



FORMER MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTENDER RUBIN HURRICANE CARTER (L) dropped by Muhammad Ali's hotel suite to thank the heavyweight champ for his efforts in getting Carter a new trial. Carter's case was reopened after he and another man spent nine years in jail in a triple slaying in a Peterson, N. J., bar. The N. J. Supreme Court overturned the conviction after the prosecution witnesses said they had testified falsely. (UPI).

S.C. State College Presents Awards

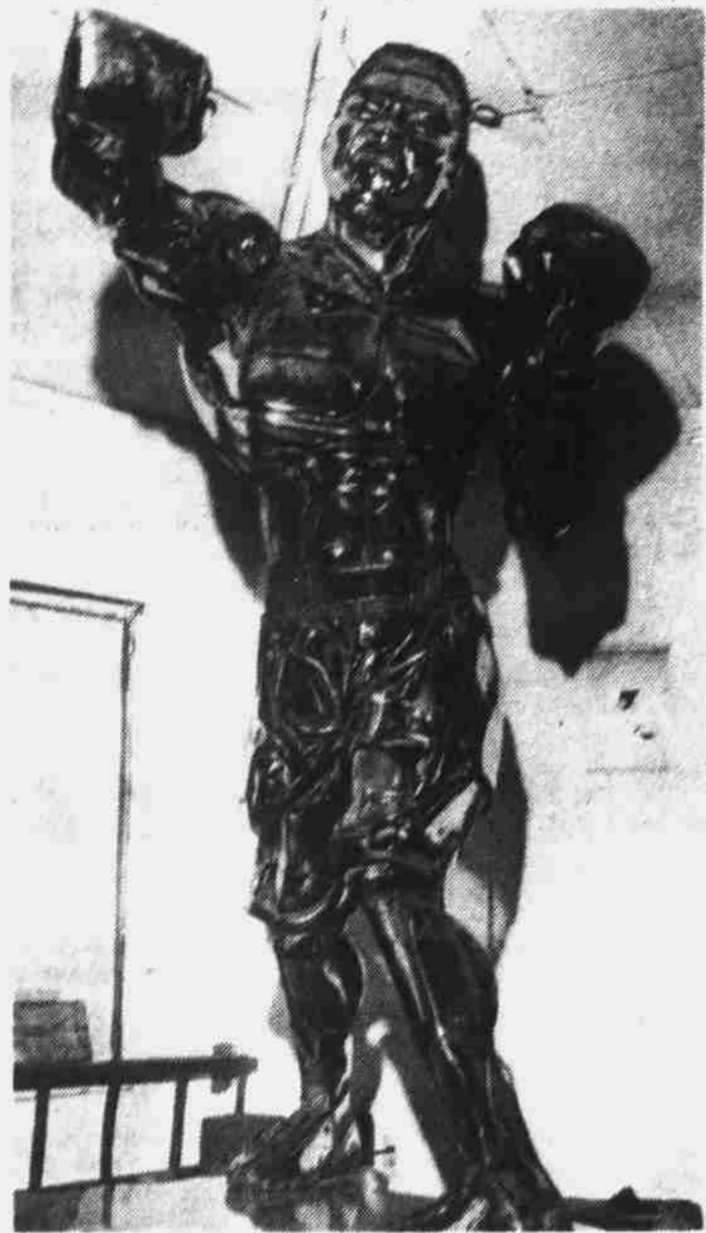
GRANDEBURG All-American Harry Carson and Nigeria native Nelson Ajayi took the top awards at South Carolina State College's annual athletic awards program at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium Tuesday night. Carson, who received numerous awards for his gridiron achievements the past season, was presented the Presidential Award for the best all-around athlete at the college while Ajayi, a member of the Bulldog track and field team, captured the Scholastic Award for earning the varsity award and maintaining the highest academic average-athletic dept.

First, second, third and fourth year awards, in addition to a number of other individual awards were presented to athletes in seven

sports, both men and women. To go with his presidential trophy, Carson received the most valuable player and best defensive lineman award for football. The Florence native, who is headed for a professional career with the New York Giants, was presented several awards earned during the year.

Top basketball awards went to Carl Green and Harry Nickens for men and to Althea McGriff and Margaret English for women, and Donald Lewis and Wayne Richardson MVP and most outstanding awards, respectively, for wrestling.

Kenny Brown, the Bulldog's hurdler, and Phil Murphy



MOUNT CLEMENS SCULPTOR DON THIBODEAUX created this nine-foot, 1,200 pound masterpiece of World Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali. Thibodeaux, who owns a collision shop in Mount Clemens, feels Ali is the "greatest athlete of our time," and said the sculpture is a fitting tribute to the champ. Thibodeaux said he used close to 60 automobiles and spent over 800 man-hours over a 3 1/2 year period to finish the sculpture. (UPI).

Bowling News

The Hazel B. Plummer League of the Durham and Orange County Bowling Assn. announces the following scores in the Women's and Men's Division.

Leading in the High Game in the Women's Division was Millie Williams with 191, Peggy Hester with 187 and Ann Reed with 185. Leading in High Series was Ann Redd with 509, Peggy Hester with 475 and Walterene Parrish with 473.

Leading in the High Game in the Men's Division was James Parker with 202, Norman Johnson with 201 and Jim Dyer with 196. High Series was led by Jim Dyer with 525, Booth Smith with 524 and Norman Johnson with 521.

In other bowling news: Robert Curtis, 521; Doss Massenburg, 516; Jamin Peddy, 513; James Parker, 511; Bill Little, 506; Quinton Parker, 507 and Ed Borden, 500.

The Long Wait Ends For George Ragsdale

GREENSBORO It has been a long time since the last North Carolina A&T State University football game in 1975 and the pro draft of a few days ago.

