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WSSU will host a cheer camp next month.

## WSSU cheerleaders to hold youth camp

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem State University cheerleading advisor Lori Dobbins announced on Tuesday that the Lady Rams' cheerleading program will hold their fourth annual instructional cheerleading camp in the C.E. Gaines Center, from June 19-21.

The instructional camp is designed to develop all beginner, intermediate, and advanced cheerleaders, ages 7-17, under the guidance of certified instructors.

The three-day "WSSU Cheer Explosion" summer camp will start promptly at 8 a.m. each morning, and conclude at 4 p.m. On the final day there will be an awards ceremony

and a talent showcase at 5:30 p.m. Each camp attendee will receive a t-shirt, a "goodie bag" full of assorted items, and will have the opportunity to compete for a chance to win prizes and merchandise.

Focus of the camp will be on cheerleading skills, gymnastics and stunting. Cost for the three-day event is \$55 per participant prior to June 2, with the cost increasing to \$70 after June 2. All proceeds benefit the WSSU Cheerleading program.

For additional information, or to register, call the WSSU Cheerleading Office at (336) 750-2936 or email Director of Cheerleading Operation, Lori Dobbins at [dobbinsl@wssu.edu](mailto:dobbinsl@wssu.edu).

## Parkland

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with the same time of 12.4. Jessica Morgan finished third with a time of 12.5. The 200 meter race looked a lot like the 100, with Council and Gathings leading the charge. They both finished with a time of 25.5.

Parkland received a good push from Myria Rivers in the 100-meter hurdles. She finished second with a time of 16.7. Chelsea Carlton finished third with a time of 17.8. Myria Rivers won the 300 hur-

dles with a time of 49.5. Carlton finished third with a time of 52.2. Lena Elliot won the 800 meter with a time of 2:26.

The Parkland 4x100 relay team blazed the track with a time of 50.3 to win that event over Carver and Reagan. The Mustangs also continued their dominance of the 4x400, finishing with a time of 4:11. The Mustangs finished second in the 4x800 meter race (11:03).

Jessica Morgan gave the Mustangs another boost with an impressive jump of 16-2 in the long jump for first place honors. Chelsea Carlton fin-

ished third. Morgan also won the triple jump event with a distance of 35-9. Nadia Morgan finished second with a mark of 16-2.

"As you can see, we have quite a few standouts this year," Hughes said. "Jessica Morgan is doing well for us in the jumps. Myrtie Gathings is dominating in the 100 and 200. She's even pushing Christine Council this year. Christine is still doing good. Mia Rivers, Chelsea Carlton and Lena Elliot are doing very well for us. Plus, our relay

## Thomasville's Abrams-Ward voted top athlete

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

E.J. Abrams-Ward of Thomasville High School was recently named 2008 Male Athlete of the Year by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). Jannetta Robinson of Pender High School was named the Female Athlete of the Year.

These are the top athletic awards given by the NCHSAA to honor the most outstanding male and female high school athletes in the state. They were presented at the Dean E. Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus during the NCHSAA's Annual Meeting last Thursday.



Abrams-Ward

Both of the winners were selected by a special panel of media representatives from

across the state. They were each presented with the Pat Best Memorial Trophy, named for the former Goldsboro High principal and president of the NCHSAA who died unexpectedly in 1988.

Abrams is a tremendous three-sport athlete, excelling in football, basketball and baseball. In football, he was a 6-5, 220-pound star who was a linebacker but played quarterback because that is where his team, a perennial power, needed him. During the 2007 campaign he rushed for 1,288 yards and scored nine touchdowns while throwing for better than 2,000 yards and 24 scores. He was named to several all-state teams in that sport and played in the Shrine

Bowl.

In basketball he averaged 20 points, eight rebounds and two steals a game and wound up with better than one thousand points for his career. He was an all-Northwest selection by the Winston-Salem Journal on a team that got to the regional finals and he was the *Lexington Dispatch* county Player of the Year.

A pitcher and outfielder who started late due to the length of the basketball season, he is one of the team's top hitters and had 20 strikeouts in his first 12 innings as a pitcher, winning his first two starts. He will attend the University of Tennessee next year on a football scholarship.

## Aggie men finish second in MEAC conference

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Depth was all that stood in the way of the North Carolina A&T men's track and field team winning a championship at the 2008 MEAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships held at Morgan State's Hughes Stadium last Saturday.

The men finished second behind a very deep Norfolk State team that ended the day by winning its third straight outdoor championship.

"I told the men coming in here that I thought they could finish in the top four," said N.C. A&T sprinters coach James Daniels. "To come out of here with a second-place finish after not having athletes in some events is a testament to how much pride these guys have in their school and their coach. They really wanted to bring a championship home to lift coach Thompson's spirits."

Daniels coached both teams because director of track and field programs Roy "Spaceman" Thompson stayed in Greensboro to tend to his wife who is recovering from an



Photo by Michael Simmons

A&T's Ron Buchanan, who's a former West Forsyth Titan, won his second-straight MEAC triple jump title.

illness. In his absence, the men's team won three individual titles and had eight top five finishes to come away with 95 points. The Aggies came in second despite not competing in the pole vault, 5000 meters, 3000 meter steeplechase and the decathlon.

The Aggies may not have depth, but they certainly have talent. Sophomore Calesio Newman took home the first

outdoor gold medal of his career by winning the 100 meters with a time of 10.33. Newman finished second in the 200 meters and he was a part of the 400 meter relay that finished second. Newman finished the day by scoring 26 points for the Aggies.

"When I was a kid, I would always see how fast I could run from light post to light post," said Newman. "Coach Thompson always tells me to

keep it that simple. Just run from light post to light post. I wasn't concerned with who was around me."

Former West Forsyth Titan Ron Buchanan took home first place in the triple jump for the second straight season. He said his goal coming in was to best his mark from last season. Mission accomplished. Buchanan jumped 50-feet, 6 3/4 inches last season. Last Saturday, he jumped 50-feet, 11-inches. Buchanan outdid himself despite still jumping on a bad achilles.

The Aggies other championship also came in a field event. Lonnie Phifer won his second shot put championship in three years. Former Reynolds High standout Robert Boulware finished third (50-09.25) in the shot put and fifth in the discus throw.

The Aggies got an extra qualifier in Tarrish Alexander in the long jump. Plus, a team that had never run together this season - 400 relay team - finished second and qualified for regionals.

## Wedlock

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highlight tape Wedlock posted on the site and contacted him last December.

While the AIFA isn't the NFL, Wedlock says that playing professional football is a dream-come-true. Through four games, Wedlock was leading the team in rushing with 98 yards on 5 attempts and a touchdown.

"It's great," he said. "We live in a hotel, food is free, and we get paid every week. It's like being in college without going to classes."

Bowens said that Wedlock has caught on to the pro rather quickly.

"He's a rookie, but he's catching on fine," Bowens said. "He's picking it up pretty fast."

Wedlock also said that he has found that players on the professional level are more team-oriented and he likes the fact that players on his team are used to being successful.

One of his teammates, quarterback Omar Jacobs (former Bowling Green quarterback), was an honorable mention All-American in 2005 and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the '06 draft.

"In college, everyone was more worried about themselves getting to the next level; it's more team oriented here," Wedlock said.

So what do his teammates think about his now-infamous youtube.com video?

"Everyone on the team has a copy," he said. "They love it."

Wedlock said that although he doesn't know what the future holds for his football career, he doesn't plan on putting up his cleats anytime soon.

"I'll stop playing..." he said, "...when God tells me to stop."

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