

Opinions At North Mecklenburg

# Do You Enjoy Watching Sports?

With school back in session and the season changing, many people's thoughts turn from summer pastimes to sports activities, either as players or as spectators. Are you a sports fan? What's your favorite sport? Which teams do you root for? These are some of the questions asked of students at North Mecklenburg High School recently. Here are their responses.

● **MARK DUNCAN**, a senior, is a resident of Beatties Ford Park. "Yes, I'm a sports fan. I like football and basketball—football because of the contact and basketball because of the excitement. I really like playing football. Out of the 20-plus pro football team, I like Dallas the best."

● **DARRYL HUNTER**, senior, Mallard Creek: "Oh, yes, I'm a sports fan. I like all sports, but the main ones are basketball, football, track, and golf. I like how the games are played and, for the most part, I like the people who play them. I like to play football and also golf. My favorite professional football team is the San Francisco 49ers."

● **LETURA STITT**, senior, Tanglewood: "Yes, I'm a sports fan. I like basketball, football, track, and golf. What I like most about these sports is the competition that goes with them. I also like the action-packed excitement of it all. I like to play basketball a lot and hope to play in college next year. My favorite professional team is the L.A. Lakers."

● **SANDI BRATTON**, senior, Trinity Park: "Yes, I'm a long time sports fan. I like football and basketball. In football, I like to see the players run with the ball and make touchdowns. I don't like to see any easy touchdowns. I prefer seeing the ball carrier break tackles. But basketball is my favorite sport. I like to see a lot of dunks and faking. My favorite basketball player is Ralph Sampson."

● **TRINESA WILSON**, a Trinity Park senior, is also a sports fan. "I'm a fan of football, baseball, and basketball. I like the toughness of football and the players. I don't know what it is I like about baseball, but I enjoy watching it on television. I've never been to a real live game. I like basketball because it's an ever-changing sport filled with action."

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Although graduating high school seniors are encouraged to apply, older students who desire training or re-training are encouraged to apply for these grants. A high school diploma or GED is not required.

Applications are available from financial aid officers at community and technical colleges and local Lodges of the B.P.O. Elks of the USA. Application deadline is November 25, 1985, and applications must be submitted to the student's local Elks Lodge. Each state's applications will be judged by a panel selected by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

## Folklife Festival

Mecklenburg County's Latta Plantation Park, located on Sample Road, 10 miles north of Charlotte off Beatties Ford Road on the shores of Mountain Island Lake, is the site for the fourth Annual Folklife Festival. This festival celebrating folk arts and crafts will be held October 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The grounds of historic Latta Place, a river plantation built in 1800 by merchant James Latta and restored with County funds, provides an appropriate setting for this year's event. Autumn's blush should be on the trees under which open hearth cooking and other folk arts will be demonstrated.

A tentative list of activities includes folk music, country dancing, spinning and weaving, wood-carving, home baking, pressing apple cider, basket weaving, quilting, storytelling, beekeeping, and apple bobbing.

A country lunch will be served on the grounds of Latta Place.

For more information about the Folklife Festival, contact Ann Gallagher, curator of Latta Place, 875-2312, or Bobby Parker at Latta Plantation Park, 875-1391.

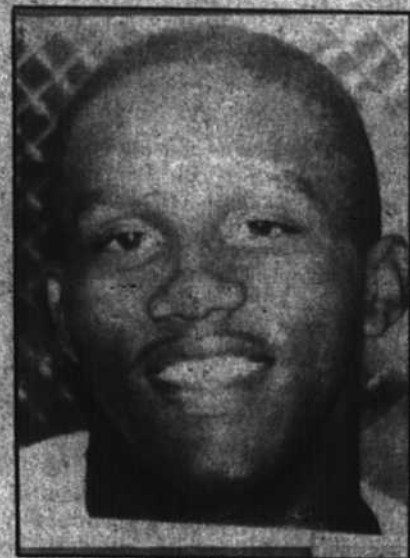
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