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## REPLACIN' A LEGEND

### Coach Brent David takes over Carver football team

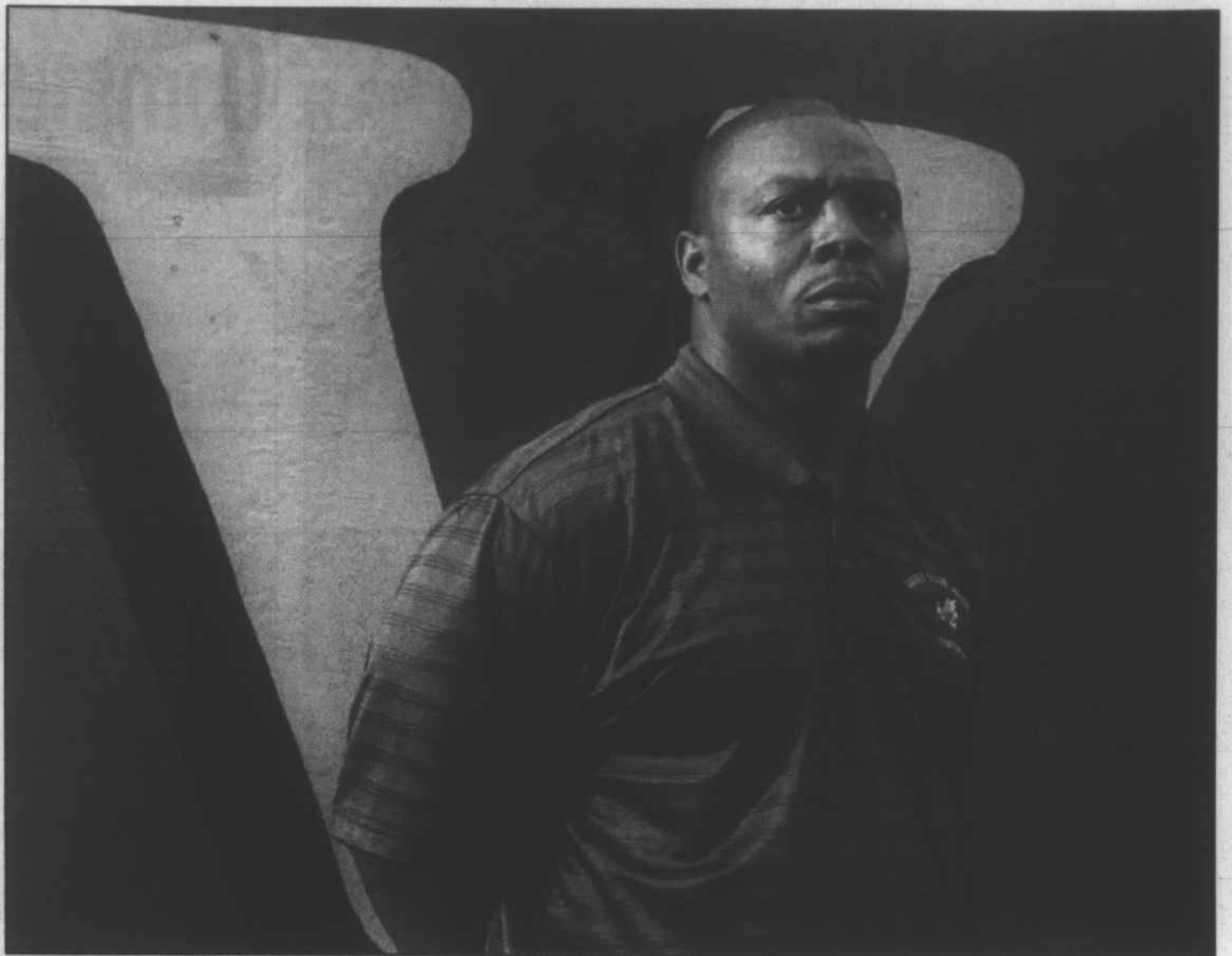
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Coach Keith Wilkes won more than 90 percent of his games during the last 10 years. He also helped Carver capture two state championships and countless playoff wins along the way. Coach Brent David, who assisted with the Carver defense last year, was chosen to replace Wilkes. David was officially named Carver head football coach yesterday.

"Words can't express how excited I am to have the opportunity to lead a program with the tradition and success we've had here at Carver," said David. "Coach Keith Wilkes is leaving me a great team. Coach Poe, the athletic director, is also a great leader. He's going to help me be successful. Hopefully we'll have the same success that Keith experienced while he was here at Carver."

Poe added: "I hate to lose coach Wilkes. He's done a great job here. I think we were fortunate enough to get a good coach in coach David. He's a dedicated young man. He's well motivated. He's a good

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Carver head football coach Brent David is looking forward to helping the Yellowjackets continue their winning ways.

