do a good job of slowing itself down. Brewington instructed his guys to run something similar to Carolina's old four corners, where they were trying to kill most of the clock. But they weren't scoring at the end of possession, and Reidsville constantly attacked and scored on the other end.



Brewington

Eight to get Hall of fame honors

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association has selected eight CIAA Legends for induction into the John B. McLendon, Jr. Hall of Fame on Feb. 29, 11 a.m. at The Westin Hotel. The newly inducted honorees will also be recognized at center-court at the Charlotte Bobcats Arena.

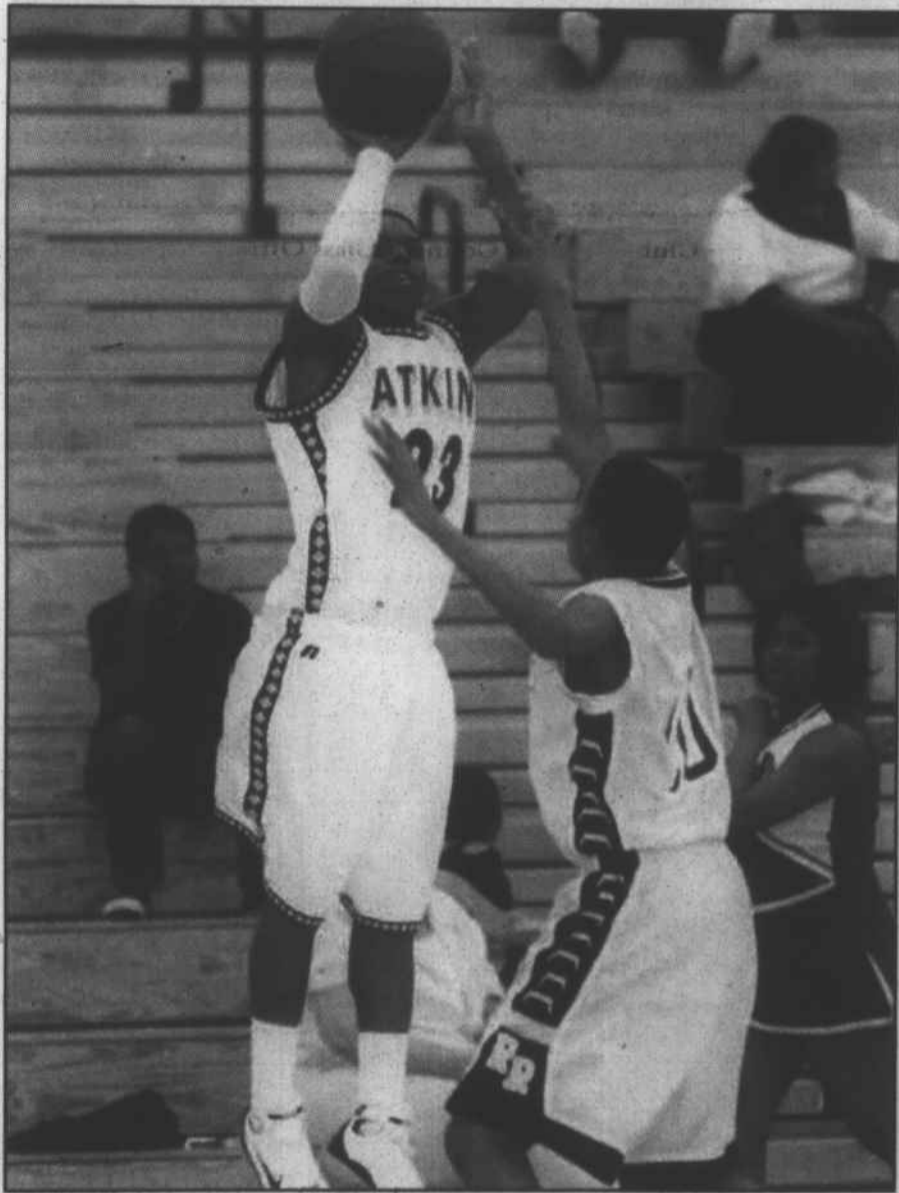
This year's class features a range of talented individuals including one of the world's most prized track & field record-holders, to three pace-setting coaches who each remain in-service to their sport; beating record breaking paths of their own.

John Borican (posthumous), Alvin Brown (football), Richard Glover (basketball), Tiny Laster (coach), Jona McKee (football), Robert M. Screen (coach), Joe Taylor (coach) and Dave Robbins (coach) are among the latest group to be inducted into the hall of fame.

John Borican (posthumous) As touted by Life Magazine in 1941, Borican was "America's Greatest Track and Field Athlete." John Borican held 6 world records in Track and Field at the time of his death. He was inducted into the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2000 and Virginia State University Hall of Fame in 1980. Borican won three CIAA Championships in Track & Field 1936-38 and was captain of the 1938 CIAA Championship Football Team. In 1938, Borican was the only member of an HBCU to win an individual medal at the Penn Relays; taking the 400 meter hurdles in a time of 53.6 seconds. Borican's talents had also extended into the fine arts. He



Taylor



Ricardo Johnson elevates over a Reidsville player Tuesday night.

Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Guys ink scholarships

National Football Signing Day was yesterday, and a few area guys inked scholarships to some good colleges. Some chose to wait until they picked up their SAT score and grade point averages.

I talked to a few unsure guys on Tuesday night. As of Tuesday night, I was able to confirm a few signings. Let's start with Carver, a school that people swear is my favorite. That's not true. I just happen to have great dialog with the coaches over there.

OK, five to six guys signed letters of intent from Carver. Let's start with the all-conference defensive end Collin Sturdivant. He signed with Navy, a team that defeated Notre Dame last year and went to a bowl game. Bryce Sherman signed a track scholarship with South Carolina. McKinley Morning signed with

North Carolina A&T. Chris Canty signed with Fayetteville State. I think kicker Cedric Coleman signed a letter of intent to play baseball and football at NCCU.

Parkland had two guys sign yesterday.

Brian McCorkle signed with Livingstone College, while big Meko James signed with N.C. A&T. Let's go over to Atkins, where Antonio Rhymes and Shane Allen are still waiting to sign. Allen is deciding between Virginia State and Winston-Salem State. Rhymes is probably going to sign with WSSU.

My main man, L.B. Banner signed to play for Lenoir Rhyne College. I think he's going to do big things once he gets there. At Glenn, I know that Rashaun Brown signed to play for Campbell. Campbell also

FROM THE
HUDDLE

Anthony Hill

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File photo
North's L.B. Banner is one of many senior prep football players that signed scholarships yesterday. Banner signed with Lenoir Rhyne College.

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