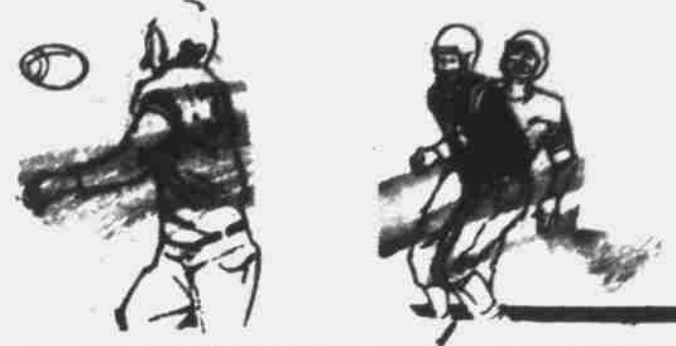
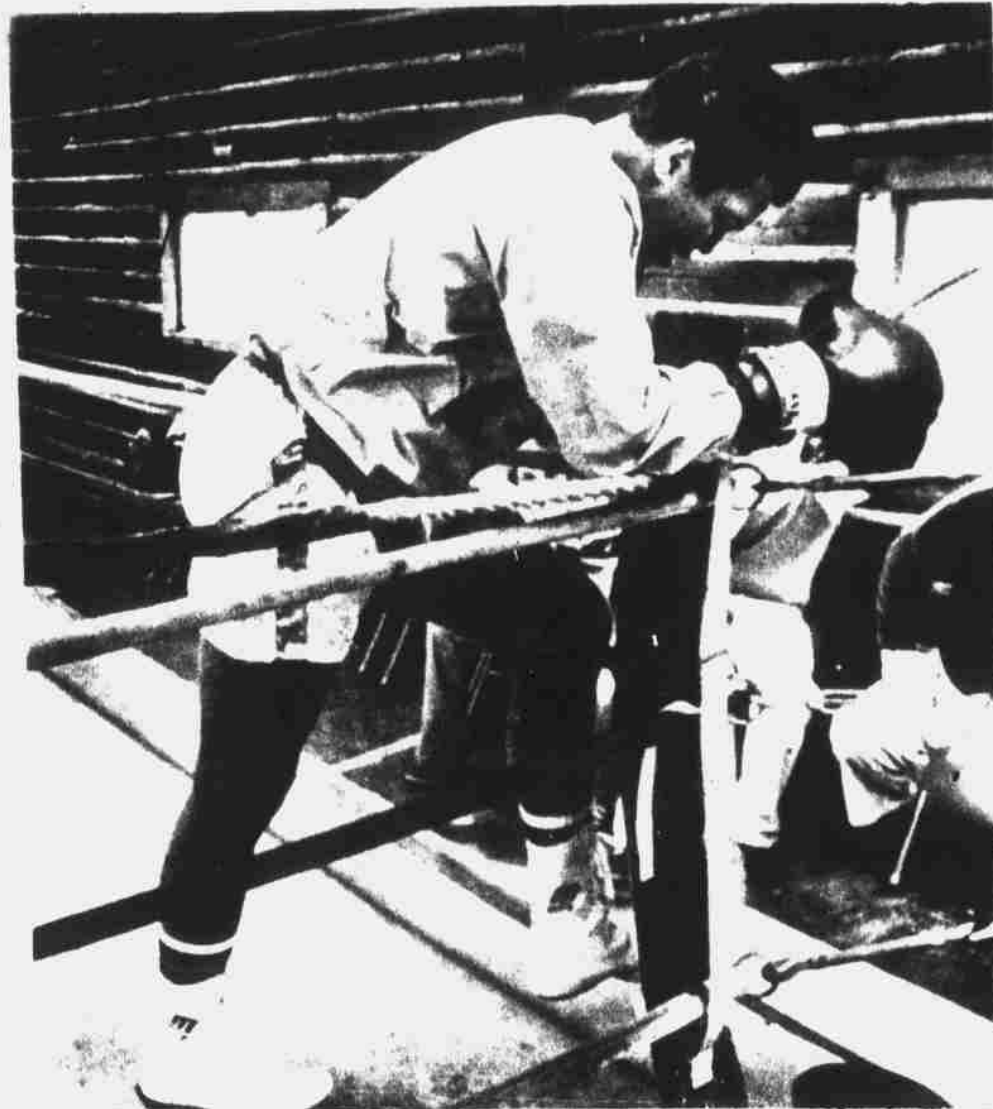


