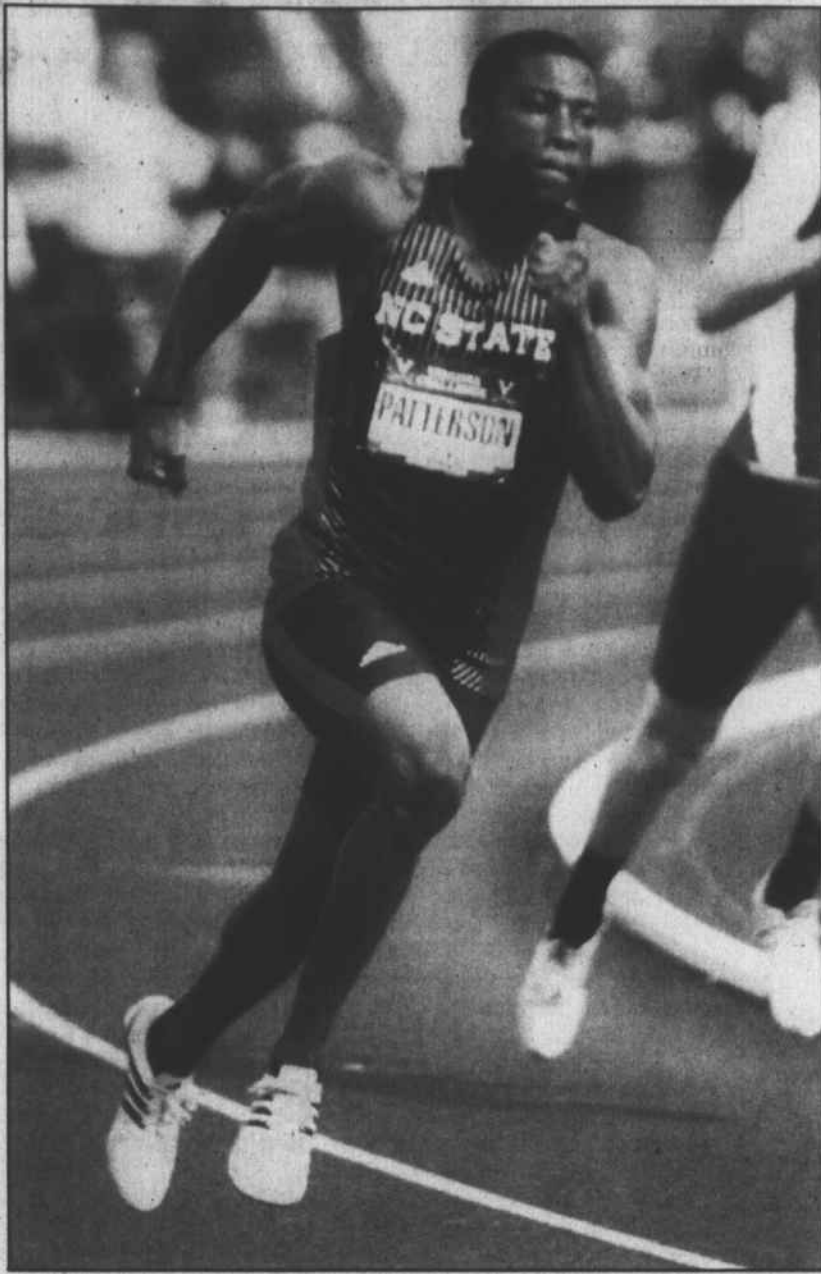


Patterson qualifies for track events in the ACC



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S. Wayne Patterson II, a graduate of Mt. Tabor High School, is a freshman at North Carolina State University, where he qualified for three events for the ACC Outdoor Track & Field Championships. The championships will be held at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. He qualified for the 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay and the 400 meter. Patterson helped lead the Mt. Tabor Boys Track Team to its 2014 North Carolina state title.

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Josh McGee and "Raider Nation" got to work on helping Savion and his family every way they could. McGee, who has known Savion since his freshman year, is amazed at how fast they came up with ways to raise money.

"From fish plates to wristbands, we've done everything you could think of," McGee said.

"I'm amazed at how people like Chase Vaden, who didn't play with Savion that long, wanted to help."

Vaden, who graduated in 2014 and only played one year with Savion, came up with the idea for the Pray for Sae 7-on-7 tournament. The tournament will be May 30 at Reagan and will put some of the best talent in the area on showcase. Admission will be \$5; children under 10 get in free. All the proceeds and donations will go to Savion and his family.

Last year, Vaden helped organize a tournament that provided over 1,000 meals to the homeless of Winston-Salem.

"We wanted to do something a little

different this year," Vaden said. "I approached Savion with the idea, he agreed, and we started working on getting it done."

The tournament will feature separate brackets for high school and college players. Registration for the tournament ended May 8. East Forsyth, Carver, Reagan, Mt. Tabor and Parkland High Schools will be represented. The finals of the tournament will be streamed nationwide on CoachesAid.com.

The tournament will be two-hand tag and will follow the double elimination format. Teams are allowed 10 players per team. Match ups for the tournament have not yet been decided.

Denard Smoot, who is responsible for getting the teams to participate, believes no matter who wins, the match-ups will be a must-see.

"It will be very exciting," Smoot said. "We have a lot of talent coming."

Savion, whose favorite player is Ray Lewis, is eager to get back on the field. Most of all, he misses the intensity.

"That's what I like most about football," Savion said. "I can't wait to get back on the field. There's no doubt that I'll be back out there."

Salem College changes athletic conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

FAYETTEVILLE -- Salem College and two other colleges -- Wesleyan College and Agnes Scott College -- have been accepted to join the USA South Athletic Conference as full members.

These three single-gender, all-female, institutions will begin USA South play during the 2016-17 academic year. All three institutions currently compete in the Great South Athletic Conference.

"We are delighted that Agnes Scott College, Salem College and Wesleyan College are going to be joining the USA South," said Dr. Jennifer Braaten, president of Ferrum College and chairwoman of USA South Presidents Council. "They are the types of institutions we like to have in our Conference in terms of compatibility, competitiveness and their emphasis on values and academics. We feel like these additions solidify the Conference's strength and growth."

"We proudly welcome Agnes Scott College, Salem College and Wesleyan College as members of the USA South," stated Rita Wiggs, USA South Commissioner. "They exemplify the pillars of the Division III and USA South philosophy of academic excellence, personal development, athletic competition and sportsmanship. We look forward to their coaches and student-athletes competing in the USA South."

Salem College, located in Winston-Salem, and founded in 1772, is the oldest women's college by founding date. Salem is a liberal arts college for women which values its students as individuals, develops their unique potential and prepares them to change the world. The Spirits currently offer seven sports (basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball and track & field).

"We are thrilled to be joining the USA South," said Dr. Lorraine Sterritt, president of Salem College. "It was so important for us to be in the right Conference. We pride ourselves on serious academics and athletics at Salem so this feels like a perfect match."

Agnes Scott, founded in 1889, is an independent national liberal arts college for women located in the metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia area, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. The Scotties currently offer six sports (basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball).

Wesleyan, located in Macon, Georgia and chartered in 1836, was the first college in the world to grant degrees to women. The Wolves currently offer five sports (basketball, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball).

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