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WALL SIGNS WITH WBL'S TAMPA

College Press Release

Wilson, N.C.--Being first comes natural to Cathy Wall.

She was the first female basketball player from Atlantic Christian to score 1,700 points in her career, finishing with a four-year total of 1,727 points.

She was the first basketball player of either sex from Atlantic Christian, and in fact the first AC athlete from any sport to have his or her number retired.

She led Atlantic Christian to the Carolinas Conference basketball tournament title in the winter of 1980, the first basketball title of any kind for Atlantic Christian in 25 years. Wall was the MVP in that tournament, which marked the first time High Point ever been denied the conference championship in the CIAC in basketball, women's tennis, or women's volleyball.

Now Wall, Class of '80, has become the first AC player, male or female, to sign a professional contract. A 5-7, 135 pound guard, Wall has been signed by the Tampa Bay Sun of the Women's Basketball League and she'll report in early November.

Wall is spending the month of

October in Wilson, mostly working into what she says is the top physical condition of her life. She's staying with a long-time friend and coach of four years at AC* Carole McKeel.

Aside from her obvious physical attributes such as speed, quickness and a fine shooting touch, Wall also has a long list of positive intangibles to her credit. She is a team player, she is a winner, and she has a tremendous attitude.

A 1976 graduate of Richmond County High School in Rockingham, Wall is actually from Ellerbe where her mother, Mrs. Odelia Wall, still resides.

The Cathy Wall story is one which has been told and retold in the Wilson area and more specifically the Atlantic Christian community, for it is a story of success and personal triumph which seldom occurs.

Wall was encouraged to attend Atlantic Christian by then men's assistant basketball coach Bryan Chalk, a Rockingham native and former East-West All-Star player.

"If it hadn't been for coach Chalk I don't think I would have

played basketball after high school," said Wall. "I love it here and I'm glad to have this extra month to stay in Wilson and be around the school. I'll be leaving a lot behind when I go."

Wall, with 117 assists and 248 steals over the final two years of her college career, was signed by Tampa only two days after a tryout camp this fall. She was told that she would be notified in two weeks if she had made the team. That was on a Tuesday. Wall returned home on a Wednesday and was called on Thursday with the good news.

"When he called I was shocked, but also thrilled," says Wall. "I tried out with the Dallas Diamonds (Dallas has already signed Nancy Leberman of Old Dominion, Two-time women's Player of the Year) and the coach told me he thought I had potential."

"He gave me the names of two coaches, one in Omaha and one in Tampa. I called Tampa since it was closer and went down for two days of tryouts at the Air Force base down there. I really like the city, from what I

hear tis a sports town, and I'm looking forward to going down there.

"I feel like my chances are good, but there's something way back in my mind telling me not to get too up. I'm going in with a positive attitude and no matter what happens I feel like this will be a good experience for me. It already has been, and I've already met a lot of people I wouldn't have met otherwise."

Women's basketball, on the professional level, is fighting a battle of its own, and Wall is aware of that fact. But she says there is no way for her to keep a positive attitude and do her best if she wastes time worrying about the league as a whole.

"I can't worry about that, I've just got to play my best and if the league doesn't make it then I will still have gotten a lot out of it."

Wall plans to attend graduate school and get her Master's degree in Health and Physical Education, which was her major in college. After grad school she'll either be playing pro ball, working in recreation, teaching, coaching, or some combination

of the latter three.

"I would really like to coach on a college level, but I would also like to work with the younger kids. I think I would like teaching and coaching on the college level better, but all of that will come later. I'm not really sure what I will be doing. Someone said after the season they would help us find jobs in the Tampa area if we wanted to stay, so I'm really not sure."

McKeel says she is encouraged about Wall's professional chances for a number of reasons.

"She's really turning it out right now, she's working out hard and playing better than she has ever played. I wish I had her for one more year, we'd take the world on. I think the fact that they called her so soon after the tryout camp is a good indication. They didn't take long to decide they wanted her."



