



Kimberly Park Tennis Club member Jocelyn Moye enjoys the fellowship of the other club members and the pleasure of playing the game.



KPTC member Andrea C. Hardy awaits a return from her playing partner as they warm up during practice.

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have received scholarships to local universities such as N.C. State, N.C. A&T State, N.C. Central, University of N.C., and Winston-Salem State to name a few.

The adult members travel to compete against other clubs in N.C., S.C. and Ga. During the clinic, a few of the youth members came out to receive instruction from the teachers. The adults competed in free play tennis to sharpen their skills.

According to club Vice-President Michael V. McCoy,

the club was able to develop such great young talent because of the instruction of Charles Kennedy, Nathan Burton and John Worsley. He said they were the main contributors as far as teaching the youth. McCoy was also a standout tennis player for the WSSU Rams while in college.

"Along with the kids who have earned scholarships, we have had several members of the club who have gone on to become tennis teachers," said McCoy.

The club has members of all skill levels and welcomes those who are just interested in the game of tennis as well as individuals looking to improve their game. Michele

Jones, who has been a member for seven years said, "I love the activity and love the camaraderie of everyone that's playing; it's truly like a family."

Thomas is in her second year as president of the club. She stated the main focus of the day is to make people aware of the organization and to bring in new individuals who can help support the efforts they already have in place.

The club meets on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information about joining the Kimberly Park Tennis Club, please call 336-995-9799 or email at info@tenniskp.com.



Vonn Cooper (23) finger rolls a layup during the pick up game against the rec center employees.



Dunk Godz team members are shown.

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contest-worthy acrobatics that shifted the attention of the kids from games and food over to them. Once the game started the Dunk Godz immediately made their imprint on the game with an Alley Oop dunk that caused the crowd to "ooh" and "ahh" early. Even though the game was not officially scored, the rec center team gave it all they had. They made it competitive with a number of three pointers dropped by Joshua Crippen and others.

As the rec center team gained more confidence, the Dunk Godz turned up their intensity on the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. Desmond "Problem Child" Faulcon and Demond "Cloud 9" Faulcon began to show off impressive ball-handling skills and their 40" vertical

leaps. While only standing 5'9" tall, these two brothers are certified skywalkers. They stated they loved playing in front of the kids and performing for the crowds.

"We love showing the kids that it's not where you come from but where you are going," the Faulcons said. "We are from a small town where no one really knows us and we just like to push ourselves to do better."

People young and old came out to watch the game. One of the young people stated that he loves the game of basketball and wanted to come out and see the Dunk Gods perform. A parent stated that it was great that they were able to have an event like this for the kids to keep them out of trouble for a few hours and entertain them with sports and entertainment.

Warren stated that the Dunk Godz are a non-profit organization that likes to

reach out to cities and offer their games at a very low cost or free of charge altogether. He went on to say that he would love to take his team to the national level, but would first love to be the "face of North Carolina." His goal is to get the message out to the inner city youth to steer them in the right direction.

He has started a program in his hometown called Basketball Ma'Attars where he offers the kids basketball training and educational programs as well. His intention is to take this program state wide.

After the basketball game, the kids transitioned outside to listen to music and dance until it was time for parents to pick them up. This was the final Fairground Friday event of the year. One young man stated, "This was the best one of the summer."

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will make a difference. I look forward to the season and also having the student body of Piedmont partner with me and the Josh Howard Foundation as we invest together in the community."

Piedmont is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II. Their men's basketball team won the 2015 Regional Basketball Championship. Piedmont

is scheduled to play Wake Forest this coming season at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum where Howard's retired jersey now hangs.

Piedmont was recently recognized as #2 for online education in North Carolina after N.C. State, and is ranked #4 in the nation for Christian Colleges. Piedmont was also just named in the top 10 Most Affordable Christian Colleges in the nation. The faculty and staff anticipate a great school year coming off the largest graduation in the

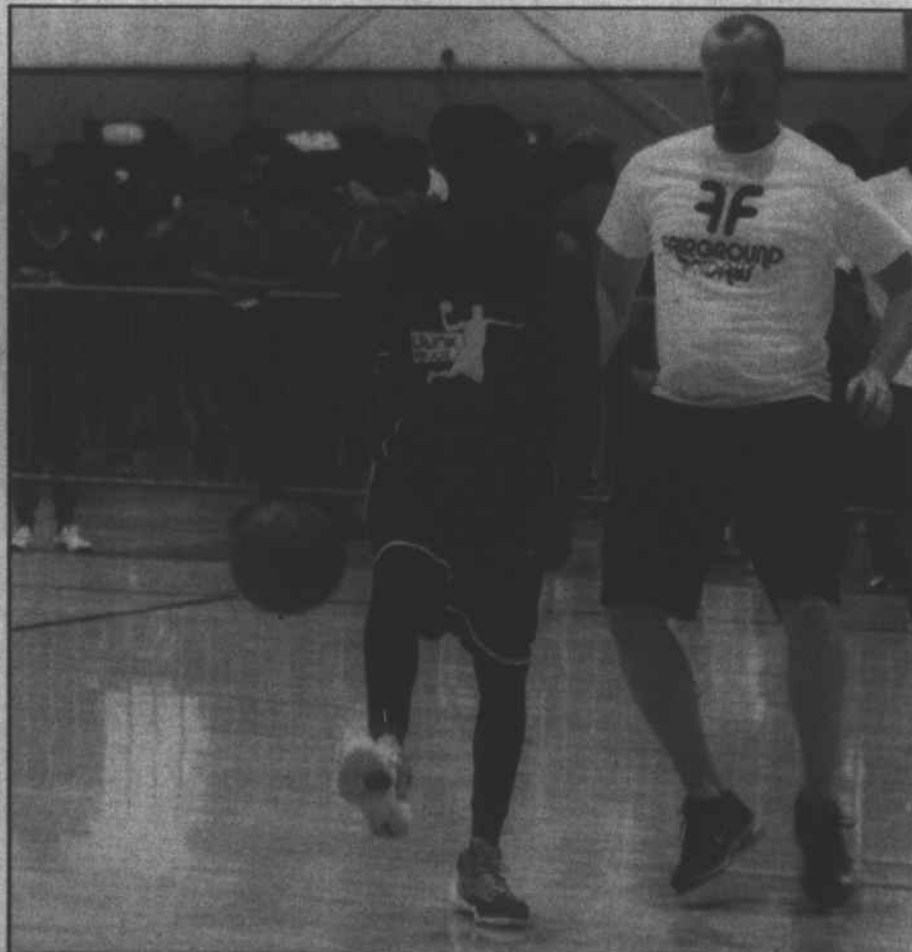
history of the school.

Petitt stated, "For over 70 years the mission has never changed! We are committed to training leaders who use their lives to count and make a difference for eternity."

Reactions to the news from Piedmont students have been enthusiastic.

Those interested in playing for Howard should visit www.piedmontu.edu.

For more information about the Josh Howard Foundation, visit www.joshhowardfoundation.co



Demond "Cloud 9" Faulcon prepares to drive to the basket for a thunderous dunk during the Fairground Fridays finale last week.