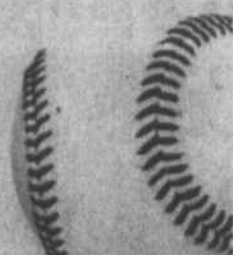




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Tennis club reaches out for new members

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The Kimberly Park Tennis Club carries on the legacy that the Archie family built decades ago in Winston-Salem. To continue that legacy, the club held a clinic and membership drive Sunday, July 31, at Hanes Park.

The KPTC was founded in 1968 by the Archie family with the objective of increasing interest in tennis throughout the community. In the early 1970s, as interest in tennis grew, KPTC along with clubs from Charlotte, Raleigh, Gastonia and Richmond, Va. formed the Southeastern Racket Association. The early mission of the club was to increase awareness of the

game to African-Americans, but as the years went by the club opened its arms to any and all players.

"We have been involved with a number of things in the community to support junior and adult tennis in the Triad area," said Wanda Thomas, KPTC President. "I live in Charlotte but I drive up to keep the organization going because we are like a family."

The KPTC Juniors program is free for all youth ages five to 18. The program is held year round and focuses on the concepts of the game of tennis as well as just having fun. The program has been successful over the years. Several Juniors

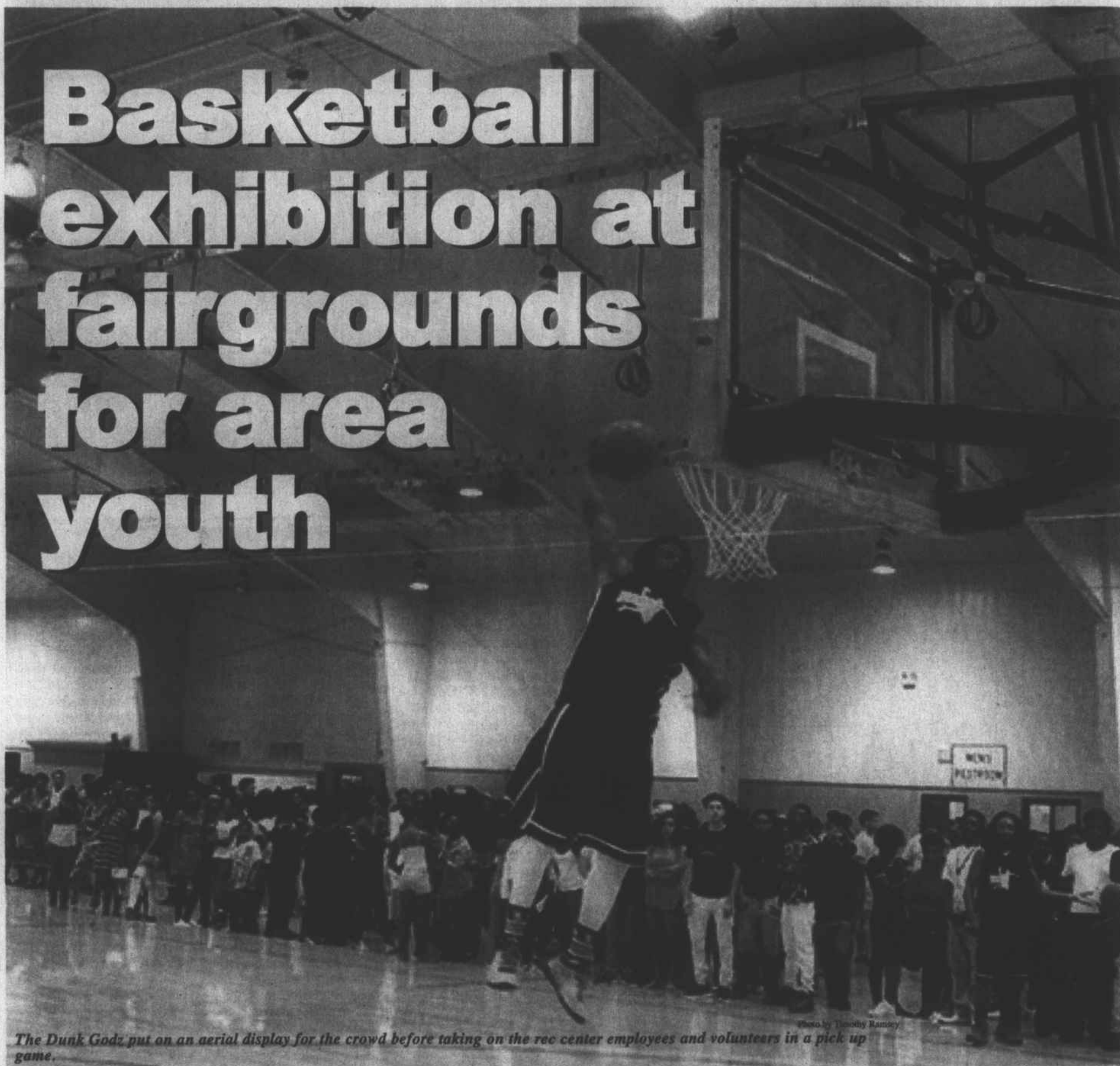
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Club member Michael Gutierrez looks to drop in the second serve to avoid a double fault.

