



## HOLT HOLDS OUT

In the continuing saga of the controversy over the firing and recall of North Carolina Central basketball coach, James Holt by Chancellor Albert Whiting, the chancellor has turned down the coach's counteroffer this past Monday. As of now, Holt has not agreed to return to his position of two years.

According to one source the counteroffer sought an extension of Holt's contract to five years, an increase in basketball scholarship funds, a six per cent pay raise annually, a full time assistant coach and the title of assistant professor - associate athletic director.

In his rejection letter to Holt, Whiting reiterated his original reinstatement offer as basketball coach and assistant professor in the Department of Physical Education for the duration of Holt's original contract. Holt could not be reached

for comment concerning the rejection of his counteroffer.

It was also learned that the school's sports information director, Chris Fisher has sent in his letter of resignation from his one year old post and requested another position. However, Chancellor Whiting said there were no others available.

In his acknowledgement of the letter, Whiting wrote, "I sincerely regret this because it has been my opinion that the information dispensation aspect of our athletic program has improved decidedly under your tenure. Unfortunately, there are no vacancies in the other areas at this time. So with reluctance, I have no alternative but to accept your decision."

Fisher is the son of the late theologian/historian, Dr. Miles Mark Fisher, author of "Negro Slave Songs in America."

## MEAC To Hold Spring Meeting In Ocean City

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Delegate Assembly will hold its annual spring meeting at the Fenwick Inn in Ocean City, Maryland May 24, 25, & 26.

Presidents/Chancellors, Faculty Representatives and Athletic Directors of the seven member institutions making up the MEAC will be in attendance at the three-day meeting. The first business session of the Delegate Assembly will get underway Tuesday, May 25 at 9 a.m.

The coaching association of the four required sports in the MEAC will meet Monday, May 24 at 10 a.m. Among the items to be discussed among the coaches' associations are possible post season play for MEAC football teams and new NCAA guidelines in respect to MEAC competition.

One of the biggest items on the agenda for the Delegate Assembly is the divisional status of MEAC institutions. Two years ago at its Spring Meeting all MEAC institutions decided to go Division One in all sports except football. However, since that time NCAA litigation has prevented two institutions, Morgan State University and North Carolina Central University, from becoming Division One. The

MEAC Delegate Assembly will formulate its plan of action.

Dr. J. W. Younge, Interim Commissioner, will make his report to the body during the Tuesday session.

Dates for the Winter and Spring Carnivals will be finalized during the sessions. The wrestling championship is conducted during the winter carnival while the track title is decided during the spring carnival.

Installation of new officers and the appointment of committees for the 1976-77 term will climax the three-day meeting on Wednesday.



THE WALL IN HIS DORMITORY room was his only punching bag. The university has no program for boxers and therefore has no facilities.

## NCCU Freshman To Try For Boxing Team In Olympics

When the Olympic trials open next month in Philadelphia to select the United States boxing team, a freshman from North Carolina Central University in Durham will be there.

Richard Larkin, a native of Jersey City, N. J., with only six months experience and a devastating knock-out punch is determined to be among the heavyweights at Montreal. The odds makers wouldn't give a plugged dime for his chances but the whole saga of sports is replete with rags to riches stories. For this drama Richard, who wants to become "King Richard" is superbly casted for the role.

He is personable and physically attractive but behind his lithe 6-0, 220-pound frame and disarming smile is a lethal punch that is pure raw power, no style - just a big punch. Larkin hasn't had time to polish his skills, in fact, he has had only five fights. He won three by knockouts, one by a decision and lost a semi-final shot at the Golden Gloves in Madison Square Garden in New York before 14,000 fans.

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from a cousin who tried his hand at the fight game some years ago. He entered Larkin in the Golden Gloves tournament and paid for his 12 hour bus trips from Durham to New York. His preparation was mostly shadow boxing and sparring with some of his football teammates at NCCU. For a punching bag he would bang his fists against the wall in his dormitory. His first fight was with an enlisted man from the Navy in the Felt Forum. The fight had to be stopped when Richard broke his opponents nose.

