

Charles Murphy attempts a dunk.

NCCU b-ball team gains playoff bid

By Winston L. Majette
The Eagles of North Carolina Central University have not only established a place in the Norfolk Scope, (the site of the CIAA Tournament this February 26-28), but also, they have achieved a winning record of 14-11 to give them their first winning season in eleven years.

The Eagles had a tough away schedule on February 21st and 18th as the Eagles walloped Bowie State 95-70 and also beat UNC-Wilmington in a 96-90 overtime victory.

The high scorers against Bowie State were John Bishop, 31 points and Donald Sinclair with 18 points as Central routed Bowie State for their 13th win of the season.

John Bishop scored 32 points against UNC-Wilmington along with

Charles Murphy scoring 26 points. David Binion added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

On February 16, Central played the Vikings of Elizabeth City State for their last home game of the season. The Eagles lost by the score of 82-72.

On February 14, the Eagles played Livingstone College in Livingstone, N.C. and on February 11 St. Augustine College in Raleigh, N.C.. Central beat Livingstone by the score of 123-102. With Dave Binion and Donald Sinclair scoring 28 and 21 respectively.

St. Augustine College victored over the Eagles by the score of 96-84. Nonetheless, Donald Sinclair scored 31 points and John Bishop scored 26 points.

On February 11, in McDougald gymnasium the

Eagles played Virginia Union. With excellent support from the bench, the Eagles manag-

ed to serve the 1979-1980 CIAA champions, Virginia Union, with a 98-87 victory.

Sports Update

The Eagles were honored with the fact that John Bishop, a junior guard from Dover Beach, Delaware and Metrial Floyd, a senior from Fairmont, North Carolina, were named to the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball team.

In Longwood, Virginia, on February 23 the NCCU Eagles lost to the Longwood Lancers by the score of 99-71.

The Lancer's went ahead 34-14 with 7:00 remaining in the first half, and Central never caught up.

North Carolina Central (14-12) were led by Darnell Evans, 12 points, John Bishop, 11 points and Donald Sinclair added 10.

The women's bowling team placed fifteenth in the bowling Regionals, February

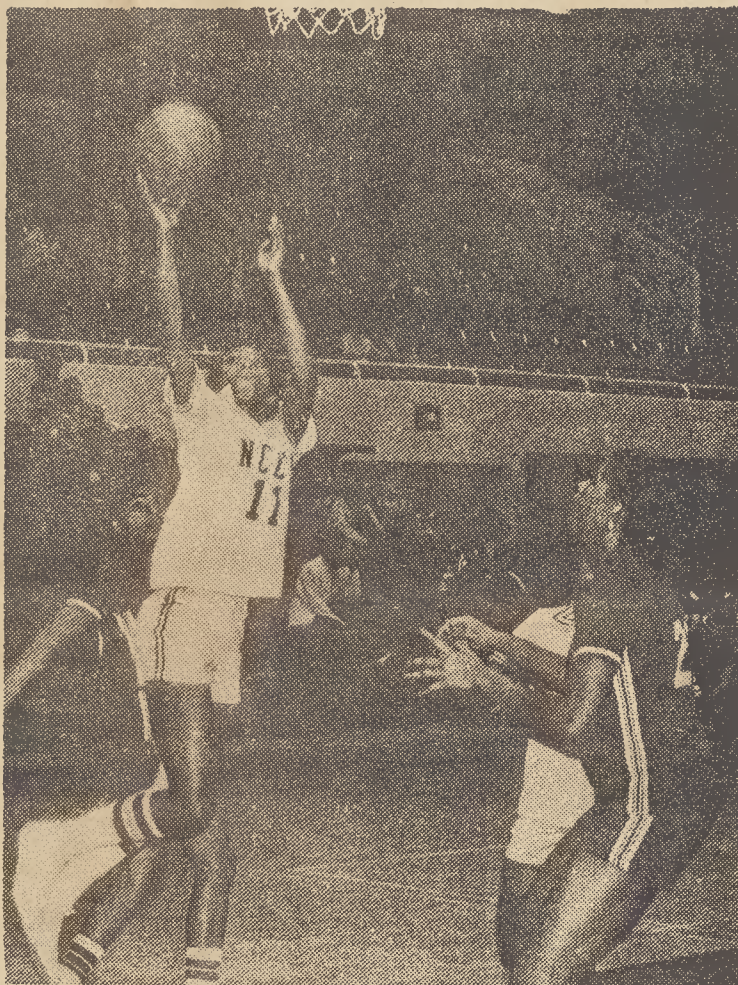
13-15, in Johnson City, Tennessee. The men placed twenty-third in the Regionals.

