

SPORTS

Ask E.J.



Q. Where would I write to find out more about the CIAA Conference? T.N.
A. For more information about the CIAA Conference write: Suite 241, 2013 Cunningham Drive, Hampton, Va. 23669.

Q. Did Julius Erving once reside in Winston-Salem? S.M.
A. Julius Erving, a native New Yorker, never resided in Winston-Salem. However, his lovely wife Turquoise is a native of the Triad city, where her mother currently resides. The Erving's usually have Winston-Salem at the top of their summer tour. Watch out Winston-Salem...the Doctor's coming to town.

Q. What is the age of Clarence Gaines and how long has he been coaching basketball at Winston-Salem State? S.M.
A. Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines was born May 21, 1923 in Paducah, Kentucky. Start counting...I guess you've figured, he'll be 58 years young on his next birthday. Gaines, still going strong, is concluding his thirty-fifth year at the helm of Ram basketball coach.

Q. Can you tell me something about Ram basketball assistant coach Bill English? L.T.
A. English, a former All-American at Carver High School in Salem, Va., has been a Ram assistant coach of 13 years. English came to Winston-Salem in 1965 and spent four exciting years as a star basketball player. English is most recognized for scoring 77 points in a single game (a record that stands this day). I guess you can call Bill English the heir to the throne.

Have a question...Ask E.J. Please submit questions to the News Argus office, located in the lower level of the Alumni Building or at 110 Brown Hall.

Sports-In-Brief

By Everette Jackson

WRESTLING-Junior Horace Williams and sophomore Jeff Raleigh represented WSSU (first time in School's history) in the **NCAA National Wrestling Championships** at the **University of California at Davis**. Williams and Raleigh were chosen because of their outstanding individual performances in the CIAA Tournament in which the Rams won.

SPRING SPORTS-The teams have been continuously training for the start of the spring sports at WSSU. These unsung sports (**Tennis, Track, Women's Softball and Golf**) are an essential part of WSSU athletics. They lack the recognition and support of the major activities, but their determination is uncontested.

BASKETBALL-Julius "Doctor J." Erving, star of the Philadelphia 76'ers, was recently awarded the **Michelob/NBA Highest Vote Getter Award** and was named **Michelob/NBA Humanitarian of the Year**. These awards were presented to Erving during the halftime of the NBA All-Star game. Erving has started in each of his five NBA All-Star games (he started his career with the Virginia Squires of the ABA) and is currently in his tenth season as a pro.

The **CIAA Tournament** is recognized as the most popular black college sporting event. However, the winners of the highly-acclaimed tournament fail to receive the national exposure as those of the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** and the **Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)**. The winners of the CIAA Tournament are selected to compete in the NAIA playoffs, while the more advanced MEAC and SWAC winners compete in the NCAA playoffs (the big daddy of them all).

Wrestlers Win CIAA Two In A Row

By Everett Jackson

Since the journey of Noah's Ark, it has been said that the best things in life come in pairs. To preserve this truth, the Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) wrestling team has collected a pair of CIAA wrestling titles back-to-back. Mike Edwards, in his fourth year as head wrestling coach, has a pair of Coach of the Year honors. The Ram wrestling team, with respect to Noah, are not "sailing" for forty days and forty nights, but for "eternity."

The Ram wrestling team recently won the CIAA Title and finished second behind an impressive Pembroke squad in the NAIA Tournament. Coach Mike Edwards and his supportive cast have restored WSSU wrestling from a minor to a dominate sport. "Every since I came to Winston-Salem State it has been my personal goal to rebuild the wrestling program," replies Edwards. "Through excellent recruiting seasons the program has been revised, Sure I am satisfied, but I feel we can do even better."



Photo By Roland Watts

Pictured above are the 1981 CIAA Wrestling Champs. These determined young men have captured the title for the second consecutive year. Head Coach Mike Edwards reveals hard work and confidence was the key to the young squad's success.



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Robert Ludman, Aaron Washington and Dean Smith listen as Coach Mike Edwards explains a new wrestling technique during practice. Mike Edwards was named CIAA Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Intramural Basketball

More Than A Sport

By Everett Jackson

Intramural basketball is increasingly becoming a popular activity. Many Ram spectators and participants view intramural basketball as the university's most pleasurable pastime. "It's a good thing," expresses Frank Bumpass. "It gives the students on campus a chance to reveal their ability. Also, it gives those who failed to make the university squads, a chance to display their talents elsewhere.

There are disadvantages in intramural basketball. First of all, the

referees are sometimes inexperienced and administer too many controversial calls. Second, the half-time breaks generally last about four minutes, giving the players little time for rest. Lastly, the time designated for the games often conflict with the daily schedule of the players. "It takes time to perfect any type of program," explains Anderson Noble, director of intramural basketball. "We expect to make this program more effective and organized to assist the students at WSSU. Of course, it can't be done in one day, but it's in the process."