Sports



NCCU's Walker Heads National Athletic Group



Time Out

A tired and over-weight Muhammad Ali rests in the corner of the ring at his training camp in Deer Lake, Pa., in between sparring rounds with other boxers at his camp. Ali weighed in at 243 pounds just before he went out to spar. Ali is attempting a come-back and wants to get his fourth world title. He will be in training for about three months. UPI Photo

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Dr. Leroy T. Walker of Durham, professor of physical education at NCCU, was installed as president of the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics, to serve a one-year term.

The former head coach of the 1976 U.S. Olympic track and field team called in his installation address for the strengthening of the NAIA's role as a major voice in intercollegiate sports. The NAIA is frequently seen as competitor organization to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Membership in the two organizations frequently overlaps. North Carolina Central University and many teams in the Mid-Eastern Athletic conference and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NCCU moves this spring from the MEAC to the CIAA) hold memberships in both

organizations. Most of the "major" universities in athletic competition hold NCAA membership alone, in the NCAA Division IA, which has a substantial dominance over other NCAA divisions in television time and other sources of revenue.

"There is a role for the NAIA as there is for other multisports groups," Walker told the coaches, faculty representatives, and college presidents at the association's annual convention in Kansas City's Kemper Auditorium, "and we must continue to play that role significantly in the development of athletics in the United States."

Dr. Walker, who was head coach of NCCU's

track and field teams from 1945 to 1973, has previously served as president of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and is currently a member of the Executive Board of the United States Olympic Committee and of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Health.

He has also served at NCCU as chairman of the department of physical education and recreation and as vice-chancellor for university relations. He has also been employed at Benedict College, Bishop College, and Prairie View State University.

Dr. Walker coached the Ethiopian and Israeli track teams in the 1960

Olympics in Rome and served as a consultant to the team from Trinidad in Mexico City in 1968 and to the Kenyan team in Munich in 1972.

His awards have included election to the North Carolina and South Carolina Sports Halls of Fame, the Helms Hall of Fame, and the NAIA and United States Track Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" awards in 1972.

He was the 1976 recipient of the University of North Carolina system's O. Max Gardner Award (for contributions to the welfare of the Human Race), a 1977 recipient of the North Carolina Distinguished Citizen

Award, a 1973 recipient of the Durham Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award, and a 1974 recipient of the Governor's Ambassador of Goodwill Award.

Other awards have been presented by North Carolina Central University, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Benedict College, NAIA District 26, Kiwanis International, the City of Durham, The North Carolina Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, the National Association of Sport and Physical Education, and Encyclopedia Britannica.



Bouga Township in Cass County, Michigan, is named for George Bouga, a Black fur trapper who later became a wealthy trader.

'Good Life Show' Coming To Civic Center

Sports I.Q.

- Who is Ray Allison?
- Nick Fotiu has played for two pro teams. Can you name them?
- Pete Peeters tends goal for which NHL team?
- Tom Underwood is a pitcher for which A.L. squad?
- Who is the new manager of the Yankees?
- What team does Lou Whitaker play for?
- The Phoenix Suns entered the NBA in what year?
- Johnny Kerr was the first Suns coach. What championship NBA team did he play on in 1954-55?
- Indy Pacers guard Johnny Davis is a graduate of what university?
- What sport do you associate Marcia Frederick with?

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CHARLOTTE—When Peter Conrad of Charlotte wants to have fun, he has his sail plane towed aloft a couple of thousand feet and then glides from thermal to thermal catching updrafts of warm air as he sails about the country side.

