

## Sports

The Sports Corner  
With Semaj Robinson

### Staying focused on goals is key to life, survival

He began playing baseball as a 10 year old on playgrounds in Oakland, Calif. As eager as he was to learn the game, it was other options that kept him from it.

He hit the ball hard. He ran fast and caught everything that came his way. He was a natural for the game of baseball. He once hit a ball so far, his coach checked his bat to see if it had cork in it.

He would often tell his mother that he



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wanted to be a professional baseball player. She could only smile because she never actually saw him play. A tight work schedule and a lack of interest never allowed her to see his talent.

When he entered high school, he always knew he could play with and even better than his classmates. He

tried out for the team and impressed the coaches so much, they called a semi-pro league to come and watch him practice.

The league was very impressed. A 6-3, 220-pound right fielder who could hit from both sides of the plate and who could also pitch was an awesome commodity they could use.

This young man who was headed for stardom was ready for the majors. But something happened. He never returned their calls.

His attention was diverted by his friends. He became impatient with school and wanted the ability to have money all the time. He turned to selling drugs in his neighborhood.

His status as a dealer grew. People in the neighborhood feared his presence and he began to use his status to run sections of Oakland.

His dream of becoming a professional baseball player faded. He stopped playing the game that professional scouts thought he would be so good at.

He became big in a profession, but it wasn't from baseball. The sad part is that he became too big. Other dealers didn't like who he became. So they took him out. Killed at 21, he never got the opportunity to change because he wanted to live a life that was faster than his base-running skills.

His name was Adrian Dewayne Scott--my brother.

#### Test your Sports Trivia

Which team last won three consecutive World Series titles?

- a) New York Yankees b) Oakland A's  
c) Atlanta Braves d) Cincinnati Reds

The answers to last issue's questions:

1. Kentucky  
2. 1974

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## Lady Rams beat Bowie State to win CIAA softball tourney

Semaj Robinson  
and Cortney Hill  
Reporters

Winston-Salem State University captured the 2000 CIAA softball championship with a convincing 9-0 victory over Bowie State University.

Behind the pitching of Natasha Garrett, sophomore, the Lady Rams were able to win the CIAA championship for the first time since 1986.

The Lady Rams advanced to the championship game by defeating Elizabeth City State University and Bowie State in a double elimination game. In the first game, the Lady Rams used a seven-run sixth inning to win 17-9 over Elizabeth City State. In the second game, the Lady Rams shut out Bowie State 9-0 behind a two hitter by pitcher Natasha Garrett.

The Lady Rams (32-2) dominated their opponents this year. They outscored their opponents 414 to 122 and scored at least 10 runs 20 times. Laurie Underwood, sophomore, was the key to the Lady Rams domina-

tion. She batted .412 and led the team in runs batted in with 54.

Poor weather forced the CIAA to move the Softball Championship to Seabrook Park. Originally scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, the final game in the loser's bracket began at 3:30 p.m. In that game, the Lady Rams were able to defeat Elizabeth City State University 17-9.

The final game was postponed to Sunday because of lightning. The Lady Rams great play continued as they defeated Bowie State University (23-5) 9-0, in five innings. Garrett faced 17 batters allowing only 2 hits and striking out 5 in the Lady Rams victory.

Anne Little, Athletic Director, said, "This is the 3rd straight year of winning the western division title. The team has lots of unity and spirit. I'm really proud of them."

Garrett was named tournament MVP and Winston-Salem State University had three players named to the all CIAA Tournament team. Those players were pitcher Garrett, catcher Kenisha Williams, and right fielder Danby Hassan.

## JV cheerleaders need budget and support

Christina Simons  
Reporter

Cheerleaders on the junior varsity squad say that they need a budget.

"What I don't think some people understand is that these young ladies are athletes," said Anne Little, the athletic director. The other sports teams on campus receive funds, but money is never given to the junior varsity cheerleading squad. "We've always shuffled money around for them," Little said.

"When I first got here about six years ago, the junior varsity cheerleaders were wearing homemade outfits. In the '97-'98 school year, there was no junior varsity team. When they were formed again the following year, they cheered in T-shirts and shorts," Little said.

The junior varsity captain, sophomore Christy Wellman, said "Yes, we do have new uniforms this year, but we had to pay for them ourselves. Varsity receives new items all the time, and they don't have to go into their own pockets to get them."

Despite the lack of money, Little said, "We try our best to do things for the JV squad to let them know we appreciate what they do. This year the junior varsity squad has gotten to travel to away games, and stay overnight in a hotel. This has never happened before. I'm pleased with where they've come."

### Congratulations...

- To the College of Business and Economics on its newly acquired accreditation.

- The Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team. The team finished the national competition with a record of 3-4. Team members are Patches Jacobs, captain; Branna Calloway; Daniel Dixon; Larkin Frazier, and Derrick Hargrove.

- Newly elected SGA officers:  
Mataryun Wright, president  
Laura Sanders, vice president of internal affairs  
Raoul Davis, vice president of external affairs  
Carlos Winston, secretary of treasury  
Carmille Akande, secretary of judicial affairs  
Rolonda Patrick, executive secretary  
Kendra Lipscomb, Miss WSSU