

Chronicle Profile

Coming In First

David Nevilles, born on New Year's eighteen years ago was the first baby born in 1960, and he's been coming in first ever since.

The 6'6" center for the South Park Wildcats was the first player in that school's history to be named to the All City/County team and the All Northwest Conference team. At the end of the season, they retired his jersey, number 50, in honor of his achievements.

Despite his talents in basketball, his ranking of

lead scorer in the private school division, and his average of 23 points per game, things are not going to be easy for David Nevilles.

South Park is a special school for students with learning disabilities, and David is classified as educable mentally retarded. This means that while other outstanding athletes are bombarded with scholarship offers, nobody showed much interest in David. He wants to go to college, though.

Finally the word got around that David was an

excellent basketball player who wanted a chance to further his education, and quite a number of schools seem willing to give him that chance.

"A number of schools have shown an interest in him," says South Park's coach Willie Griffin. "We've heard from Shaw, Wofford North Greenville Junior College, Davidson College, Greensboro College, Surry Community College..."

"Personally," Griffin went on, "I'd like to see David go to Surry Community College. They

have a good vocational program, and I think he could handle the work without feeling pressured."

David noted that he would welcome tutorial help at whatever school he goes to.

He has no definite career plans as yet, but he is interested in an auto mechanics course taught at South Park. "I can fix starters, alternators, carburetors," he noted. "I've been thinking about becoming a mechanic."

Of course, playing professional basketball would

be nice, too. "I wouldn't mind playing for the Philadelphia 76'ers," smiles David. He likes Julius Erving's playing style, he says. His team choice is also a compliment for Coach Griffin, who is a former '76er himself.

Whether basketball is in season or not, David practices. He works out about three hours a day, he said, in a combination of shooting, jogging, and

He stays away from junk food as much as will power allows to keep his

weight down for basketball.

David started playing basketball in junior high, and he attributes his success to his diligence in practice. "If a kid wants to be good in basketball," he advised. "He should start about age nine and he should keep practicing."

Being first, in David's philosophy, is not something that happens to you. It is something that you make happen.



David Nevilles poses with his "claim to fame" before the Wildcat symbol of South Park High.

Companion: Alternative To Nursing Home

By Yvette McCullough Staff Reporter

Like most elderly people Ira Murray has her bad days. Sometimes she forgets things or misplaces her belongings but those problems aren't always confined to the elderly. However Mrs. Murray's bad days may result in her losing her independence and being forced into a nursing home.

Mrs. Murray is a 78 year old widow, who lives alone in her own home. Despite her age she is a very active woman. She attends the Creative Life Center (a daycare program for the elderly) three times a week. At the center she paints and makes items from ceramics and crochets. She is a member of the Camelia Community Flower Club and she's an active mem-

ber of the Spiritual Choir and Effort Club at New Bethel Baptist Church.

Ira Murray (and others like her) needs someone to come and live with her and to help her through any bad times. Although finding someone is easier said than done. Ann Blackmon of the Forsyth County Social Services Department has been looking for someone to stay with Mrs. Murray since November of last year and has come up empty handed.

Blackmon is baffled as to why it has been so hard to find a suitable companion to live with Mrs. Murray rent free.

"We're looking for a woman out there who's having trouble paying rent," Blackmon said. "We prefer someone who has their own transporta-

tion, who's semi retired and is basically an honest person."

"A person wouldn't have to feel confined," Blackmon continued. "Mrs. Murray is more fortunate than most, because she's so active."

Mrs. Murray's qualifications for her future companion is simple.

"I want someone who acts nice, who doesn't drink or sell liquor and who won't have a whole lot of men hanging around," Mrs. Murray said.

Ann Blackmon said that she feels that there are women who would benefit from Mrs. Murray's offer but they like Mrs. Murray, are not willing to give up their homes and go and live in someone else's.

Mrs. Murray has lived in her neighborhood for a

long time, she knows her neighbors and they know her and she feels comfortable living in this surrounding. She doesn't want to give this up, but one day she may have no choice.

Living alone as she does can present a potential danger to herself as well as others and this is what worries Ann Blackmon.

"Even if there's an element of danger to leave them by themselves it's better than putting them in a nursing home," Blackmon said.

However if a suitable live-in companion is not found and found soon, Mrs. Murray may be the next person to be shuffled off to a nursing home, as they say, "For her own good."



Ira Murray displays some of her art work that she does at the Creative Life Center.

Community Profile

Castleshire Woods

Yvette McCullough Staff Reporter

To find this community you have to take some curves and turns but once you enter Castleshire Woods the turns are worth it. Castleshire Woods Community is located in the eastern part of the city and can be reached by access of Parrish Road off at Beeson Road.

There are approximately 25 homes located in this development with new homes springing up almost every year. The community can hold approximately 90 dwellings in its capacity, and the homes are restricted to a minimum of 18 square feet per unit.

Each resident moving into the Castleshire Community buys his or her own lot and then builds his house. When the house is built the developer paves the streets.

The community is fairly new with the first houses being constructed in 1973. The Thomas Trolling Family and the James Mills Family were the first group to move into Castleshire Woods.

Castleshire Woods is a growing Community and the Winston-Lake Recreation Corporation was formed in the community to help guide the growth in the right direction. The president of the corporation is R.E. Brower, the principal at Anderson High School.

R.E. Brower said that the developers allotted the community eight acres for their own use. The corporation will help the community develop the acres. The community plans to build a club house, a softball field,



Nature surrounds the quiet community of Castleshire Woods where the trees enhances the beauty of the homes.

tennis courts, basketball courts and in about 10 to 15 years a swimming pool on the acres that were allotted to them.

The corporation also has a communication committee, beatification committee, recreation committee and a welcoming committee.

Brower said that their hasn't been any trouble in the neighborhood. The neighborhood is under the community watch program and most residents are on the look out for trouble.

Although Castleshire is a community where each home bears the stamp of originality of the owner it is still big enough to allow each family its privacy and yet small enough to make them feel like they belong.



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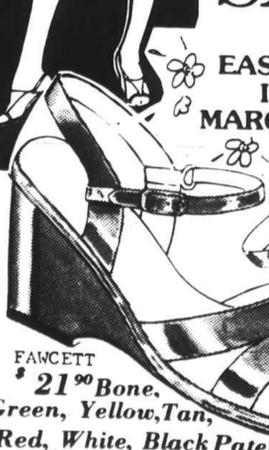




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