



IN SINGING DEBUT—Pittsburgh Steelers' Franco "arris makes his singing debut on the Mike Douglas Show in Philadelphia. With him are two members of the "5th Dimension" singing group, Marilyn McCoo (R) and Florence LaRue. The show will be aired. (UPI).



AARON AT BAT FOR YOUTH—One of Hank Aaron's first appearances after joining the Milwaukee Brewers baseball club was at an Athletes for Youth luncheon at the Schlitz Brown Bottle hospitality center. The organization recruits top athletes in all sports to work with inner core youngsters. The major league home run king is shown with Milt Keller (left) and Jim Michaud, officers of the Schlitz Foundation, a major supporter of the project.



BACK TO SCHOOL—Louis Cardinal's Bake McBride, National League Rookie-of-the-Year, is back in school as he dissects crayfish in a biology laboratory at West Minister College here, where he is taking nine hours credit this semester. Harold Flynn (L), McBride's Baseball coach at Westminster and J.E. McClary (R), biology department chairman, observe the experiment. McBride is about a year away from a degree. He is taking courses under the committee plan, a variation of the old correspondence course.

MEAC Statistic Leaders Hold Positions

The leaders in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) statistical races remain unchanged according to the weekly statistics released Wednesday from the Commissioner's office.

Freshman Harry Nickens of South Carolina State continues to lead the individual scorers despite a drop of a point and half from last week. Nickens has poured in 411 points in 19 games for an average of 21.6 points per game. Robert Little of North Carolina Central ranks second with an average of 19.9 points per game.

Morgan State's All-American Marvin Webster leads the conference in rebounding and field goal percentage. The 7-0 senior has pulled down 259 rebounds in 16 games for an average of 16.2 recoveries per contest.

In field goal percentage Webster has converted 114 of 201 shots from the floor for a percentage of .567. James Sparrow of A&T has made 549 of his shots from the field.

Sam Shepherd of Delaware State and Don Aarson of Maryland-Eastern Shore are tied for the lead in free throw percentage. Shepard has made 41 of 51 shots from the charity line for a percentage of .804 while Aarson has made 45 of 56

for the identical shooting percentage.

Delaware State is the top offensive team in the conference with an average of 85.6 points per game. South Carolina State is second in offensive average with a 84.5 scoring clip.

Morgan State has a large lead in team defensive average. The Bears are giving up 68.7 points per outing. Morgan and Delaware State won the largest margin of point spread. Both teams are outscoring their opponents by 6.7 points per game.

Delaware State is the best rebounding team in the seven-team league with an average of 55.9 rebounds per game. S.C. ranks second with an average of 52.2 rebounds per contest.

North Carolina Central leads in field goal percentage with an average of .483. Maryland-Eastern Shore is the second best team in field goal percentage with a .465 clip.

The Hawks are also the best shooting team from the free throw line. They are hitting 69.1 percent of their shots from the 15-foot line.

All of the statistical leaders in the MEAC will be on display at the fourth annual MEAC Tournament to be held February 27, 28 and March 1 at the Baltimore Civic Center.

A&T College Superman Flies High

Superman is a self-explanatory title. This name has been given to A&T's Ron Johnson. When asked how he obtained such a name, he replied, "I guess it's because I am over-active, always on the go and I can never slow down."

Ron is a junior Recreation major from Chester, Pa. While in high school, he participated in basketball and track. Among other schools in the MEAC, CIAA, Ron's first choice was to come to A&T State University. "I did not know anyone particular, but my visit to the campus made up my mind to attend," Ron cordially answered.

When asked about the remaining games left in the season, Johnson said, "If we go ahead and take off the rest of the conference games, we will win the MEAC and just maybe get an offer to the NIT." Ron said that through teamwork and determination, we can have a victory over Howard and Morgan.

Playing on the team for three years has been a most rewarding experience for me," Johnson stated that he would like for the Aggies to capture another MEAC title. He was here on the team and playing in the 72-73 MEAC victory.

In the future, Johnson hopes to get a chance to play probasketball. If that opportunity does not present itself, he would like to go into recreation therapy.

An important function of the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics is to provide a wide range of career education material to the public.

North Carolina Central Univ.'s Johnson Plays With Confidence

Ask North Carolina Central's amazing forward Wesley Johnson, who is the best college basketball player in the country, he will surely reply that he is one of them. It is this confidence that has lifted Johnson as well as the Eagles from the bottom of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Johnson, who would rather be called "Wes" is averaging 15 points per game and adds board strength to the shorter Eagles by grabbing 10.3 rebounds per outing. He attributes his statistical output to his confidence.

"Wes" asked, "How can you be the best when you don't feel that you are the best?" Many people ask me if I feel that I could play in the Atlantic Coast Conference and my reply is that I feel that I'm just as good as anyone with the exception of David Thompson."

Johnson's show of confidence has earned him the label as being cocky. "I'm not cocky," states Johnson. "I just have a lot of confidence." Confidence is the key to building a winning team and as

a team I think we all feel that we have the ability to defeat anyone."

