



Duane Griffin scores two points in the first half against St. Paul's.

Eagles lose eighth straight; fall to St. Paul's, 82-68

By Winston L. Majette

On Feb. 3, the North Carolina Central University Eagles lost their eighth straight game in McDougald gymnasium, dropping a decision to the St. Paul's Tigers 82-68.

The Eagles got into early foul trouble in the first half at the Tigers took a 34-24 lead on a basket by forward Walt Buchanan, with 3:40 left to go in the first half.

The two teams traded baskets to sustain a ten point difference until Central's Duane Griffin, who had 15 points, scored to bring the Eagles

within nine.

Then the Tigers' Alex Green scored on a back door play to up the score at halftime, 41-30.

In the second half, Griffin scored six points in the first six minutes to cut the lead to 46-53.

The Eagles didn't come closer than six points as their momentum was slowed down several times because of mental mistakes, "The teams' lack of experience kept them from catching up," explained Central's head coach Jesse Clements.

"Their inexperience caused them

to give up the ball in key situations when they could have tied the ball game up," added Clements.

Central totaled 13 turnovers in the game.

With three minutes left in the game the Eagles got as close as ten points as they fell to the Tigers, 82-68.

Center Charles Murphy dropped 21 and Willie Jennette added 14 points.

The Eagles losing streak consisted of five Southern Conference losses which gave them a 3-11 record in the

CIAA.

Last month the Eagles losses were to: Fayetteville State on the 30th, Virginia State on the 27th, Shaw on the 23rd, St. Augustine on the 21st and to Johnson C. Smith on the 19th. During the month they did manage to beat Livingstone College on the 18th, but lost to Fayetteville St. on the 16th, Hampton Institute on the 13th and opened the new year with a triple overtime win against Shaw on the eighth.

Lady hoopers go to CIAA tourney, score a 'yard' against St. Augustine

By Mark Adams and Winston L. Majette

The Lady Eagles brought their record to 5-5 overall to gain a place in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament, in McDougald gymnasium as they edged St. Paul's 64-56 in a Feb. 3 game. Winning a spot in the tourney was the high point in a season in which they had already set a scoring record by beating St. Augustine 100-79.

Before leaving the game with a knee injury, senior Mary Simpson led the Eagle scoring with 15 points.

In the first half, the Lady Eagles stole the ball several times but failed to take advantage of their opportunities.

At 12:40 into the game freshman Carmen Judkins scored and Simpson made a breakaway steal to give Central a 18-12 lead.

Central built their lead to 11 by halftime, going to the dressing room with the score at 38-27.

In the second half, the Lady Tigers came within six points when Darlene Creasy completed a three-point play to make the score, 40-34.

Central kept its poise and went on to win 64-56.

Central vs. St. Augustine

On Jan. 26, the Eagles, led by Simpson's 39 points and eight rebounds, rocked St. Augustine as they graced McDougald gym with the first 100-point game in NCCU women's basketball history.

The Lady Eagle's were at their best and played team ball with impressive performances from sophomore Brenda Cox and freshman Carmen Judkins, who scored 16 and 15 points respectively.

In defeating the Lady Falcons 100-79, the Lady Eagles brought their record to 4-4.

In the month of January, the Lady Eagles lost to Livingstone College on the 25th, lost to Elizabeth City on the 21st, beat Shaw in double overtime on the 19th, beat Johnson C. Smith University on the 18th, lost to Fayetteville State University on the 16th, and beat Smith again on Feb. 6th.

Coach Alberta Gatling saw her team show signs of brilliance and then have to struggle to win games that they should have won handily.

In Central's last seven games, there have been indications of how successful the squad could be if the right chemistry were put together. Jackie Pinnix, Dee Solomon, Mona McLaurin, and Simpson all played well at times, but they never performed well at the same time.

While her teammates struggled to get into the flow of the games, freshman center Carmen Judkins kept the Eagles close with good sound defense and led the team in re-

bounds.

As coach Gatling said in the beginning of

the season, "This team is good . . . it's just a matter of time."

Gatlin leads her ladies to Norfolk Scope tourney

By E. Bernard Hansley

"Understanding . . . sympathetic . . . talented . . . and a super lady."

Bo Derek, maybe Donna Summer, or maybe Dr. Joyce Brothers?

Nope. Better than that. She is Alberta Gatling, N.C. Central's second year Women's Basketball coach.

Before Gatlin's arrival the Lady Eagles struggled to find a 500 season. In her first year as coach at NCCU she led them to a third place finish in the Southern Division of the CIAA.

One can understand why her players are grateful for her presence. But she is not satisfied. Not in the least. "Third place is not good enough for the Lady Eagles," she declares. "We want to have a winning season, making it to the CIAA finals and hopefully win the championship."

Gatlin is not just blowing smoke. She knows what she wants her team to be. Strength, size, speed, depth, leadership and discipline, she says, are essential in building a winning team.