The tennis team will begin its' season on March 6, under Coach Edmonds.

The women's softball team, coached by Robert Vaughn, has been having tryouts for the spring of 81'.

Virginia Union's women's basketball team will meet Norfolk State's women's Basketball team at the Norfolk Scope in Norfolk, Virginia for the CIAA championship.

Livingstone College, on February 23 named Mel Rose, former defensive coordinator at South Carolina State, as its' new football coach. Rose played offensive line at North Carolina A&T, from which he graduated in 1973.



Mary Simpson drives in for two.

Eaglettes playoff loss; ends fair season

Winston L. Majette

The Lady Eagles brought an 8 and 14 record to the first round of the CIAA Tournament at Saint Augustine College Thursday, February 18 where they ended their season with a loss to Norfolk State, 93-82.

The game was a much closer affair than the 11-point spread would indicate. Indeed the Central

team seemed to be in control until the final seconds. But Norfolk came back and regulation play ended in a 75-75 heat.

It was a different story in overtime. Norfolk State simply outplayed Central, both offensively and defensively, outscoring the Eaglettes 18-7.

The Eaglettes may not have

been at their sharpest for the playoffs. They had suffered a series of losses at the end of the season that may have done much to dampen the team's spirit.

The Eaglettes played UNC-Wilmington on Wednesday, February 18, and lost to the Lady Seahawks by the score of 89-63. High scorers for the Eaglettes were Natasha Scott, 14 points, and Mary Simpson with 12 points.

Previously, the Eaglettes suffered successive losses to the Lady Vikings of Elizabeth City State by the score of 59-49, the Lady Bears of Livingstone College, 66-67, the Lady Bulldogs of St. Augustine's College, and Virginia Union.

In the semi-finals of the CIAA tournament Virginia Union beat St. Augustine, 83-52 and Norfolk St. beat Virginia State, 73-60.

Eagles

CIAA Conference Standings

Name	Northern Division			Southern Division		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Eliz. City	10	3	.000	15	5	.750
St. Paul's	10	5	.667	12	8	.600
Norfolk St.	9	5	.643	14	6	.700
Va. Union	7	5	.583	11	7	.611
Hampton	8	6	.571	13	8	.619
Va. State	7	7	.500	13	8	.619
Bowie St.	0	13	.000	1	19	.050
J. C. Smith	11	3	.786	14	4	.778
St. Aug	9	4	.692	13	6	.684
Fayville	8	7	.533	11	8	.619
NC Central	7	7	.500	9	10	.474
Win-Salem	5	8	.385	6	12	.333
Liv'stone	3	11	.214	4	13	.235
Shaw	2	11	.154	4	15	.211

and the travelling took a lot out of me." added Diedra.

Diedra feels that being on the basketball team did effect her study habits, but she intends to buckle down on her books and raise her average.

Dee confides that she has faced the problem of adjusting to a new coach. "One problem I had when playing basketball this year was adjusting to a new coach, we had to learn from each other and that takes time.

Diedra had a few complications during the winter and

fall, but she still accomplished many things." My accomplishments this year were helping the team go to the CIAA tournament in basketball as well as volleyball, where we were runner ups. I also became an All-regional honorable mentioned volleyball player in the CIAA."

Even though Diedra isn't positive she will stay here. She comments, "It's hard to go somewhere else and start all over again." but, "I probably will."

Deidra Solomon a super player

By Winston Majette and Kim Slade

One of the most remarkable players on the women's basketball team is Diedra Solomon, 18, a physiology major, from Henderson, N. C.

Diedra has accumulated outstanding statistics for a freshman women's basketball player.

When asked about how the season went, Diedra answered, "The season could have been better, but I had a couple of injuries, that interfered with my game."

"The basketball season was harder than the volleyball season because we were on the road a lot more



Freshman, Diedra Solomon

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