



# CHRONICLE SPORTS

## Albany, JCSU Sweep Swim Titles

The Albany State College men and Johnson C. Smith's women swamped all opposition as they both won their second consecutive titles in the National Black Collegiate Swimming and Diving Championship held March 1, 2 and 3 at the new C.E. Gaines Athletic Complex on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Allen Weston of Albany State and Kathy Thomas of J.C. Smith were named the Most Valuable Swimmers of the meet. Weston won and set meet records in the 100-yard breast stroke, 200-yard individual medley. He also was on the first place 400-yard free style relay and 800-yard free style relay teams.

Thomas won first place in the 100-yard butterfly, 50-yard free style, 100-yard individual medley and the 200-yard individual medley. She also was on the winning 200-yard medley relay and the 200 and 400-yard free style relays.

Ten schools have participated in the second annual event. "One of the reasons we have this meet," said director Charles Cox, swim coach at J.C. Smith, "is that we want to revive interest in Black youth in competitive swimming." Cox pointed with pride to the new program at Winston-Salem State and to the more than 200 swimmers who participated in the meet.

"I think that we can convince the Black schools to offer swimming in their competitive programs," continued Cox. "We have some talented Blacks all over the country who are getting into private and city-run swim teams and then going to colleges that either never had or dropped swimming a few years ago. Interest is up and times are dropping; yet there's not a Black conference that has more than two teams. There's a short season and no real reward to look forward to when the season's over. That's why we organized this championship last year."

The site of next year's meet has not been determined. "The Gaines Complex was nice; so was Morris Brown's last year, but we want to keep moving around to attract attention and keep the meet growing," said Cox.

Final results for the Meet follow: 1. Albany State College 417, 2. South Carolina State College 295, 3. J.C. Smith 280, 4. Howard University 254, 5. Tennessee State College 154, 6. Hampton Institute 119, 7. Florida A & M University 108, 8. Morris Brown College 53, 9. Alabama A & M 11 and 10. Winston-Salem State University 10. All those were scores for the men's teams only.

Final scores for the women's teams are: 1. J.C. Smith 336, 2. Florida A & M University 193, 3. Howard University 63, 4. Winston-Salem State University 42, 5. Alabama A & M University 31, 6. Hampton Institute 26 and Morris Brown College 22.

WSSU's Carlton Capers placed fifth in the men's meter diving and Sharman Lakey was outstanding in the womens events. She captured the 100 - yard freestyle with a time of 1:13.50, and placed second in both the 50-yard freestyle and 50 - yard breaststroke.



Thornton Eaton

## The Black Swimmer A Constant Struggle Against Adversity

Thornton Eaton's career did not end the way he had hoped as the All-American from Johnson C. Smith could manage no better than fifth place, finishing just ahead of younger brother Gerard in the 100 yard backstroke, Saturday at Winston Salem State University.

Eaton, a four year letterman in swimming at Smith, none the less concluded a brilliant career at the school.

Before the finals last week, Thornton talked about his experiences at the school and with its program. "I think the program here at Smith is just getting off the ground. I really enjoyed

my career here and I really hate to give it up."

When asked about the possibility of his competing in AAU competition in the future and maybe trying for an Olympic berth, he commented, "My goal when I came here was to be the best swimmer I could, and try to help the whole swimming program."

"Mainly I wanted to get an education without having to have my parents struggle to pay for it and I've done that. I don't know what the future holds for me in swimming. I've got my practice teaching to do and then I might coach."

The unusual thing about Eaton's success and the emergence of his brother Gerard is that neither came from a swim program that stresses competitive swimming such as the YMCA swim teams or swim clubs. "The only competitive swimming we had as kids was through the recreation department."

Thornton and Gerard's father Charles Sr. work as a pool supervisor for the recreation department during

the summer and both boys have been around water since their early childhood. Swimming is be-

coming more and more of a part of the programs in black schools each year now as more black youngsters get interested in the sport.

J.C. Smith coach Charles Cox, who served as meet director for the recently completed National Black Collegiate Swimming and Diving Championships, says he and other black college coaches do not have the funds to go out and recruit quality swimmers but are doing everything possible to reach national caliber. His women's team took charge of the meet beating their closest competition Florida A & M by more than 125 points.

