WSSU head coach Dee Stokes is looking forward to

Lady Rams basketball adds three signees

Winston-Salem State women's basketball head coach Dee Stokes announced the signing of three more players to National Letters of Intent, last week. The addition of the three players brings the Lady Rams' total to five signees.

'My staff and I have worked very hard over the last 3 weeks to secure this signing class," WSSU head women's basketball head coach Dee Stokes said. "I am excited about these young ladies and look forward to seeing them grow in the Ram program. They are all exceptional students and should excel both on and off the basketball

The Lady Rams will add some height to their program with the signing of Jordhan Peterson, a 6'1" post player who shot 52.7 percent from the field, averaged 9.64 points per game, and 7.08 rebounds per game.

'Jordhan was a steal for us. She is an exceptional student and really wants to get better as a basketball player." Stokes added. "I love the fact that Jordhan and her mom, Tanya Mann, sometimes get up at 6:00 a.m. to go to the gym to workout. I look forward to seeing her blossom in our system.

Also bringing some needed height to the Lady Rams will be 5'11" forward Chloe Morse, an athletic, physical player who will strengthen the Lady Rams at both ends of the court. In addition to her physical abilities, Morse will also give a boost to the Lady Rams

Morse can also shoot the three, which is something Dee said she likes her frontcourt players to be able to do. Morse is not only a star on the court, but also star in the classroom. She is an exceptional student and will graduate in the top 10 in her class out of 440 students and has a chance to be admitted into WSSU's honors program.

Also joining the Lady Rams this fall will be 5'6" guard Porsche Harrell. She totaled 274 assists and averaged 8.8 assists per game during her senior season at Westover High School. Defensively, she also averaged 3.6 steals per game and only had 85 turnovers for the season. "Porsche is no stranger to our program in that Kadina Baldwin and Shalonda Carter both graduated from WSSU and played at Westover High School," Stokes said. "Porsche just does not turn the ball over. That is what I liked about this kid. You have to have three point guards at the Division I level."

Both Baldwin and Carter finished their careers as statistical leaders at WSSU. Harrell played on a state championship team. Her high school coach Gene Arrington added that the team would not have won it without her leadership.

"I am excited about this entire class. We have two more scholarships remaining and will use one of them for another post player." Stokes said of the 2008 signings. "We hope to be finished in the coming weeks and we look forward to the start of basketball season

Five Aggies earn All-MEAC honors

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

A year ago, Tim Johnson and Marquis Frink came to the North Carolina A&T baseball team as transfers and both men had trouble holding leads. Johnson had trouble as a starter and Frink as a reliever for Johnson. It resulted in both

men having earned run averages over

With Keith Shumate needing them to pitch more innings and thus hold on to leads this season, Frink and Johnson responded by putting together tremendous seasons. The two men are two of the best

strikeout pitchers in the country. On Wednesday their excellent seasons led to them being named first-team All-MEAC selections.

Frink and Johnson joined some of the old guard all-conference selections from N.C. A&T. Seniors Jeremy Jones and Joe McIntyre along with sophomore C.J. Beatty were also named first-team All-

Jones, a designated hitter this season, earned his fourth all-conference selection. He was named first-team all-conference for the second time in his career. McIntyre, who played right field most of the season, earned his third career all-conference honor and his second first-team all-confer-

ence mention.

Beatty, the Aggies center fielder, earned his second straight first-team all-conference selection. A year ago, Beatty was the MEAC Rookie of the Year.

Johnson transferred to A&T from UNC-Asheville last season. After a

year where he had to become comfortable against MEAC hit-Johnson returned this season as a strong No. 1 the starter for Aggies.

Frink transferred from Louisburg College. Junior Frink had a 6.57 ERA and pitched

just 37.1 innings in 2007. This season, he was the pitcher Shumate turned to often. He made a league-high 28 appearances with seven starts.

Jones' story has been welldocumented. He was the MEAC Player of the Year in 2005 and earned several All-American honors. He was a national player of the year candidate prior to the 2006 season. but injured his wrist prior to the season and missed all but one game that season.

McIntyre is the best doubles hitter in N.C. A&T history. He has ranked among the top 50 doubles hitters in the nation the last three seasons. This season, he is 8th in the nation in doubles. He has 76 career doubles, which is the most in school history.

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community, our leadership and a few other things. He called our city a progressive

"This is a win-win situation for both sides," Thomas said. 'We feel like we can make a significant financial impact to the city. Winston-Salem State being here is icing on the cake. They

are an anchor right here."
Too bad Winston-Salem State can't compete for a title for the next two years, which means the Rams will be playing North Carolina Central two of the three years the tourney will be here. The Rams won't be able to compete for the title until 2010. Which is OK. But I would love for WSSU to be able to win it. That's just me. It's simply good to have a tournament coming back to the city.

