

Program's Aim Is Real Scholar-Athletes

By Herbert L. White
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg athletes can be as good in class as on the field with a new academic program. Gladwyn Teague, program manager for Project 4.0, says high school athletes who may flunk Charlotte-Mecklenburg's 2.0 grade-point requirements next year can improve their

chances in the tutoring program. "It's geared to at-risk athletes," he said.

The 2.0 requirement, which goes into effect in the 1993-94 school year, was attacked by some coaches who said it would discriminate against black students, especially in the revenue-producing football and basketball programs. Project 4.0 aims to help at-risk students get

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their priorities in order: improving their grades while keeping them eligible for sports.

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then maybe it would start a trickle-down effect."

Teague said 30 volunteers have already signed up as tutors and area businesses and colleges have pledged their support with tutors. Sessions will be held across the county and students will be required to keep track of their progress. Project 4.0,

which was started last school year to lukewarm response, should have a better reception during the fall sports season.

"Last semester, we put it out to student-athletes. It didn't get the response we wanted but we hope to have a greater impact," Teague said.



All-America Football Camp

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Former National Football League players and local high school and college coaches will help inner city youth win the biggest game of their lives while learning a little football July 19-23 at the all-American Football Camp at Memorial Stadium.

Founded by former New York Jets running back and Charlotte native Tim Newman, the All-American Football Camp is a football skills camp with a goal that goes far beyond teaching young boys how to run, block, catch and pass.

"Our focus is toward lower-income kids who come from one-parent families and drug-infested communities. In the black community today, many boys are coming up without a father. They need a male figure, other than a drug pusher, to be a role model. As athletes, we have the respect of these kids; they look up to us. As counselors at the camp, our goal is to be role models and to show the kids they can be successful by working hard and staying in school and out of trouble," says Newman, a graduate of Olympic High School and Johnson C. Smith. Guest speakers for the camp will discuss HIV/AIDS awareness, drug prevention, staying in school, good study habits, manners, and peer pressure.

Counselors include college and high school coaches, such as Jim Seacord of Providence High School; Delano Little, WBTB sportscaster; and former NFL players such as Al Pearman of the Baltimore Colts, Mike Siani of the Oakland Raiders, and Steve Rankin of the Philadelphia Eagles.

There will also be an Awards Banquet on July 23 at 7 p.m.

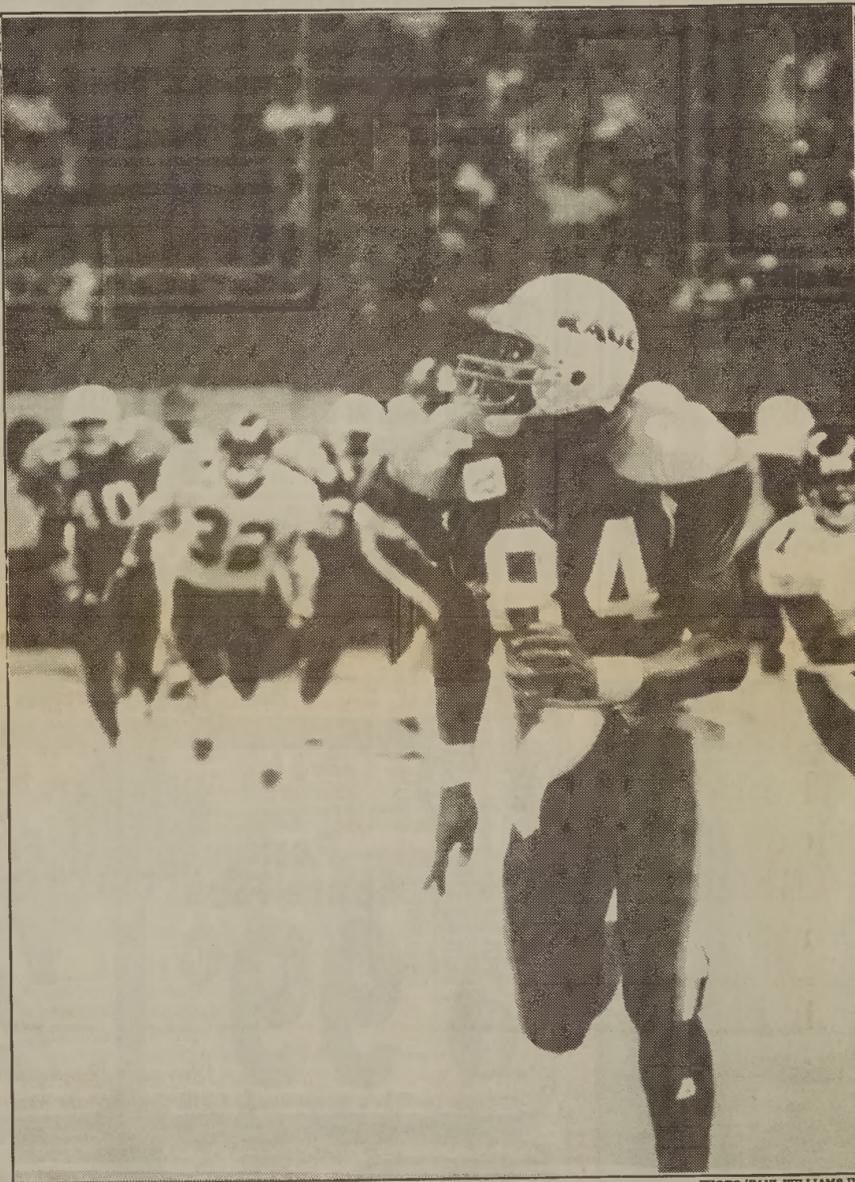
More than 40 youths will attend the camp free of charge with transportation and lunch included thanks to the support from individuals and local businesses.