LOVE-A-FAIR

Bill Cowper

Are you tired of long winded lectures, long tiring hours bent over books studying for mid terms? Has your life been really dull lately? Do you need some excitement in your life? Well you are in luck. It is October and in North Carolina that's Love-A-Fair time. What does that mean? Well it means that you pick out a day between October 17-25 and you gather up a bunch of friends and you head over to Raleigh for the 1980 North Carolina State Fair.

If you have never been to a State Fair then you really should consider going. There are rides, exhibits, demonstrations, hot dogs, cotton candy, helium balloons, concerts and a whole lot of other things to do and enjoy.

It is a great club activity and it is rumoured that even college professors have been known to find it fun and enjoyable.

The Fair is easy to get to. From Wilson you simply take Highway 264 to Highway 64 and when you get to Raleigh stay on the 64 Bypass until you come to a sign that says State Fair Exit. Parking is sometimes a problem so wear your walking shoes. Once again that's October 17-25 at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The Fairgrounds will open at 9:00 am and close at 12:00 pm. So everybody come to Raleigh for the great North Carolina Love-A-Fair. It's fun.

SCHOLARSHIP

College Press Release

The Scholarship Bank updates records daily to assure that students are receiving only the most current and valid information. Cost of the service is \$35, with a smaller "economy" package of 15 aid sources being available for \$25. Each student is guaranteed at least \$100 in aid or his or her service fee is refunded.

Students or parents desiring further information should contact The Scholarship Bank, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 750, Los Angeles, CA. 90067, and enclose a business-size stamped self-addressed envelope, or call toll-free 800-327-9191 ext.397.

It was announced today that high school and college students are receiving an average of \$17,000 each in possible financial aid sources from The Scholarship Bank, according to Steve Danz, director.

The new service, being operated on a non-profit basis, is designed to find all of the financial aid sources available to student applicants. Danz indicates that of the estimated 15,000 sources in the data bank, the average applicant is getting information on 32 separate sources. The combined value of the 32 sources equals \$17,000, and, according to Danz, this does not include those sources that are renewable yearly.

Many sources are based on other than need. Approximately thirty percent are merit based, thirty percent need based, and the balance are a combination, or are based on other factors, such as student's willingness to enter a contest or declare a certain "major" in school.

NEED A JOB?

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Are you a junior or senior and a member of a racial or ethnic minority and interested in pursuing graduate study? Would you like to have your name submitted to graduate institutions that seek minority applicants? The Graduate Record Examinations Board's Locater Service offers this FREE service. For information contact the Career Planning & Placement Office.

RAWLINGS NAMED

College Press Release

Russell Rawlings has been named to the position of Sports Information Director for Atlantic Christian College. The appointment was announced jointly this week by Athletic Director Tom Parham and President Harlod C. Doster.

Rawlings, a 1978 Atlantic Christian graduate, served as a student SID during the first two years of his college career. Since his graduation from Atlantic Christian, Rawlings has served the college in several unofficial capacities, publishing numerous athletic brochures while contributing regularly to the publication, "ACC SCOPE".

In making the announcement, Parham said, "Russell has grown up in the shadow of this college and I think he has a feeling for this school and this area. He will be a valuable asset to the college and we are looking forward to utilizing his talents."

Rawlings is a lifetime Wilson resident and a 1974 graduate of Fike High School. He graduated from ACC with a B.A. degree in English. He currently holds the position of assistant Sports Editor at the Wilson Daily Times. He will remain a full

newspaper while serving Atlantic Christian in a part time capacity.

Regular office hours will be maintained from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and anyone wishing to contact Rawlings should feel free to do so at the school during this time.

"I've worked with the school for more than six years now and I feel as though my efforts with the college will be of more productive nature now that the title and the position are both of a specific and official nature," said Rawlings. "Coach Parham and I have worked together for several years. I've covered his tennis teams when he was serving Atlantic Christian as tennis coach during the 70's."

"As Parham said when he made his announcement, we've seen some tough times and some good times together. The highlight of this relationship would have to be the 1979 NAIA Tennis Championships, which I covered for the Times. His team won the national championship, and it was a day that neither one of us will ever forget."

Rawlings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenox D. Rawlings of Wilson.

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