To Joe Foster, who lives near Grandfather Mountain, fun is leaping off the mountain and gliding for miles in a hang glider.

If you, like these folks, think the "in" place is aloft instead of on the ground, you will want to visit the Sports Aloft Pavilion at the "Good Life Show," running April 10-13 at the Civic Center here.

The pavilion will have on display a hot air balloon, a sail plane, a hang glider, two airplanes and a parachute exhibit. In addition, lofty minded folks will be there to talk about various airborne sports, and there will be plenty of information about getting your feet off the ground.

The hot air balloon, provided by Barnes' Balloon Works, is an AX-5, fifty feet tall and 45 feet in diameter. The multicolored envelope, or actual balloon part, holds 42,000 cubic feet of air. The basket, or carriage, holds two people. According to Barnes, who has been making balloons for nearly twenty years, the balloon in the show can carry thirty gallons of propane gas (used to heat the air in the balloon to give it lift) and can stay aloft from one-and-one-half to three hours.

Conrad's sail plane, based at Bermuda High Soaring, Chester, South Carolina, is a fiberglass Astir C-S and has a wing span of fifty feet. Conrad has sailed up to 13,000 feet in it, and often goes on jaunts of thirty to fifty miles.

The hang glider, a non-motorized one with a thirty foot wing span, is part of the hang gliding program at Grandfather Mountain, also the site of the Masters of Hang Gliding tournament each year. Foster, just one of the fliers who will be at the show, is the head of that hang gliding program and set the east coast distance record, 24 miles, in 1976.

The airplanes are a

Cessna and a Beechcraft. The Metro Flying Club, Inc., based at the Brookborough Airport, will show a Cessna 172 Skyhawk, a four place airplane, certified for instrument flying. Hangar One, located at the Monroe Airport, will bring in a two place Beechcraft Skipper for display, and also a ATC-610K Simulator, which incorporates most of the features found on today's general aviation planes. The simulator, used mainly in training instrument pilots, will be demonstrated during the show.

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SPORTS PROBE by Steve K. Walz

American League Preview

Barring a last minute players' strike, a new era will begin for major league baseball next week. Parity within the A.L. and N.L. will allow the baseball establishment to expand into several more cities within the next three years. Inter-league play could become a reality by next year, and who knows, by 1985 we could see the Japanese and Mexicans playing the Americans in a genuine World Series. Below is an assessment of the American League pennant race.

Eastern Division

New York Yankees—Ripped apart by turmoil and the death of Thurman Munson, the Yanks literally fell apart at the seams. Through a series of trades, the Yanks are now much improved. Rupe Jones moves into center field and is expected to provide speed and power. Rick Cerone will try to fill Thurman's shoes, a tough task. The pitching staff has been bolstered by the addition of Tom Underwood and the bench is formidable with guys like Bobby Murcer, Oscar Gamble, Eric Soderholm and Bobby Brown. Barring injuries, Dick Howser should have a picnic.

Milwaukee Brewers—They are good, very good. When you have guys like Larry Hise, Gorman Thomas, Sixto Lezcano, Cecil Cooper, Ben Oglivie and Paul Molitor in your lineup, you're looking good. The Brewers can challenge the Yanks if Mike Caldwell, Bill Travers, Jim Slaton, Larry Sorensen and Moose Haas either duplicate or improve upon last year's performances. The Brewers don't have a great bullpen.

Detroit Tigers—Alan Trammell and "Sweet" Lou Whitaker are the best in the A.L. when it comes to turning over the doubleplay. Add a dash of Steve Kemp, Richie Hebner, Jason Thompson, Lynn Jones and Kirk Gibson, and you have a fine young team that might peak this year. If Mark Fidrych makes it all the way back, then Jack Morris, Milt Wilcox and Dave Rozema will be able to relax a bit more. The Tigers are deep in young talent. They could challenge the Yanks and Brewers or fall to fifth place.

