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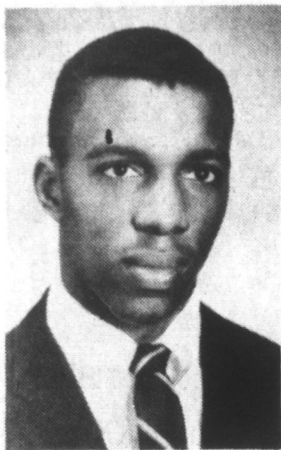
WINGATE'S MARSHALL THAXTON SIGNS UNCC CAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Forward Marshall Thaxton, a 6-foot-5 jumping jack from Wingate College, signed a UNCC basketball scholarship recently at the campus.

Thaxton is the third cager to sign a grant-in-aid offered by 49er Coach Bill Foster—all within the last week. Thaxton will be the only junior college signee for the 1971-72 season. Ben Ansley, a 6-foot-8 forward from Rome, Ga., and Dave Poling, a 6-foot-5 swing man from Union Furnace, Ohio, have already signed pacts with UNCC.

Thaxton has been a star for the last two seasons for Wingate, a member of the Western Carolinas Junior College Conference. Thaxton has been all-conference both his freshman and sophomore years, also receiving All-Tournament and Region All-Star honors this year.

Thaxton, at 205 pounds, played only one year of basketball at Durham High School, leading his team to the Regional 4-A championship his senior year. At Wingate, shot



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52 per cent of his field goals from the floor while averaging 15.8 points and 13.7 rebounds for his two years.

Thaxton also qualifies in the classroom, listed in "Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges" in 1971.

The star cager is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Thaxton of Durham.

NATIONAL LITTLE COLLEGE TOP TEN
 Tiffin University—Ohio
 Durham Business College—N.C.
 Fort Lauderdale University—Florida
 Albany Jr. College—New York
 Steed College—Tenn.
 Davis Jr. College—Ohio
 William L. Hancock—West Virginia
 Strayer College—Washington D.C.
 Warner-Pacific College—California
 Evans College—North Carolina

Craig Bracken—Davis Jr. College
 Non Tournament Team
 Jimmy Powell
 Greg Scholz

Sammy Davis Jr. On Hope Special

NEW YORK — Sammy Davis Jr., Lee Marvin and Shirley Jones will be Bob Hope's guests when "Chrysler Presents the Bob Hope Special" Monday, April 5 in color, 9-10 p.m. EST, on the NBC Television Network.

Oscar-winner Marvin has appeared previously with Hope on an NBC-TV special. Sammy Davis Jr., and Shirley Jones will be making their first appearance as Hope's guests.

Singer-actress Shirley Jones is the star of TV's "The Partridge Family."

Alcindor Winner of NBA's Most Valuable Player Award 70-71

NEW YORK — Lew Alcindor, the single most important factor in the meteoric rise of the Milwaukee Bucks, is the National Basketball Association's Most Valuable Player for the 1970-71 season.

NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy and the Newspaper Enterprise Association jointly announced March 20 the election of the 7-2 superstar who will receive the Podoloff Cup, symbolic of the award.

In balloting of the NBA players, Alcindor received the most overwhelming first-place vote since the award was established at the conclusion of the 1955-56 season.

He received 133 first-place votes, 10 seconds and three thirds on a 5-3-1 point basis. This added up to 698 points.

Jerry West of the Los Angeles Lakers was runner-up for the second straight year and third time in his career. West had four first-place votes, 34 seconds and 44 thirds for 166 points.

Dave Bing, Detroit's star guard, was third with 119 points, and Oscar Robertson, who joined Alcindor to help Milwaukee win the Midwest Division title, came in fifth with 63 points.

Alcindor, in his second NBA season, won the scoring average championship at 31.7 points per game. Last year he was named Rookie of the Year and came in third behind Reed and West in Podoloff Cup voting.

But this season, he has been superlative.

Reed said, "When I play against him I know my game has to be at its very best. No

matter what happens, you don't think of stopping him. You just hope the other guys don't hurt you too much.

Right now there is nobody in the league who influences a game as much as Alcindor. I admire anybody that tall with such body control, skill, coordination and mobility. It's amazing that a guy his size can do what he does."

Teammate Greg Smith added, "Sometimes we have a tendency to stand around and watch him when we're supposed to be playing basketball. He's unbelievable already and he's getting better all the time."

In piling up 133 first-place votes to just six for the nearest rival player, Alcindor is the most lopsided winner of the Podoloff Cup.

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 new absorbing interests and becomes a more interesting individual because of the experience he had had and the things he knows.

He will develop a deeper love for his country as he thrills to the beauty of it. He will, of course, learn to accept responsibilities in the camp community — a responsibility that foreshadows the part he

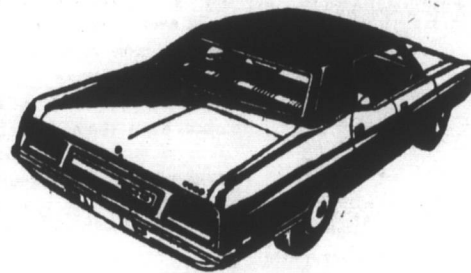
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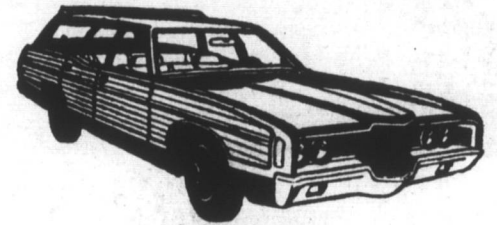
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