Photo by Anthony Hill



The late Coach Clarence Bighouse Gaines

## Gaines golf event coming

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Bighouse Gaines Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament director Mel Pearce is eager as can be for this year's special golf tournament. One of the reasons he's excited is because of the cause. Proceeds from the event will go toward the funding of the Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines Scholarship, which was established in 2004.

Also, Pearce is excited about some of the special guests that have already confirmed a spot in this year's golf tournament.



Pearce

Winston-Salem State and NBA legend Earl "The Pearl" Monroe and Dallas Maverick star Josh Howard are two of the special guests that have already confirmed participation in this year's event.

"I'm a little more excited than usual," said Pearce. "I'm excited about some of the people that have already committed to playing. Earl Monroe, who was on coach Gaines' 1967 championship team, is playing. He's going to be our special guest this year. Josh Howard — who's a former Wake Forest All-American and present Dallas Maverick, has committed to playing. He'll play if they're not still in the playoffs. Mrs. (Clara) Gaines will also be there. She's helped a lot with this tournament as well."

This year's tournament will take place on Friday, June 13 at Salem Glen Golf and Country Club in Clemmons. But Pearce is already looking forward to the third annual event.

"This event is always on my mind," Pearce said. "Everything is starting to come together. With the suc-

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Dallas Maverick star Josh Howard received a lot of heat after his comments on smoking marijuana on a Dallas radio show last week.

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## HOWARD WAS TOO HONEST

I can't tell you how many times I've been asked about the recent statements my friend Josh Howard, made during a radio show last week.

I guess I need to state what exactly happened before I say anything about it. Well, J-Ho openly discussed smoking weed on Michael Irvin's radio show last week. He said that smoking marijuana was a part of his summer vacations.

"... What I was stating was just response to a random question (a Dallas newspaper reporter) asked me about the marijuana use," Howard said on the Michael Irvin show. "I just let him know that most of the players in the league use marijuana, and I have and do partake in smoking weed in the offseason sometimes and that's my personal choice and my personal opinion. But I don't think that's stopping me from doing my job."

"Just because I'm not scoring the same way I've been scoring, that's no reason for the media to say, 'Oh, it's because he's getting high.' I'm still in season. I'm not smoking nothing."

That was a mouthful, I know. A source of mine told me that Howard's statement will probably lead to drug test during the summer months. Right now, NBA players are tested throughout training camp and the regular season, but there are no suspensions and no public acknowledgment of positive marijuana tests until a player's third

positive offense. Players get in trouble right away if the drug is harder. The NBA probably can't suspend Howard, who's 27. But the league could make J-Ho enroll into a league-sponsored drug education program. I mean, he did admit to smoking an illegal substance.

That's what got me. Why in the world would anyone openly admit to doing anything illegal? I still shake my head when I think about what he said. At the same time, I know that Josh is always going to be honest and open. Sometimes he's too honest. And, this was one of the occasions. Like former NBA player Jalen Rose said, "This is a case when keeping it real goes wrong." And, Josh was being far too open.

But we all make mistakes. And, we've all done something or said something that we have regretted later. Sometimes it took the reaction of others before we realized how wrong we may have been for saying something. I think this was the case with Josh. He was just being open, not really thinking about the consequence. Actually, most of us didn't hear about the incident when it was first reported in a Dallas newspaper over a week ago. It became common knowledge after Josh said it again on the radio last Friday — reportedly right before Game 3 (Dallas

### FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill



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## Wicker-McCree officially named NCCU AD

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

North Carolina Central University announced the appointment of Ingrid Wicker-McCree as director of athletics last week. She held the interim position for the past five months, replacing William "Bill" Hayes who announced his departure in early December.

"We are very pleased to announce this appointment," said Chancellor Charlie Nelms. "Ingrid's demonstrated record of leadership and achievement is a real asset to our team. Not only does she have a history of being a winning coach, but she has provided excellent leadership during this transitional period."

Wicker-McCree, who joins the rank of only a handful of women athletic directors in the UNC system, previously served as NCCU's associate athletics

director for internal affairs. She has served in a variety of leadership positions in both conference and national level organizations, most notably as president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Executive Board from 2004-06, becoming only the second woman to ever



Wicker-McCree

hold that position in the league's history. In addition, she served as a member of the NCAA's Division II Legislation

Committee from 2003-07.

In recognition of her work, Wicker-McCree received the CIAA Leadership Award for Service as president of the Executive Board and was named the CIAA Senior Woman Administrator of the Year in the spring of 2006.

Now entering her 15th year at NCCU, Wicker-McCree has been one of the driving forces behind NCCU's reclassification to NCAA Division I. Since 1998, she has overseen the internal operations of the Athletics Department, including all compliance and eligibility programs.

"I am truly honored by this appointment," said Wicker-McCree. "Maintaining NCCU's rich history of academic success and athletic excellence as we transition to NCAA Division I will

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### KICKIN' CUTIE



Young Ariyana Gripper takes a break from the soccer action during the final soccer game at Reynolds Park last week.

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