Baltimore Orioles—Mike Flanagan, Jim Palmer, Scott MacGregor and Dennis Martinez were super last year. But Don Stanhouse bailed them out of many a problem last year, and he's left for Los Angeles. Rich Dauer, Kiko Garcia and Mark Belanger are not all that good. Eddie Murray, Gary Roenicke and Ken



Singleton will have to carry this team to the playoffs. I don't think Weaver's troops can do it again.

Cleveland Indians—This year's darkhorse pennant candidate, Gary Alexander, Andre Thornton, Duane Kuiper, Toby Harrah, Mike Hargrove, Rick Manning and Cliff Johnson give the Tribe a powerful offense. On the mound are Rick Waits, Mike Paxton, Len Barker, John Denny, Bob Ojwinko and Wayne Garland. In the bullpen are Vic Cruz and Sid Monge. I've got a feeling that the Indians are going to be right in the thick of things, at least until the All-Star break.

Boston Red Sox—Jim Rice and Fred Lynn are the superstars on offense. Dennis Eckersley and Mike Torrez are the "hill" stars, and that's all she wrote. The Sox are trading water and will slowly sink in the standings as the months go by.

Toronto Blue Jays—Same old story here. Barry Bonnell and Paul Mirabella are two key additions, but the Jays will only win 65-75 games this year for 64-year-old manager Bob Mattick.

Western Division

California Angels—Deep in pitching with Frank Tanana, Dave Frost, Chris Knapp and Bruce Kison. Deep on offense too, with Rod Carew, Don Baylor, Bob Grich and Carney Lansford. Key additions include Ralph Garr, Al Cowens and Fred Patek. Would take a total collapse for the team to lose the pennant.

K.C. Royals—On the way down. Could end up lower if pitching staff

fails. Willie Mays Aikens will provide some much needed power but the Royals gave up too much for him. An aging and overburdened bullpen will spell disaster.

Chicago White Sox—Don't laugh. Ken Krayec, Rich Wortham, Ross Baumgarten and Steve Trout are amongst the top young hurlers in all of baseball. Offensively, Chet Lemon, Lamar Johnson and Claudell Washington are expected to provide power and speed. A mediocre bullpen and untested youngsters like Mike Squires and Kevin Bell could either propel or hold back the Sox' progress.

Texas Rangers—Potential to contend if Jon Matlack returns to form. Jim Kern is the best reliever in the league. Offense is no problem with Rich Zisk, Al Oliver, Jim Sundberg and Bill Sample, but the Rangers find new ways to lose every year.

Minnesota Twins—This time they won't contend. Jerry Koosman and Geoff Zahn aren't getting any younger, and Ken Landreaux, Butch Wynegar and Ron Jackson can't carry all of the offense. Another miracle is needed here.

Seattle Mariners—Will be a good team this year. Key additions are Jim Beattie and Juan Beniquez. The pitching staff is rounding into form and the progress of the younger offensive players should make the Mariners close to a 500 ballclub.

Oakland A's—Rick Henderson and Mitch Page will provide all of the excitement on the field. Billy Martin will make waves off the field.

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FANCY THAT!

In 490 B.C., legend has it, a Greek soldier ran from Marathon to Athens about 25 miles—to report his country's victory over Persia. This was the beginning of the marathon, the traditional end of the track and field portion of the Olympic Games.



The U.S. Olympic Marathon Trial, sponsored by Kennecott Copper Corp. through its subsidiary, The Carborundum Co., will be May 24, when an estimated 170 of the top marathoners in the country will compete. The 26.2 mile re-enactment of the legendary race will begin at Buffalo, N.Y., and end at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. It will determine the three U.S. representatives and the alternate at the 1980 Summer Olympic Games in Moscow.

The marathon was a 25-mile run from 1896 when the Games began, until 1908 when the distance was increased by one mile. Why? The marathon was held in England that year, where a British Olympic Committee decided to start the race at Windsor Castle and finish it at the Royal Family's box in a London stadium.



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