Atkins Hall of Fame taking place Saturday

The third annual Atkins High School Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on Saturday at the Benton Convention Center, at 6 p.m.

A total of 19 candidates will be inducted into the Atkins Hall of Fame this weekend. The following individuals will officially be inducted on May 31. Alfred Lee Adams (Track 1967-1969), Waddell Cockerham (Basketball 1965-1967), Albert "T-Ball" Conner (Basketball 1961-1962), Donald Covington (Football 1961-Benjamin Silas 1964), Dunovant (Basketball (1959-1963), James Ross Grace (Football 1939-1942) and Willie "Super Sub" Griffin (Basketball 1966 -1969). Griffin will become the youngest member of the historic hall of fame group.



There will be plenty of medals presented during the Atkins High Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Also set for induction are Robert Hughes (Football and Basketball 1951-1955), Doris Lillian Jackson (Basketball 1949-1953), Ernest "Bull" Johnson (Football 1958-1959),

Richard Murray (Football 1948), Walter Louis Murray (Football 1950), Pastor Joseph R. Samuels (Football 1939 -1942), Jay B. Sharp (Football 1956-1960), Hessie Smith

(Football and Basketball 1957-Roscoe Pouncey (Football 1961-1962), John "Bennett" Thompson (Football 1951-1955), Donald "Horse" Thomas (Football 1956-1960), William Hunter Vance, Jr. (Basketball 1949-1952).

Should be a good event.

Come correct

I had a parent of a Parkland student athlete email our general news address to try to get me in trouble for not writing this huge story, or whatever on Parkland's two state champions. Come on now. This isn't school, and you can't tell on me.

Simply bring your issue to me, or live with it. Most of the time we can work it out, or I can explain some things to you. And, please don't comment about stories from the previous week. That parent was all about Mt. Tabor's story the previous week. Stop hating. Each week is different.

The week that Parkland's talented athletes won a state title was the same week that a school won a team title. So, it's a different scenario. And, I had less space. Anyway, I'm not going to explain that here.

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some of the action - especially during prime games.

"We probably average almost 400 people a night,' Little said. "As matter of fact, I'm receiving as many calls from fans than I have teams. The people want to know

when the league is going to start That's a good thing. I really think this is a summer tradition



Winston-Salem. Everybody wants to come to Late Nite. Everybody knows about the league. Actually more women have been calling than guys."

But Little says he might have to charge for attendance

this year. "I'm hoping I don't have to do that," said Little. "I'm getting a little pressure from the city to charge. If I charged, it wouldn't be any more than a dollar. But I don't even want to do that. But I am getting a lot of talk from the city to charge for admission. We'll

One and Done captured their second-straight Late Nite championship last summer after defeating Da Cuse. Some of the standouts from the champs were Josh Pittman, Gregory, Tyson Patterson, Nelo Pittman, John Rumley, Antonio Minor and Danny Gathings. Juan Davis

was the coach of the champs. "We don't know if we're

going to play in the league this year." Davis said. "Some of my guys are getting older, and we might want to do something else. But if we do get in the league we're going to win it. That's what we do.

For more information about the league or to sign up squads, contact Little at 727-2891. Teams can register at 14th Street Recreation Center.

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO SR 2601 (MACY GROVE ROAD) FROM SR 4139 (INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE) TO NC 150 (NORTH MAIN STREET) AND CONVERTING A GRADE SEPARATION TO AN INTERCHANGE AT I-40 BUSINESS

TIP Project U-2800/U-4734

Guilford & Forsyth Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Information Workshop on June 17, 2008 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Café located on the Dudley Beauty College Campus, 900-D East Mountain Street, Kernersville.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to provide information, answer questions and receive comments regarding this project. Attend at your convenience during the above stated hours. Please note there will be no formal presenta-

NCDOT, under TIP Project U-2800, proposes to widen SR 2601 (Macy Grove Road) to a multi-lane roadway from SR 4139 (Industrial Park Drive) to SR 1005 (Old US 421/East Mountain Street). A grade separation at I-40 Business will be converted to an interchange as part of this project with a portion constructed on new location. Under TIP Project U-4734, SR 2601 (Macy Grove Road) will be extended from SR 1005 (Old US 421/East Mountain Street) to NC 150 (North Main Street) as a multi-lane roadway partially on new location.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Beverly Robinson, Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, phone (919) 733-7844, Ext. 254 or email, brobinson@dot.state.nc.us.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Robinson as early as possible so that arrange-

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