

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS..... DEAR SANTA.....

...Remember me? I'm the dirty old man who asked a year ago for lots of broads, booze and loot. You didn't respond in a positive manner. Please consider my second request to fill my stocking with the things I like best ... Also, you didn't send coach Eddie McGirt very much luck with his Johnson C. Smith University football team. Shame on you!

...Give Andrew Brewton a well deserved pat-onthe-back for a job well done in directing the activities of the popular Mecklenburg County Semipro Baseball League...And fat daddy with the fake whiskers you were not too kind to Dub Cuthbertson during the past baseball campaign. His Charlotte Hawks deserved a better fate.

... How about a great big hand for the wonderful job coach Baxter Holman is doing with his Livingstone Blue Bears. Direct insuranceman Charles Ramseur and picture-taker James Peeler to the Fountain Of Youth with the hopes that they'll play better golf next season. Don't improve their game too much. Okay?

.. Let the sun shine in the hearts of all of those who hate ... And, please, DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE BROADS, BOOZE AND THE LOOT. Give all the little boys around the world some nice little girls and vice versa.

. I am still hoping for a match-up in a great, big basketball tournament between the top four teams in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the first four in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Maybe with all the praying about Peace On Earth and Good will towards Men, you can give a Mttle extra to the top officials of the two Black conferences. They need to get together, don't you think?

... And Santa while we're on the subject, don't you think a football championship contest between the top teams in the two leagues would attract a record crowd and make a lot of money?

... And Santa: Could you please explain why you are still using reindeers and sleigh when the swinging cats around town are wheeling Mark IV's and HOGS? If you'd give the CIAA another successful basketball tournament, it would make lots of people happy. Bring loads of love and happiness to all of those who are sad and lonely. ...Let all of the fishermen keep the big ones that have been getting away .... Give the Charlotte Chapter of the Johnson C. Smith University Alumni Association a sellout crowd for its annual Tip-Off Basketball Tournament at the Charlotte

#### New Bulldog

## **Harding Football Star Bubbling Over With Joy**

by James Cuthbertson **Post Staff Writer** 

The enthusiam of 18-year-old Harding High School football star, Thomas O'Leary was ever present as he discussed the grant-in-aid agreement that he has signed Saturday with the Bulldogs of South

Carolina State University. Smiling, the six feet one inch, 255 tackle said that he'd like to think the one person that is most responsible for getting him into South Carolina State University.

.That person, he said, is Harding assistant principal William Blakeney who is a member of South Carolina State alumni. "I appreciated the help that our assistant principal, Mr. Blakeney, gave me. He had a lot to do with getting me into State." smiled O'Leary, who throws the shotput on the Harding track team in the Spring. . The big senior two platooned

tackle for Harding, who expects to play either tackle or guard at the Orangeburg. S. C. school, signed the first day colleges were premitted to sign high school players.

.O'Leary had been contacted by the Eagles of North Carolina Central University the Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University, and the Catamounts of Western Carolina University, but choose the South Carolina school because "I thought I would have a good chance of making the traveling team if I showed the coach that I have the ability." "When I went down to South Carolina State, it seemed like an alright place. Sixteen seniors had graduated and only one lineman was starting." said the potential Business

vented him from playing his sophomore season. Head Coach Willie Jeffries of the Administration major. Bulldogs impressed O'Leary . The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben who said his biggest moment

played tootball two years for **Charlotte at West Charlotte 25** the Rams who made it to the state playoffs this year only to lose to High Point Andrews in Does this future Bulldog the quarterfinals 21 to 6.

Lucky of 3617 Braden Dr. came when Harding beat West

have designs on the major leagues. "I am not looking .He went out when he was at that far in advance" he said. South, but an operation pre-"Im just going to concentrate on making the traveling team at South Carolina State. If I play to the best of my ability. I may make the pros eventually," he said.

# **Area's Top Tennis Players**

#### **To Compete In Indoor Meet**

...Seven of the area's top tennis players have indicated they will participate in the **Carolinas Invitational Tennis** Tournament which will be courts played at the new Charlotte

Indoor Courts on Jan. 24 - 26. ...Co-chairmar Arthur. Culbertson and Bill Huelin said Robbie Smith, Keith Richardson, John Sardi, Allen

group.

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The tournament will be held Richardson, an Appalachian at The Charlotte Tennis State University player, is currently the Southern Con-Courts on Sharon Road West, a facility that has six indoor ference champion and number I ranked player in South Carolina. Morris, of Greensboro, is

This will be a unique tournaa former state Champion. ment for Charlotte," Culbert- while Sardi of N. C. State, son said, 'because of the Dillon of Myers Park High, indoor courts. Previously, and Babb of Appalachian are winter tennis around here was ranked one-two-three in the Thursday, December 26, 1974-THE CHARLOTTE POST-Page 7

### **Eastern Golf Tournament**

#### Set For Feb. 18-22

The Bondu's Bon-Adventure Eastern Airlines Golf Tournament has been set for February 18-22, at the Buena Vista Golf and Country Club in Lake Buena Vista, the host community to Walt Disney

World, near Orlando, Fla. The Royal - Inn and Travelodge of Lake Buena Vista, both located "around the corner" from the golf course, are co-headquarters hotels.

.The tournament is a 90-hole shot-gun type event (if you make the cut after 72 holes); has six flights for men. four flights for women, three flights for junior-senior men and three flights for senior men.

.Social activities will include a "Find Old Friends" buffet sponsored by Miller High Life Brewing Company: a buffet sponsored by Eastern Airlines: a Polynesian Luau sponsored by Gulf Oil Corporation; a five-day putting contest for golfers and an evening splash party and putting contest for non-golfers sponsored by Philip Morris Company; a House Party in honor of George Kirby and the Eastern Airlines sponsored Trophy Awards Ball. .Other features are trophies

for medalists, closest-to-thehole, long drive and putting contests and booby prizes. .Regular entry fees include everything except food, tips, special tours and transport-

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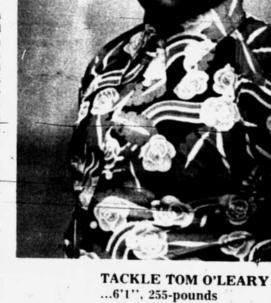
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...Better health to all of the wonderful people who are ill and a broader outlook to all of those who are down-in-the-dumps. Give all the big boys around the country some nice big girls and vice versa.

... Remember Charles Williams, the dapper barber? Give him a steadier hand, especially one that handles the razor. Another thought, ole boy! Please tell me how it is possible for you to be in all of the department stores at the same time???? Kinda confusing to the ole lady, eh! .. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND . A **HAPPIER NEW YEAR!!** 

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rris, Davis Babb and Scott almost non-existant." Dillon are among the early entries.

Huelin said that early entries point to a strong . . Invitations have been sent to tournament. "Robbie Smith is many top seeded players in the pro at Sugar Mountain and North and South Carolina. is a highly regarded player, Play will be in men's doubles "he said. "He probably will and women's doubles with 16 team up with Gene Hamilton teams competing in each from Asheville, a former state champion.

state 18-year-old division. All are from Charlotte.

.In the women's division. Charlotte's Bev Culbertson is the first entry.

Play will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the public will be welcome to attend

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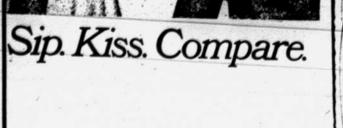
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