

100 Club Sponsors Roasts For McGirt, Powell

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Once Eddie McGirt, former athletic director and head football coach at Johnson C. Smith puts away his game plan and Kenneth Powell, track coach at the same university ceases to clock the time of his runners, an important chapter in the history of the black institution will have been made.

Having made their announcement for retirement, both men were recently honored at a roast. Held at the Excelsior Club, the gala event was sponsored by the 100 Club, the Johnson C. Smith Booster Club were roasts by Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, Winston-Salem State University football coach, Bill Davis, South Carolina State College football coach, Jim Richardson, Jack Martin, Ken Koontz, Charlie Cox and Charlie Dannelly.

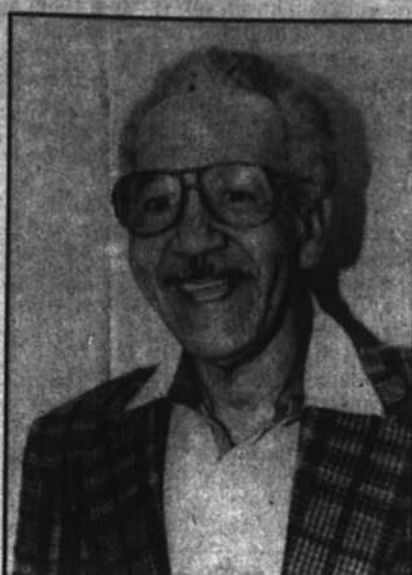
It was only fitting that both McGirt and Powell were honored together. The two individuals' lives have been intertwined since the days that they, themselves, were students at Smith.

"I was recruited by The Lite Eddie Jackson. He came to New Rochelle and after he convinced me to come to Smith; we both went to Camden, South Carolina where McGirt was living and I sort of convinced McGirt to attend Smith," recalled Powell.

During the four years McGirt and Powell were at Smith, the two were a formidable athletic pair. McGirt at fullback and Powell, at tailback led Johnson C. Smith to some of its more glorious days in football. "Those were the winning days," both men cited. They, not only led their school to victory, but they also capture the All-Conference honors for themselves.



Eddie McGirt
Beloved coach



Kenneth Powell
Head track coach

McGirt and Powell were to go their separate ways once graduating from Smith. McGirt completed his graduate work at Columbia University and Powell, went to New York University.

With his degrees in his hand McGirt was first to work in a private school in South Carolina, only to later return to his alma mater where he would devote 26 years of his life. In the beginning of McGirt's career at Smith he was both head football coach and a physical education instructor. These positions, for him were the realization of a goal he had long had, "I had always wanted to coach. Just to be associated with the molding and developing of young people has been very satisfying for me," pointed out McGirt.

In spite of McGirt's love for foot-

ball and athletics, he has always believed that academics should come first and has stressed that point to those under his guidance. "I've always felt that if a student is a good athlete, then he can be a good student. To me, athletics is an inward part of education," remarked McGirt.

He feels strongly that a good coach is fair, firm, understanding and a disciplinarian. "You can't forget that young people are young people and that it takes time for them to reach their level of competency." Now that his coaching days are over, McGirt said that he can't be satisfied with what he has done as a coach, but that he has to rest on his laurels. "A good coach is never satisfied. What I've tried to teach

my students, is that, although winning is good it's not everything." His hope for Smith, however is that they can be the winners that he knows they can be.

Both the victories McGirt has experienced as coach, he has shared with Powell. After serving 13 years as football, basketball and baseball coach at Second Ward Senior High School, Powell came to Smith as backfield coach and track coach.

"At Second Ward the Queen City Classic (the hotly contested football game between West Charlotte and Second Ward) was one of the many highlights for me." During Powell's tenure there were five wins, five losses and three ties in this special football match. But in addition to this game, Powell had the opportunity to see a lot of kids go to college. "That," he said, "was his greatest reward."

Performing as coach at Johnson C. Smith for the past 24 years have not gone without merit. "Sending Vince Matthews to the Olympics would have to be one of my biggest moments. He won a gold medal in the 400 meter relay in the '78 Olympic. And in 1964 and 1969 when Smith won the CIAA championship in basketball and football, respectively, that's another high moment," reminisced Powell. Those CIAA championships were one Powell gladly shared with McGirt. The two that proved to be an awesome force as students were giving no less impressions as coaches.

Powell, who confessed that his first love has always been football, has coached track for men and women for the last four years. "I would like to see a stadium with a track so that our athletics can be played on the campus and all revenue can come back to the school," revealed Powell.

Not only on the professional level does Powell and McGirt work together, both are members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and the 100 Club. In addition to these memberships, Powell is affiliated with the American Red-Cross and McGirt is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa.

A member of Simpson Gillespie Methodist Church, McGirt is married to Minnie Dannelly McGirt and they are the parents of one son, Eddie McGirt, III.

At regular attendance at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Powell is the husband of Willie King Powell and they are the parents of two sons, Marty Powell and Dr. Kenneth Powell.

Delaware State Signs Five To Football Letters-Of-Intent

Special To The Post

DOVER, Delaware — Delaware State College head football coach Bill Collick has announced the signing of five high school seniors to letters-of-intent to attend DelState in the fall of 1985.

