

Supporters Raise Funds For Smith's Athletic Program

JCSU President, Dr. Robert L. Albright, is leading the growing list of supporters for the campaign, now underway, to raise funds for Smith's athletic program. "Overall support is excellent, and momentum is building, not only in Charlotte, but also in other cities around the country", says campaign coordinator, Clyde Brown. The campaign has, indeed, started to take hold in Atlanta, Georgia, Washington, D.C., Greenville and Charleston, South Carolina, Belmont, Kannapolis, and Concord. "Our supporters and sponsors are coming in from everywhere there is an interest in JCSU athletics. So, it's far more than an effort locked within the Charlotte area", he said.



Clyde Brown

"So far", says Brown, "the campaign has raised funds in the thousands of dollars". The money may be just the shot of medicine the sports program at Smith needs to remain competitively healthy in today's increasingly expensive sports arena. Alumni and supporters of major sports at Smith are apparently finding the campaign a good way to pitch in and help the University with one of its financially burdened areas.

Dr. Albright says that he deems athletics to be an important dimension of the college experience and he is certainly supportive of efforts, like this new sports fund-raising campaign, to help the University defray some of the costs associated with intercollegiate sports; help provide scholarships for students who play sports, and assist in the improvement of sports facilities on campus.

This phase of the campaign, according to Brown, revolves around a contest, co-sponsored by Eastern Airlines, which is providing the winner with two round-trip tickets aboard the

airline to anywhere within the Continental United States, and by over 60 campaign sponsors who are providing support for the winner's food and hotel accommodations.

A donation of \$1.00 is all that is needed to enter the contest. Of course, the more money a person donates to the campaign, with the purchase of a ticket, the better will be their chances of winning the trip.

Brown, an alumnus of the University, says that he is especially proud of the sponsors who have contributed at least \$25.00 to promote the campaign. Many of the sponsors, while they are not required to do so, have also agreed to sell tickets for the contest. The winner will be announced after a drawing during the 1988 CIAA Basketball Tournament in Norfolk, Virginia. Brown was also quick to point out that this is just a phase of several efforts to help support the Johnson C. Smith University Athletic Program. Campaign supporters, he says, will be recognized and awards will be pre-

sented during the annual JCSU Athletic Awards Banquet.

Brown noted that as in any campaign to raise funds, there are usually people behind the scenes making it happen. There are many people who have already stepped forward for this important first step," he explained. The list includes Dr. Robert L. Albright, Dr. Clarence W.R. Wade, Chairman of the JCSU Board of Trustees; Mrs. Kathleen R. Crosby, Dr. Emery Rann, Dr. Maxine Moore, Mr. Obie Patterson, all members of the Board of Trustees. Other sponsors are: Dr. James Law, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. George Hedgespeth, Vice President of Financial Affairs; Mr. Moses Jones, Director of Admissions; Rev. James Frierson, Dr. John Stinson, Mackins Bonding Company, Paso's Supermarket, Rev. S.L. Fulwood, Rev. E. Henderson, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Theodore Moses, Mrs. Ann Miller, of Belmont; Mr. Ray Booton, Mr. A.H. Byers, Mr. Wilburn Sanders, Mr. Jimmy Gist, Mr. R. Douglas Spears, Ms. E. Gayle Bell, Rev. R.L. Wallon, Mrs. Martha G. Hall, Miss Deborah Wadsworth, Mr. Gerson Stroud, Mr. William Cunningham, Mr. Frederick Stewart, Mr. Louis Forte, Mr. Charles McClure, Mr. John McDonald, Mr. Frank Talley, Mr. Curtis Smith, Mrs. Frankie McCree Butler, Mrs. Deane Maxwell, Mr. Clyde Brown, Mr. State Alexander, Mr. Eddie McGirt, Ms. Glenda L. Pyant, Mrs. Ann Austin, Ms. Melinda L. Johnson, Mr. Talmus McDanel, Mr. Freddie S. Clinton, Mr. Luther Carter, Jr. Dalphne Graves, Mr. Thomas L. Bryant, Mr. Theodore Frank Gaither, Mr. Luther Carter, Mr. Thomas Bryant, Mr. William Oliver, Mrs. Ellamae Harris, in memory of Wiley Harris; Mr. Morris Cooper, Mr. Glendel Brooks of Gastonia.

Dr. William D. Crawford, Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Dr. Charles James, Mr. John Crawford, Mrs. Mable Latimer, the JCSU 100 Club and Eastern Airlines. Any alumnus, organization, or

friend interested in assisting the athletic programs at Johnson C. Smith University and participating in this project should contact Mr. Clyde Brown, 1400 Waddell Street, Charlotte, N.C.

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