There have been a lot of restless nights for A&T acc running back George Ragsdale, who like thousands of other senior football players across the country, had completed their eligibility with the final whistle in '75. Ragsdale had always wanted to play pro football, maybe in his hometown of Baltimore, Md. with the Colts, but as time grew nearer to the end of his college days he just wanted to play.

Ragsdale's long wait to decide his football future received some bright news last week when he was drafted in the twelfth round by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL.

"I had no idea I was going to be drafted by them and right now I'm just glad it happened," said Ragsdale, who last season set an A&T rushing record for a single season with 920 yards. "The teams that stayed in contact with me most of last season were

Denver, Dallas, Baltimore, and Chicago.

"I'm going down to Tampa on the 16th of April to get my contract in order and to workout with the other rookies," said Ragsdale, who will take part in the A&T commencement exercises on May 2. "All I've really been doing is running to keep myself in shape. I haven't been doing anything really heavy like lifting weights. I feel that I'm in the best shape that I have ever been in throughout my career."

There had been rumors that Ragsdale was "too small" to withstand the physical punishment of the National Football League. Some pro football scouts that visited the Agge practices last season felt Ragsdale would stand a better chance at wide receiver.

"When I talked to the Tampa people, all we discussed was a running back position. I feel that I could make the adjustment to wide receiver if necessary; however, I'm comfortable in the backfield and that's where I feel I could make the best contribution to Tampa."

SPORTS

Robinson Signs Top Prep Cagers At Fayetteville St.

FAYETTEVILLE - Dr. Joe Robinson, head basketball coach and Director of Athletics at Fayetteville State University announced that eight top high school basketball standouts have signed letters of intent with Fayetteville State.

The players are Reginald McCleod, 6-7 center-forward Rochester, N.Y. Bruce Crump, 6-5 1/2 forward, Jacksonville, Florida. Edward Jefferson, 6-4 guard-forward, Emporia Virginia. Jeff Ballard, 6-5 1/2 forward, Pocomoke City, Maryland. Michael Baker, 6-3 guard, Rochester, N.Y. Willie Chambliss, 6-6 forward, Jacksonville, Florida. Ben Gibson, 6-5 forward, Rochester, New York, and Dwight Marley, a 6-3 guard, Pameur.

Coach Robinson said that he is quite pleased with the recruiting so far and some of the players bring outstanding credentials to FSU.

Edward Jefferson, the

Emporia, Virginia native averaged over 40 points in post season play. "The Greenville High School senior averaged 29 points during the regular season," coach Robinson said.

Another high prospect is 6-7 center Reginald McCleod of Rochester, New York. McCleod, a 218-pounder helped lead Monroe High School in Rochester to a 19-2 record. He average 15 points and 15 rebounds a game and was named to the first team All-City and All-State squads.

On the same high school team with McCleod is 6-3 guard Michael Baker. He was named "Most Valuable Player" of the Christmas Tournament and made first-team in the All-City squad. Baker averaged over 20 points and nine rebounds a contest.

Signee Bruce Crump, a 205-pound-leaper from Paxton Senior High School in Jacksonville, Florida averaged over 112 rebounds a contest and bucketed 16

COACHING THE FEMALE RUNNER

by Ray Jenkins

Perhaps two of the most aggressive athletes that I have ever encountered were both female. One of them was Pam Jiles who competed with the USA national track and field team and the other one was one of my former athletes, Crystal Baynes of the Raelletes in New York. I say this to attack a myth that female athletes are not as aggressive as male athletes in competition. I have seen little girls cry while they were running because they refused to stop, even almost to the point of total exhaustion.

There is also another myth that needs to be dispelled and that is the one that says that girls cannot work as hard as boys during workouts. I have found that in this area, at least for younger girls, that they will work much harder, especially when they decide that this is what they want to do.

I can't help but notice that many junior high school, high school and college coaches seem to assume that you just can't run girls as hard as boys. For the most part, they are much too pampered even when the girls don't really ask for it. In many cases these coaches are not proficient in coaching the sport. They are usually a gym teacher who was called upon to coach the girls track

team, most of whom know little if anything at all about running and even less about field events. Much of this comes from the lackadaisical attitudes of school officials who place much greater emphasis on a winning boys team while they view the girls team as merely giving them something to do to occupy their time.

It is true that the female runner tends to be more temperamental, having their ups and down days. This is even more true during the period when they are going through bodily developmental changes. Certain times of the month, depending upon the individual, they can be rather cranky and irritable, while at other times they might seem to be lively and vibrant. A coach simply must know his or her athletes and be able to deal with these situations. At times a coach may be able to get furious with an athlete and it will simply pass over her head, while that same athlete may be at the point of tears for something much less.

I have always stressed the importance of a competitive attitude to any new candidate for the Raelletes. I do this because I know that in most cases they have never been

exposed to anything but pampered sports. I tell them that since this is a club designed for competitive running, that there is no need to half-step to that goal. Therefore if its physical fitness that they are looking for, then this is not the club for them; that we are in this thing not merely to prepare ourselves for running against other athletes, but to beat them. Of course I do not expect that everyone will be a big time winner, however, I do expect that they will do all that is within their capabilities to be as good as they can possible get. This comes through hard work and there simply is no easy way out of it. I tell them these things in the beginning so that they know what to expect.

Unquestionably, the question that I am asked most often is why don't I coach boys. Often it is asked almost to the point of "how dare you not give the boys the opportunity." My reaction is so long as there are all boys clubs and baseball teams and other sports teams without having the equivalent for girls, then that is justification enough for having an all-girls club. Those who stick to it work extremely hard for something that they cause, is their's then they are more than worthy of it.

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