A victory over a fighter from Attica Prison gained for him a bout with one of the tournament's favorites. Larkin admits that for the first time, he was in trouble. "He was 6-6, and 240 pounds and was punching me against the ropes," Larkin recalls. "I guess he thought I wasn't much competition and dropped his guard. When he pulled away and tried to throw a right cross I ducked and countered with a right hook. I closed my eyes for a second and when I opened them he was flat on his back and they were giving him smelling salts." This was called the most exciting fight of the tournament by the New York Daily News which sponsors the Golden Gloves

in New York.

Armed with a movie film clip and newspaper accounts of his victories, Larkin revealed for the first time to the university that he had been engaged in Golden Gloves tournament in New York. There are no facilities for training boxers at the University since it is neither a part of the athletic program nor is it taught in physical education. The alumni became so fascinated with Larkin's exploits that they returned him to New York for his Madison Square Garden debut by plane.

Larkin lost to experience and probably a better fighter but not before he had him in trouble. The 21-19 decision came after he buckled his knees. "He should have gone down," Larkin said, "but I guess that's where his experience came in." Larkin received the silver glove award and a chance to try for the Olympic team.

Larkin has just his freshman year here at NCCU where he handled a tough physics major and participated in football and track. He was injured early in the football season and sidelined for most of the season.

## Golf Dynasty On Horizon At Fayetteville State

FAYETTEVILLE - Coach Moses Walker has reason to smile these days. He virtually has a golf dynasty on the horizon at Fayetteville State University.

Walker's team, a member of the CIAA conference, went through the entire season this year undefeated and ran away with the CIAA Golf Title for the second straight year. The Bronco team won nine matches.

"We said at the beginning of the year that we wanted to go undefeated in the conference. Our took all the matches and they deserve great praise," said the Raleigh born native.

Indeed, Coach Walker has a super bunch of athletes by Greensboro native Vincent Reid, last year's CIAA golf champ. Although Reid did not win the individual honor this year, it went to another member of the FSU golf he is responsible for the splendid play of the round.

"Vincent is the team captain and is very consistent. Vincent has won medalist honors several times this

year with his low scoring," said Walker, a former caddy himself.

However, Coach Walker knows that although Vincent is a senior and will be leaving, a strong freshman named Andre Springs, this year's CIAA Golf Champion, is standing in the wings ready to take over.

Andre Springs, a native of Charlotte, won the "Most Outstanding Freshman Award" at the school's athletic banquet recently, while Reid took "Most Valuable Player" honors.

This year in the CIAA Golf Tourney plan at Winston Lake Golf Course in Winston-Salem, the Bronco team led all CIAA teams by 25 strokes after the first round of the two-day event.

The Broncos finished the tourney with a romping 57-stroke win over J. C. Smith, St. Augustine's, Winston-Salem State, Livingstone and Shaw University. St. Paul's and Virginia Union did not participate in the final round.



