

## Four Local Athletes Prepare For Pros

Commencement exercises will be the signal for several NCC athletes to depart for the big time. Seniors scheduled to take a crack at professional ball include James (Champ) Brewington, Rossie Barfield, Luther (Nick) Jerals, and Reggie Pryor.

Brewington, a member of the All-CIAA roster which was honored further by being named to the Pittsburgh Courier All-Star squad, will report after graduation to the newly organized Minnesota Vikings of the American Football League.

Premier NCC halfback Rossie Barfield scorned pro football and will try to crack the line-up of the San Francisco Giants as an infielder. He will report to the Giants' Eugene, Oregon, farm club in June.

The Eagles' quarterback and punting specialist, Reggie Pryor, will join the Lincoln, Nebraska farm affiliate of the Chicago White Sox in June. Pryor feels that his baseball ability outshines his ability on the gridiron.

Nick Jerals, also a member (continued on page 10)



### A ROBE BY ANY OTHER NAME

As Commencement Day draws near, the question on everyone's lips is: "How did the different disciplines come to be marked by academic robes with hoods of different colors?" Everybody—but everybody—is asking it. I mean I haven't been able to walk ten feet on any campus in America without somebody grabbing my elbow and says, "How did the different disciplines come to be marked by academic robes with hoods of different colors, hey?"

This, I must say, is not the usual question asked by collegians who grab my elbow. Usually they say, "Hey, Shorty, got a Marlboro?" And this is right and proper. After all, are they not collegians, and, therefore, the nation's leaders in intelligence and discernment? And do not intelligence and discernment demand the tastiest in tobacco flavor and smoking pleasure? And does not Marlboro deliver a flavor that is uniquely mellow, a selectate filter that is easy drawing, a pack that is soft, a box that is hard? You know it!



But I digress. Back to the colored hoods of academic robes. A doctor of philosophy wears blue, a doctor of medicine wears green, a master of arts wears white, a doctor of humanities wears crimson, a master of library science wears lemon yellow. Why? Why, for example, should a master of library science wear lemon yellow?

Well sir, to answer this vexing question, we must go back to March 29, 1844. On that date the first public library in the United States was established by Ulric Sigafos. All of Mr. Sigafos's neighbors were of course wildly grateful—all, that is, except Wrex Todhunter.

Mr. Todhunter had hated Mr. Sigafos since 1822 when both men had wooed the beautiful Melanie Zitt and Melanie had chosen Mr. Sigafos because she was mad for dancing and Mr. Sigafos knew all the latest steps, like the Missouri Compromise Mambo, the Shay's Rebellion Schottische, and the James K. Polk Polka, while Mr. Todhunter, alas, could not dance at all owing to a wound he had received at the Battle of New Orleans. (He was struck by a falling praline.)

Consumed with jealousy at the success of Mr. Sigafos's library, Mr. Todhunter resolved to open a competing library. This he did, but he lured not a single patron away from Mr. Sigafos. "What has Mr. Sigafos got that I haven't got?" Mr. Todhunter kept asking himself, and finally the answer came to him: books.

So Mr. Todhunter stocked his library with lots of dandy books and soon he was doing more business than his hated rival. But Mr. Sigafos struck back. To regain his clientele, he began serving tea free of charge at his library every afternoon. Thereupon, Mr. Todhunter, not to be outdone, began serving tea with sugar. Thereupon, Mr. Sigafos began serving tea with sugar and cream. Thereupon, Mr. Todhunter began serving tea with sugar and cream and lemon.

This, of course, clinched the victory for Mr. Todhunter because he had the only lemon tree in town—in fact, in the entire state of North Dakota—and since that day lemon yellow has of course been the color on the academic robes of library science.

(Incidentally, the defeated Mr. Sigafos packed up his library and moved to California where, alas, he failed once more. There were, to be sure, plenty of lemons to serve with his tea, but, alas, there was no cream because the cow was not introduced to California until 1931 by John Wayne.)

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And today Californians, happy among their Guernseys and Holsteins, are discovering a great new cigarette—the unfiltered, king-size Philip Morris Commander—and so are Americans in all fifty states. Welcome aboard!

## 'Hurdling Hearn' Sought After

George Oscar and Richard Thomas Hearn, NCC's heralded brother-team in the hurdles, had to enlist a little maternal advice in deciding from numerous scholarship offers on which college to attend.

Thanks to Mrs. George Hearn of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, the Eagles have had a top-notch athlete for the past three years, and will have for the next four. According to George, the older brother, his mother's knowledge of Dr. Leroy Walker's coaching ability influenced him to turn down offers from Big Ten and Ivy League schools to enroll at NCC.