Her players also know what she wants. "We have the speed, strength and size, but Coach Gatling provides discipline, which is really important," said freshman forward, Mona McLaurin.

A former graduate of Central, Gatling, who was assistant athletic director at Hampton Institute, welcomed the chance to come back home.

"Certain things were not present at Hampton, and the girls at Central had potential and were serious about the game," Gatlin said.

At Central this year, those things seem to be present, and Coach Gatlin's girls are on their way to the CIAA tournament at the Norfolk Scope Arena on Feb. 18-20. That's only the first of Gatlin's goals to be realized.

Whoops,
no \$\$\$ for books!



Athletic dept. funds down; jocks must foot book bill

By John Alcott III

Departmental budget cuts are having an adverse effect upon the N.C. Central University athletic department. The latest crunch has left all athletes, even those with scholarships, responsible for buying their books.

Athletic Director and head football coach Henry Lattimore stated that there just wasn't any money for books this semester. But he added, "(Despite this setback) we've come quite a ways. There once was a time that books weren't even talked about. We've tried all we know how to give the athletes their books. We just fell short this semester. It's just difficult to get blood from a turnip."

B-ball season dulled by inexperience

By Alonzo W. Fuller

North Carolina Central's basketball team is not doing too well. Central is 5-9 overall, with a 3-7 record in the conference. Central did lose it's leading scorers last year and ineligibility of some players haven't helped.

James E. Holt, a senior geography major, from Tacoma, Washington says, "The team is going through a rebuilding season. Last years team was quick and aggressive, but this year's team is still young with little experience. If they work hard, they could do well in post tournament play."

Charles Murphy, the sophomore center, says, "We lost three scorers and scoring is what you need to win... he adds, ineligibility of some key players has also hurt us. We have to go with what we have and be

determined and strong.

Murphy is averaging 15.9 points per game. Central overall is averaging 63 points per game but is giving up 70 points per game.

Coach Jessie Clements says, "When you have a young team it takes them at least a year to learn the offenses and defenses. That's a lot of pressure on the young kids to perform well." We also don't have experience at the point guard position, says Clements, that is why teams press us a lot." We need leadership and an outside shooter from our point guards."

Head coach Jessie Clements had hoped for a better won-loss record but again the loss of players and inexperience has hurt the Eagles.

Clements stated, "If we could keep these young players together with the addition of some others,

Central could become a contender in the 1982-1983 season."

With eight games remaining in the season, Central probably won't make the CIAA tournament this year, but will be looking forward to a better season next year.



Coach Jessie Clements

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Thank you,
SGA Office

Tired of being misinformed? Join the SGA Staff. Meetings every last Wed. of the month in the SGA Office.

In celebration of Black History month, an art exhibit entitled *The Presence of Black* will be held on display Feb. 5-28 at Center/Gallery in Carrboro, N.C.

Nine artists working in a variety of media will be featured, according to exhibition coordinator Isabel Levitt, a faculty member at NCCU and a founding member of Center/Gallery.

Graphic artist Charles Joyner of the School of Design at NCSU and painter/printmaker James Gadsen of UNC-CH Art Dept. are among the exhibitors, as are three members of the NCCU faculty. Lana Henderson works in college, Mel Carver in graphics and Viola Leak in painting, sculpture and printmaking.

Other artist exhibiting their works are photographers Alvin Lister and Edward Leak and painters Mable Bullock and Willie Nash, a former head of the Coalition of Black Artists.

Two special events will highlight the month. The NCCU Jazz Ensemble, directed by William Moon, will play for the opening reception on Fri. Feb. 5, 8-10 p.m. and the artists will gather to discuss their work with the public on Thurs. Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.

The exhibition was made possible in part by a grant from The N.C. Council's Grassroots Program. Gallery hours are Thurs., 11-7:30; Fri. & Sat., 11-5; and Sun., 2-5.

The Religious Activity Center of NCCU will celebrate Black History Month/The Religious Perspective on Tues., Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m. in Taylor Education Building Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. John H. Corbitt. Dr. Corbitt is presently The National Director for The Baptist Student Union, and this is his eighth year in that office.

The Finals of the Durham Regional 1982 San Francisco Opera Auditions will be held in form of an open concert at Baldwin Auditorium of Duke University's East Campus on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 8:15 pm. The event is co-sponsored by the Durham Arts Council and the Duke University Dept. Of Music.

Approximately 8 to 10 young professional singers, selected from the regional preliminary auditions, will be performing arias from the standard repertoire as well as lesser known works and will be competing for three cash awards to be presented at the conclusion of the program. The judges at the auditions will be Mattiwilda Dodds, Peter Paul Fuchs, Joel Carter, and James H. Schwabacker. The singers will be accompanied on the piano by Richard Montgomery.

Free admission.

To clarify a wide spread misconception that has been lingering on campus for the past 2 years; Whoever thinks Reuben Carnell Jones (junior) and Cornell Jones (senior) are the same person is mistaken. We are from the same home town, but are not the same person.

Carnell Reuben Jones
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