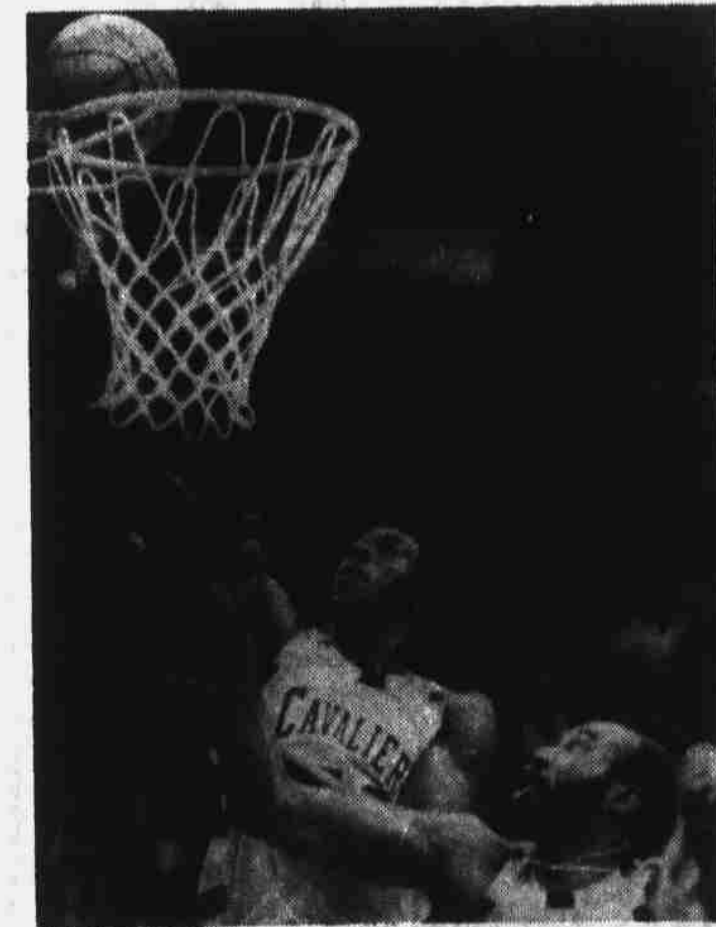
CIAA GOLF CHAMP - Fayetteville State University golf coach Moses Walker congratulates the 1976 CIAA Golf Champion Andre Springs at the CIAA Golf Tourney recently played at Winston Lake Golf Course in Winston-Salem. Springs, a physical education major, is a freshman from Charlotte, and is a budding golf superstar. The FSU team won all honors in the CIAA this year and was undefeated in nine matches. (FSU Photo by John B. Henderson).



BISON QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS: - The Howard University mile relay team will run in the 1976 NCAA Track Championships, June 3-5 in Philadelphia. Led (left to right) by New York City's Richard Massey, the quartet also includes Zach Jones, Washington, D. C.; Reginald Sojourner, Washington, D. C.; and Gosnell White, Charlotte. Massey, Sojourner, and White were named 1975 NCAA all-Americans at the Provo, Utah Championships for a 3:07 effort.

## Doc Young Rips Black Athletes Hall of Fame

Vet sports columnist A. S. Doc Young rips Black Athletes Hall of Fame for honoring many blacks "prematurely" and some "un-deserving," but he's especially angry at the "special award" to Howard Cossell, "for what reason I do not know....I do not see the names of Frank A. Young, the pioneering Chicago Defender sports editor; Sam Lacy, the Afro-American Newspapers sports editor; the late Wendell Smith, the late John I. Johnson of Kansas, or any other black media greats who contributed most of their adult lives and their talents to the cause of black sports."



CLEVELAND'S JIM BREWER (52) puts up two points as Cleveland Nate Thurmond (42) watches during Eastern Div. playoff. Cleveland best Boston 83-78 to give Boston a 2-1 lead in the best of seven series. Series will continue in Cleveland on May 14. (UPI).

## Morgan State University Baseball Season Ends With 8-12 Record

After finding the winning ways for six games, Morgan State University's baseball team lost their last five games of the season. This brought their 1976 record to 8 wins and 12 losses. Head Coach Flan Couch feels that he had a pretty good season after beating Siena College and George Mason (two top ranked teams in the nation), but the boys got a little over confident at the end of the season.

Morgan's slump began with Bowie State College who scored 6 runs in the first inning. This margin was too much to make up as Bowie went on to win 11-9. After that, Morgan fell to Howard University three straight by scores of 8-1, 11-3, and

8-4. George Simon was the leading hitter for the Bears with a .387 batting average, followed by Anthony McPhail .349, Basil Williams .318 and Eric Couch .301.

## ASC Holds All-Sports Fete

ALBANY - The Albany State College Athletic Assn. honored more than 150 athletes during the Annual All-Sports banquet on Wednesday, May 12 in the William H. Dennis Student Center here on the campus. Al Tabor, Assistant Coach of Specialty Teams and College Talent Scout for the Cleveland Browns Football Club, delivered the keynote address.

Tabor, a former athlete

himself said, "Interdependency is the big key in professional sports, you have the owners, the coaches, and the players all doing their individual task, yet one cannot do without the other. Moreover, the same thing, is true here in the University System where you have the Regents Office, the College President, and the students all doing their thing and each depending on the other in order to survive."



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