"We operate solely through the generosity of the Charlotte community," says Newman. "Churches are providing vans to transport the kids. Charlotte Sports has donated 20 footballs and Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Nutrition is providing food for the week."

From his days growing up in Charlotte's inner city, Newman knows the value of a week at a football camp. "My life changed the day I heard former Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin speak at a football camp. I wanted to be Archie Griffin. I wanted to win the Heisman Trophy, and to do that, I knew I had to go to college."

For more information about the All-American Football Camp, call Tim Newman at 573-1585.

Go Deep



PHOTO/PAUL WILLIAMS III

Charlotte Rage wide receiver Ryan Bethea, in his first game with the Rage since leaving the Canadian Football League, goes deep for a pass in the Rage's loss last week to the Orlando Predators in an Arena Football game at the Charlotte Coliseum. The Rage has lost four in a row heading into Friday's game at Cleveland.

Athletes Can Really Go To The Bank With Securities Program

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James Trapp and Wayne Simmons are going to make a lot of money in the NFL.

And a Charlotte bank is looking to help them put it in a nice, safe place.

NationsBank has a program to help professional athletes and entertainers invest their earnings, which the company officially introduced last week. The Professional Sports and Entertainment Group is designed to help people like Trapp, a rookie defensive back with the Los Angeles Raiders, and Simmons, a linebacker with the Green Bay Packers, invest their earnings wisely.

"Traditionally, athletes have been bombed when they get out," Trapp said. "I know when I get out, I'll have some

money."

The program will be headed by Mike Siani, a former Oakland Raiders and Baltimore Colts player. In his 10-year NFL career, he saw too many examples of what Trapp and Simmons are trying to avoid.

"One of the saddest things I've seen is seeing former players leaving the game with nothing to show for it except bruised and battered bodies," Siani said. "One of the things we're trying to do with our clients is to make sure it doesn't happen."

Working with Siani are a couple of former athletes who are now financial managers: Earl Layne and Danielle Lares. The bank currently has consumer banking relationships with 257 professional athletes, which includes 92 football players. Ultimately, the bank wants to represent the

top draft choices in the NFL and NBA, although the door will be open to established athletes in other sports as well. There are about 3,500 athletes in major league football, baseball, basketball and hockey.

"I don't know. I don't think it would be too ambitious to say half of them (as new customers)," Siani said.

NationsBank isn't going into player representation, Siani said. What the bank is trying to do is serve athletes with investments and long-term money management.

"We're in the business of managing other people's money," said NationsBank CEO Hugh McColl. "We like to think we have a track record. People trust us."

Siani said the program isn't like the much-ballyhooed Nike manage-

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BASKETBALL Charlotte Pro-Am



PHOTO/JAMES BROWN

Scott Adams swats of Fox 18 away Cleveland McCrae's shot during Pro-Am action last week at Queens.

PRO-COLLEGE DIVISION

Radiator Specialty	3	0
Pepsi	3	0
Philip Morris	2	1
Fox 18	2	1
Al Mattison-State Farm	1	2
NationsBank	1	2
Sandwich Construction	0	3
Bealer Bud Light	0	3

June 26 results:

- NationsBank 108 Bealer Bud Light: Bershaun Thompson 31 points and Walter Aikens 24 points for NationsBank.
- Radiator Specialty 92 Philip Morris 86: Byron Dinkins had 17 points and 7 assists and Dante Johnson added 19 points and 12 rebounds.
- Pepsi 94 Fox 18 91: Henry Williams had 23 points and Jarvis Lang had 21 points for the winners.
- Al Mattison State Farm 93 Sandwich Construction 76: Raymond Lawson and Steve Rooks combined for 44 points.

June 27 results:

- Radiator Specialty 99 Sandwich Construction 95: Dante Johnson led Radiator Specialty with 26 points and 16 rebounds. Byron Dinkins added 24 points and 6 assists.
- Fox 18 96 Bealer Bud Light 87: Scott Adams led Fox 18 with 10 rebounds and 2 blocks and Delano Johnson had 21 points.
- Philip Morris 89 NationsBank 76: Four players had four or more rebounds, led by Jermaine Parker's 8.
- Pepsi 87 Mattison State Farm: Henry Williams had 24 points

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James Trapp and Wayne Simmons help NationsBank CEO Hugh McColl some football gear at a press conference.