With only a couple of weeks for recruiting after accepting the Delaware State job in January, Collick and his staff have signed Orval Perkins, a standout halfback from Colorado Springs; quarterback Mike Delon; tight end Phillip Washington; offensive tackle Justin Proctor and defensive back Arandre Powell.

Collick echoed his commitment to careful recruiting despite his handicap of a late start and said he was pleased with the first five signees, indicating each is expected to eventually play a major role at DelState.

Perkins, 6' 100 lbs., rushed for 1,000 yards during his senior year at Widefield High School in Colorado Springs and picked up all league and all city honors in both his junior and senior years. The 19 year-old Perkins boasts 4.57 speed in the 40 yard dash, numbers that understandably have the freshman coach eager to begin working with him. "We think he is the kind of kid that can make our program," said Collick.

From Orange High School in Orange, New Jersey, Collick signed Mike Delton, a first team All-Orange and all conference quarterback who also is a fine baseball prospect. At 6'3", 190 lbs., Delon has good size for a signal caller and looms as a possible replacement for Pat Spencer in 1986.

With the Hornet's need to recruit for the offensive line, Proctor at 6'4" and 250 lbs. appears an outstanding selection. An All-County performer at offensive tackle in his final two scholastic seasons, Proctor was also a standout wrestler at Crossland

High School in Temple Hills, Maryland.

Arande Powell, 5'11", 175 lbs. from DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, picked up a raft of honors as a defensive back. With eight interceptions his senior year, Powell wound up a first team selection by the Washington Post, Washington Pigskin Club and Prince Georges County and All-Catholic All-America. Like Delon, he is a fine baseball player who could wind up paying double dividends at Delaware State.

The final recruit, Phillip Washington of Glen Mills High School in Concordville, Pa. is 6'3" and 210 lbs. Washington was All-Delaware County First Team as a junior and senior at tight end. According to Collick, he runs well, is an exceptional blocker and was one of the most physically impressive recruits he had seen.

Spring Classes

Registration for the spring term of classes at the YWCA begins March 16, at both the Uptown and Park Road Centers.

Offerings from "Stress Management" and "Auto Repair" to swim, tennis, and aerobic classes are available.

Hours for sign up on the 16th are 8:30 to noon; hours are 8 to 8, March 18-20.

Membership rates are a minimum \$15 per year for adults, \$3 for girls and boys, 12-17.

Among new classes is one of fitness designed for overweight teens and preteens at Uptown as well as courses of instruction in babysitting.

Programs are designed to meet the needs or desires of infants, young persons, adults and senior citizens.

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For Western Regionals

Dream Match Will Come Saturday Night

By JAMES CUTHBERTSON
Special To The Post

If they are lucky, the dream match will come Saturday night at 8:30 at East Burke High School in the Western Regional Final between Myers Park and West Charlotte.

In two previous matchups, Myers Park has been the victor. In the first game Myers Park beat West Charlotte 66-56 in the Christmas Tourney.

Game Number Two went to Myers Park 65-62. The Lions won the third game at West Charlotte by a 66-63 count, but lost in the Conference tournament final 71-63.

But first let's take care of some necessary incidentals. For Myers Park and West Charlotte to play again, they must beat their opponents.

West Charlotte (21-4) plays Hunter Huss (17-9) at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 15, in the East Burke Gymnasium.

The Lions are 21-6 advancing to the Regionals by virtue of a 40-35 win over Greensboro Page.

The Mustangs, 19-7, beat Henderson Vance 63-48.

Myers Park plays Roxboro Person, 22-2, at 8:30 on Friday.

The North Mecklenburg girls will play Henderson Vance at 8:30 on Thursday.

North led by Andrea Stinson is 23-3. Henderson Vance is 21-1.

The other girls semifinal pits Morganton Freedom 19-5 against High Point Central 24-1 at 7:30 on

Thursday.

In route to its 21-6 season West Charlotte averaged 64.6 points per game while giving up 56.1.

Myers Park averaged 69.2 while giving up 62.4.

The Lions have more depth with scoring coming from nine people: Kevin Reid, 11.8; A. J. Morgan, 8.9; Lance Jones, 7.6; J. D. Daughtry, 2.3; Michael Cureton, 9.1; Duane Montgomery, 2.0; Maurice Caldwell, 10.5; Jules Springs, 5.5 and Ryon Currence, 2.0. They account for 59.7 of the 64.6 points that West Charlotte scores per game.

The Mustang scoring is done basically by six people.

Dee Pritchett is averaging 19.0 per game; Terry Massey, 14.2; Paul Grier, 14.1; Tony Burris, 11.4; Johnny Glover, 4.7; and Larry Furlong, 3.1.

The Mustangs have a lack of depth, but its players are conditioned to go the entire game.

North Mecklenburg is led by Andrea Stinson who scored 24 points, had eight rebounds and six steals as the Vikings beat Northern Durham 72-41.

She was aided by Sherry Mobley, a 6-1 junior, who grabbed 21 rebounds to go with 23 points in the rout. They are the Vikings who run the show.

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