When asked what is the key to building confidence, Johnson answered "Publicity is the key to building confidence but around here or any small college we are not played up by the media." "Personally I think that my confidence is motivated by the love I have for the game."

The 6-5 native of Durham calls basketball a thing of beauty. "When you are capable of blending five different individual styles of basketball into one solid team, basketball becomes a thing of beauty."

Wes, a former Durham High and All-City performer feels that basketball is entertainment and that fans enjoy being on the winning side. This has not always been the case at Central but he feels that things are beginning to look better.

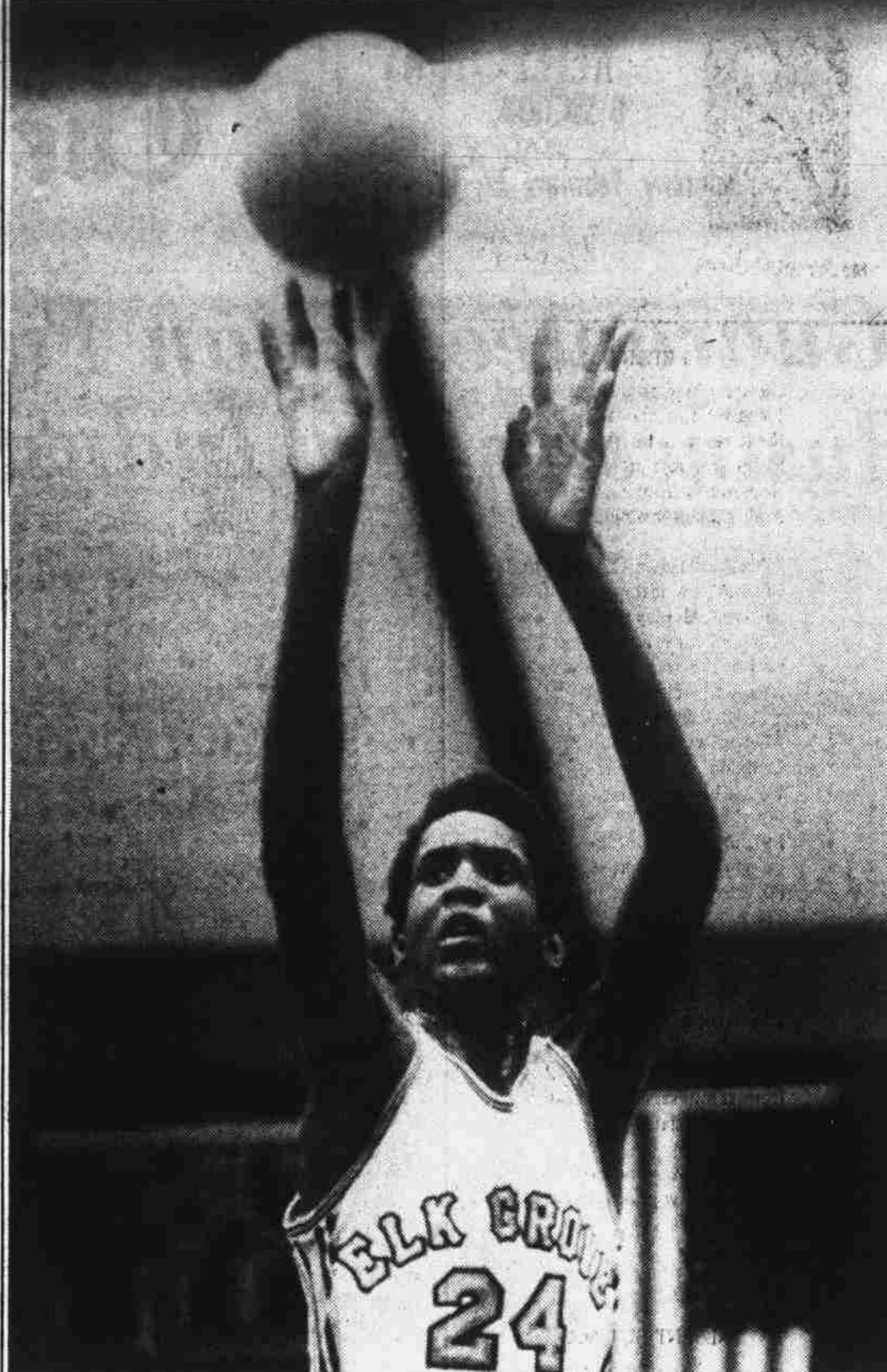
The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), which went into effect July 1, represented a significant shift toward decentralization of the nation's manpower program.

What's Your I.Q. On Social Security?

Do you know enough about your Social Security protection? If you're like many people, you don't. The Institute of Life Insurance found that only about one in ten Americans feels "very well informed" about Social Security benefits.

The poor, the lesser educated, blacks, are the ones who know the least about the provisions of Social Security, according to a poll conducted by the Roper Organization. Even among people over 60, only one in four feels thoroughly informed. Roper found:

The retirement benefit is the best known aspect of Social Security, followed by Medicare and benefits to survivors.



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