## Norfolk Veterans Key Diamond Squad

**NORFOLK** - Led by shortstop Ron Dillard and pitcher Jarrell Wilkerson, a seasoned crop of 14 veterans will provide a solid foundation for the roster of the 1979 Norfolk State College baseball team.

Dillard, a sophomore who pounded the ball at a standout .402 clip in leading the 1978 team at the plate as a freshman, and Wilkerson, a senior left-hander who posted a 5-1 record and 2.20 earned run average, anchor a contingent of returnees from the 19-8 CIAA championship squad that includes:

Senior Don Howard, senior Keith Roberts and

Sophomore Christopher "Pete" Key, pitchers; junior Eric Wilson and sophomore Ronnie Booth, second basemen; senior Wayne Harrell, first base; senior Clayton "Buck" Watson, catcher; and

senior Donnie Luster, senior Emanuel Upton, so-

phomore Jeff Jones, sophomore William Jordan and sophomore Larry Saunders, outfielders.

Augmenting the vets are freshmen recruits Ray Hargrave (Smithfield Va. High School), James Dismuke (Halifax Va. High School), and Barry Harris (Englewood N.J. High

School), pitchers; Avery Vaughan (Pheobus High School, Hampton, Va.), outfielder; and Gavin Harris (Lafayette High School, Williamsburg, Va.), third base.

Newcomers on the 1979 roster are Toran Smith, a switch-hitting sophomore

Ward, a sophomore catcher, who will be making their debut as wearers of the Spartan baseball uniform.

In 1978, the Spartans compiled a team batting average of .318 and Ronnie Booth (.385), Luster (.333), Wilson (.350), Jones (.289), Jordan (.292), Saunders

(.278) and Watson (.267) were contributors to the lofty plate mark.

With the core of veterans on hand, Coach Marty Miller was enthusiastically optimistic in his appraisal of his team's chances to repeat as conference champions and improve its overall record.



If you happen to observe a new bright star in the firmament, it could be Loyd B. Hathaway; placed there as a reward for his contribution in the field of recreation in Winston-Salem.

Not too long ago Mr. Hathaway was referred to as Mr. Recreation, and rightfully so, for he pioneered recreation in our city; materializing his favorite dream or what recreation should be.

Now that he is no longer with us, we will have his successes in recreation development to perpetuate our remembrance of him.

Remembering the encounters that I had with Mr. Hathaway, I suppose I was a sort of a burr under his saddle. On one occasion, the late Carl Chitty, an Alderman at the time, and I met with Mr. Hathaway to request the introduction of carp in the old Winston Lake. Reluctantly he conceded. We had to go back and ask for a screen at the dam when we discovered that the carp were going over the dam

during high waters.

The dam was screened. There was a shortage of garbage cans on the grounds and picnic area of the park. I approached him on his Sunday morning tour of facilities. The cans were placed in convenient spots.

The very next Sunday I reached the lake early and found some of the new garbage can had been thrown into deep water. Mr. Hathaway came up as I tried to salvage the damaged cans. "Well," Mr. Boole, he said, "it appears that we wasted a lot of effort installing garbage cans."

I couldn't sink into the earth, nor could I hide. I said nothing and felt silly. Later years, by writing the Recreation Commission, I was successful in getting the shorelines of Winston Lake cleaned up. I must admit, in spite of tight money, Mr. Hathaway always came through.

Mr. Hathaway was one of the most dedicated men that I have ever known. He worked five days for the

city and on the sixth and seventh days he work for his own satisfaction. He toured all of the recreational facilities on Saturdays and Sunday. He caught a lot of flak but he continued to work toward making a dream of recreation come true.



ACCORDING TO LEGEND, DAEDALUS AND HIS SON, ICARUS, ESCAPED FROM CRETE WITH WINGS MADE OF WAX AND FEATHERS. WHEN ICARUS FLEW TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN, THE WAX MELTED AND HE FELL INTO THE SEA.

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