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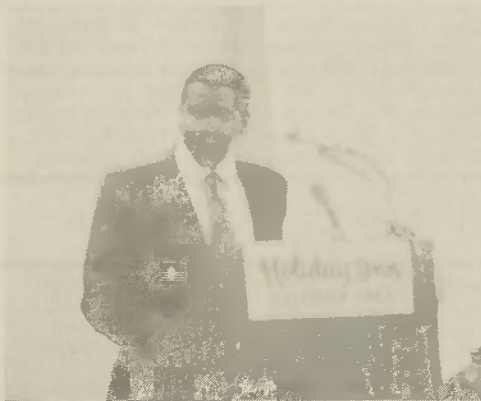
Eagles Expected To Fly High In CIAA South

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one of the loop's top playmakers and Antoine Sifford has all-conference potential.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S appears to again be among the conference's top teams with Harvey Heartley back at the helm. Heartley took a year's leave during the 86-87 season, but returned last year to lead the Falcons to a 14-10 mark. Lantham Alleyne is a versatile inside player, while Lashun McDaniel and Chaun Shell provide scoring in the backcourt. If the Falcons can muster some early wins in the Divisional race they could challenge NCCU for the regular season title.

JOHNSON C. SMITH suffered perhaps the biggest loss due to graduation of any team in the conference. Sec-



J.C. Smith Head Coach Steve Joyner got his start in Winston-Salem.

ond-year coach Steve Joyner (on Atkins High School Alumnus) will have his hands full trying to pull the Golden Bulls over the .500 mark. Walter Hurd, the lone returning starter for Smith will be counted

upon to do the bulk of the scoring for the Bulls. SHAW UNIVERSITY could be the darkhorse in the Southern Division. Al Carter's team has a host of experience back from last year's squad which fin-

ished a disappointing 5-19 overall and 4-15 in league wars. Anthony King is a proven scorer in the paint and the Bears will build around him. Titus Allen and Derrick McCarter should provide help along the backline. In the frontcourt, Dexter Price will be asked to solidify the young guards.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE is beginning anew under the direction of rookie coach Raymond McDougal. The Broncos were among the most talented teams the past two years, but inexperienced caused FSU a host of close games. Tyrone Boger showed flashes of brilliance during his freshman season and could be the backbone of this year's team. Darrell Harris and Kenneth Sum-

blin will also be relied on to held the Broncos better last year's 8-18 overall and 7-12 conference records.

The top returnee is Sylvester Bowens, a 6-6 forward, and the talent level drops off considerably after him. Abu

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LIVINGSTONE is fighting for its athletic life these days and the Bears will find the going tough during the 88-89 season. The Bears are also rebuilding with new coach Ottis Fields trying to bring order to the program. Antonio Davis, who led the conference in scoring last season, has used up his eligibility so Fields must find someone to score points for the Bears.

Williams and Robert Walker have both seen a lot of action for the Bears and will be counted upon heavily if the Bears are to improve on 87-88's 3-22 overall record.



Going For 800

By Sam Davis

Clarence "Big House" Gaines has experienced just about every high and low imaginable during his 43-year tenure as basketball coach at Winston-Salem State. The basketball world and community at large have bestowed countless awards and accolades upon him. But Gaines seems to be unaffected by it all.

Gaines started the 1988 season only 15 victories away from 800 - a milestone that only one previous college coach (Adolph Rupp) has accomplished. The team picked up two victories in their first couple of games this season, leaving Gaines only 13 short of the milestone.

All the national media representatives were in Winston-Salem for win

No. 700 five years ago. Gaines was even wired with a microphone by one national network - but his message was still the same. Play sound defense by moving your feet and get the ball to the open man on offense - using the weave off the high or low post.

Few coaches in any sport can boast of the talent that Gaines has had over the years. Even fewer can tell of the success their ex-players have experienced outside of the sports arena.

For every superstar player he's had, Gaines has had twice as many role players - Players who knew their limitations. And with Gaines' guidance they rarely exposed their deficiencies, instead they took advantage of their

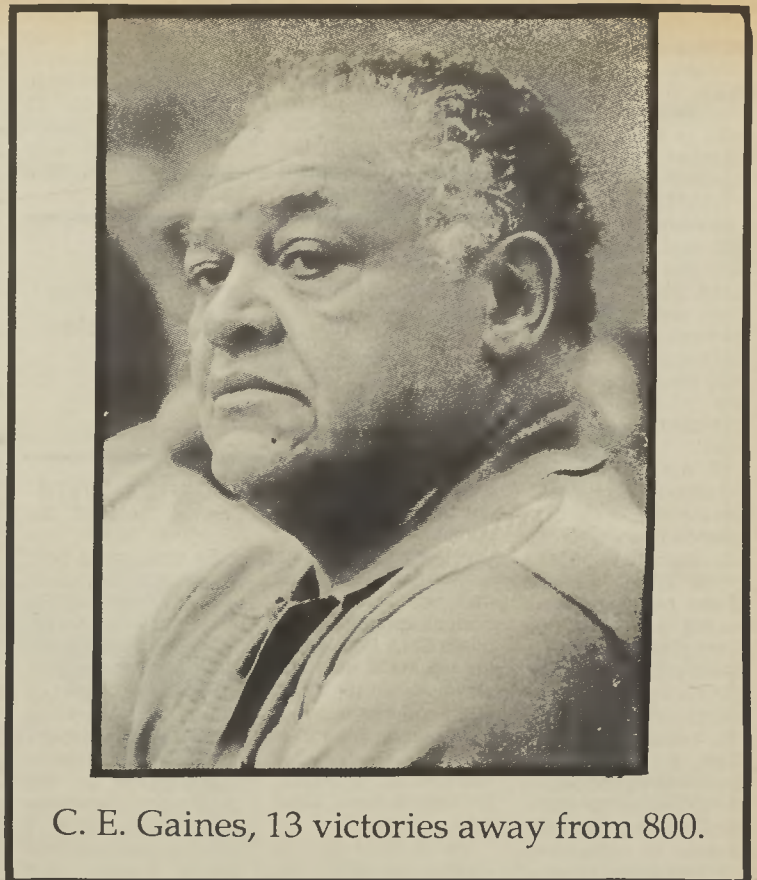
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C. E. Gaines, 13 victories away from 800.