George is a graduate of Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, class of '57. The 22-year old senior, who as a freshman at NCC set the fastest time among the nation's fresh hurdles, 14:1 in the 120-highs. He is a Physical Education major and Health Education minor. In high school, George was equally proficient in the broad jump, high jump, quarter-mile, 100-yard dash, and javelin toss, but after he set the national high school record of 13:9 in the high hurdles, he decided to concentrate on that event. He has no objections, however, to coach Walker's using him in the relay events or any other. Although he has yet to eclipse his frosh time in the highs, George has managed to shave his time in the 220-lows to a remarkable 27:5. The world's record for that event is 21:9.

Again thanks to Mother, brother Richard Thomas Hearn, or simply Dickie, also turned down several offers in favor of NCC. Only 19, Dickie's prime objective in high school was to break his brother's record. Although he succeeding in merely tying it, he has gratefully accepted his brother's tutoring and has developed into a real threat to the nation's hurdles hopefuls, sporting in college competition

a 14-flat in the highs and a 25:5 in the lows. Upon graduation from Lower Merion last year, Dickie decided that he could perform best in the hurdles, and seldom tries anything else. Dickie majors in accounting and insists on striking a happy medium between academics and athletics.

Dickie's 25:5 best low hurdles time, compared with the world's record of 21:9 is largely due to his lack of experience. George, on the other hand, has run against such established stars as Lee Calhoun, Hayes Jones, Elias Gilbert, and the current high man in the CIAA, Russell Rogers of Maryland State. Refusing to "let anything come between them" George and Dickie are second and third, respectively, in the CIAA with identical high hurdles times of 14:7, behind the league-leading Rogers' 14:2. Ranking fourth and fifth in the lows, George boasts a fractional edge over Dickie in that event, the former clocking 25:5 and the latter 25:6. (Statistics through April 8.)

Both athletes have similar interests. George likes to read socio-political works and to "dig" jazz albums. Dickie, similarly, is an assiduous reader but can "take or leave" the sounds. After he finishes NCC this spring, George plans to fulfill his military obligations, then to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. He wants to run at least four more years. Dickie, other than balking at the mention of "military obligations", has not made any plans.

George sustained a knee injury last year that kept him out of the '60 wars. Coach Walker wisely started him running this season before the snow had melted, and is convinced that, if both the Hearn brothers continue healthy, he will again bring home the bacon from the CIAA hurdles duels.



The Hearn brothers demonstrate their skill

## Eagle Relayers Take Hampton Meet

NCC's crack relay team copied six events to lead the locals to a 58-point total, enough to capture the Hampton Institute Quadrangular Relays April 4. The host Hampton squad captured second-place honors with 50 points.

The sprint relay team of Joe Goodwater, Tomel Burke, Billy Merritt, and Leon Waithe captured the 440 and 880 tilts with 42.6 and 1:28.2 respectively. The latter clocking was their best of the season.

Appearing without the help of Walt Johnson, NCC's All-

American anchorman who was out with a pulled muscle, the mile relay squad flashed a 3:20 flat, with Goodwater leading the individuals at 49 flat.

In the sprint medley the Eagles ran almost without competition to win with a 3:30.5 showing. Rod Lennon, Merritt, Clifton Jackson and Lennie Moore carried the maroon and gray in that event.

In the two-mile relay Dave Folk, Lennon, Clarence Wilson and Lennie Moore nosed Hampton at the tape at 8:25.7. With George Hearn subbing Lennon,



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## Handy Ineligible

The ineligibility of Maurice Handy, number one singles star from Washington, D. C. seriously wounds NCC's chances of recapturing the CIAA tennis crown.

A senior, Handy was found to lack the necessary semester hours for conference competition. He is, however, free to participate in non-conference matches.

Handy will be replaced in the top spot by Napoleon Horton, another senior and Horton's partner in the doubles. Horton will also assume the team captain honors. Horton hails from Winston-Salem.

## Aldridge Completes U.S. Army Course

Army Pvt. Herman L. Aldridge Jr., whose wife, Shirley, lives at 800 E. Hargett St., Raleigh, N. C., completed the transportation movement specialist course at The Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va., February 21.

Aldridge was trained in the techniques and procedure of moving military supplies and personnel by rail, water, motor and air transport.

The 23-year-old soldier entered the Army last August and completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

The son of Mrs. Ruby M. Aldridge, 324 Pine St., Kinston, he is a 1955 graduate of Adkin High School and a 1960 graduate of North Carolina College.

this same group captured the distance medley, a new event for NCC, with 11:01.6.

NCC continued unbeatable in the hurdles events. George Hearn caught the closest challenge from his teammate and brother, Dickie. The Hearn boys came in way ahead of the field with 14.7 and 14.9 in the 120-highs, and 25.5 and 25.8 in the 220-lows.