Basketball exhibition at fairgrounds for area youth



The Dunk Godz put on an aerial display for the crowd before taking on the rec center employees and volunteers in a pickup game.

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The Dunk Godz Basketball and Entertainment team showcased its skills at the Fairground Fridays Finale last week. High flying dunks, elite dribbling and pin-point shooting were all on display as the Dunk Godz played the recreation center employees and volunteers in a pickup game.

According to team founder Quincey "Rim Rocka" Warren, the Dunk Godz are somewhat of a mixture between the Harlem Globetrotters and an And-1 mixtape team. Warren, a Henderson, N.C. native, stated he came up with the idea of starting his own team after being injured his senior year of college.

After losing contract offers to play basketball overseas, he said he was severely depressed. During his rehabilitation from his injury, he contacted players he knew

from college as well as players overseas and the team manifested from there.

"I really like talking to the kids and letting them know how I got out of my situation and let them know that anything is possible," said Warren. "It's good to have all of these kids in here and not out in the street because you never know what can happen."

Prior to the game, they performed a number of dunk

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Josh Howard moves to head basketball coach of local university

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Dr. Charles Pettit, President of Piedmont International University (PIU), announced that NBA all-star Josh Howard has accepted the position of head basketball coach and will start immediately.

Howard, a decorated graduate of Wake Forest (2003), was one of only three basketball players in the history of the ACC unanimously selected as ACC Player of the Year. He was named the national player of the year by FOX, College Insider and Basketball Digest and was a finalist for the John R. Wooden Award and the James Naismith Award. Howard was drafted in the first round of the 2003 NBA draft and was selected as an NBA all-star in 2007.

Howard inquired about the open position because of his dream to coach college basketball and his great desire to "give back" to the Winston-Salem area by investing in

students' lives. Howard first connected to Piedmont because his foundation and the university both participated in community outreach to the youth and families in south Winston-Salem.

As Howard stated, "I've always looked forward to helping my community out, dating back to my time at Wake Forest. I remember during my junior year at Wake, I dressed up as Santa Claus and had the opportunity to go into Winston-Salem households that were less fortunate than mine. We gave out gifts and things to help them through the holiday season. Having been raised in Winston, that was a big moment for me ... That's when I knew it was my calling to give back." [from www.josh-howard.com]

Upon accepting this position, Howard said, "I am excited to be a part of Piedmont, investing in lives that

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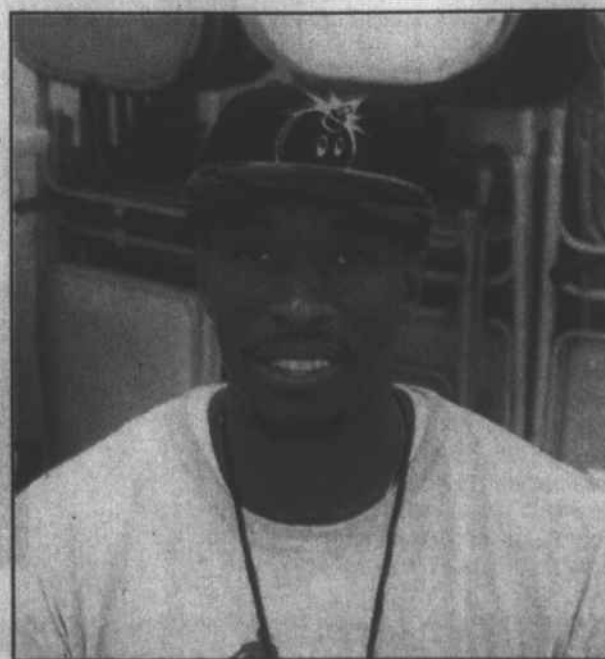


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