He's the Sultan of 'SWAC'

Alcorn State University's Head Coach Dave Whitney was very worried about his center spot before the season started, that position being held by Belzoni, Miss., Junior Eddie "Sultan of SWAC" Baker, a 6'9, 215 pounder.

The Braves, since losing to Miss. State 83-80 three weeks ago, have bounced back to take victories over North Carolina A&T 108-86, Howard 95-

48. both on the road, Arkansas-Little Rock 95-55 and South Carolina State 103-68, both in Scalping Grounds, and 87-67 over Florida A&M in Tallahasee. During that time, ASU has outscored opponents 488 to 325 for an average of 97.6 to 64.8.

Whitney's defending SWAC Champions, inspired to play harder because no one picked them to win the crown this

season, has six players eight rebounds and rejecaveraging in double figures. In the double digit category are Larry "Mr, Mean" Smith of Hollandale, Baker, E.J. Bell. Clint "Spacetalker" Wyatt, Bill "Socks" Howard and Joe "The Rifle"

Jenkins. Since the season has started. Baker has been Whitney's most pleasant surprise. He is scoring 13

sdon State."

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"We've been playing

nine men and each of

them has been contribu-

ting. So far, it's been a

the past featuring a big

scorer with a talented

supporting cast, this year'

team has a different per-

Although guard Joe

Unlike A&T teams of

great team effort."

Last season he scored points a game, hauling only 123 points, but alrea-

up into the stands.

dy has 94 this season. Of ting 2.5 shots a contest. course he played behind The big guy is also avera-Alfredo Monroe, now in ging 28 minutes a game. Holland, last year. Says Baker is called the Baker: "I knew I'd be "Sultan of SWAT" beready this season. I have cause he loves to block the confidence and plashots. The mobile guy ving regularly increases can get to fast guards it. I'm glad Coach Whitbecause of his mobility, ney has confidence in me leading to his slapping to start me in all of our balls to his teammates or games thus far."

At one time in the pre-season, it seemed as if Whitney would use Bill

Howard at center, transferring him from the forward spot. But the injury to Larry "Mr. Mean' Smith changed all of that, forcing Whitney to start Howard at forward. Baker playing center has not been disappointing.

The big guy's main goal is to be SWAC's All-Conference center . "Everyone only talks about Jackson State's Audie Norris. I believe I'm the best."

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Aggies Rebuild Surprisingly Well

By Joe Faust A&T News Bureau

It's supposed to be a rebuilding year for the N.C. A&T Aggies--one which features a new coach, three freshmen starters, and an ambitious NCAA Division I schedule way our young players. of competition.

Yet, three games into the 1979-80 basketbal season A&T finds itself with

à 2-1 record against traditionally strong Alcorn State, Jackson State and Tennessee State on the road.

There were few who believed A&T. winners of six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament titles, would fare that well against that competition. But first year head coach

Brawner, the 1979 "Pladon Corbett has made full yer of the Year" in the MEAC is averaging 26.3 use of his bench and his highly touted freshment ppg through the first have come on strong in three outings, it is clear their starting assignment. that on any given night

cuted well during practice James Horace, a freshand other times not so man from Seale, Alabawell," said Corbett. ma, who zipped the nets whose Aggies have had for 23 points and had long rest going into the seven rebounds. Harold Aggie Holiday Classic Royster, a silky smooth Dec. 28-29 in the Corbett junior from Yonkers, New Sports Center. "I was York, is averaging 15 really impressed with the points and six rebounds per outing. pulled together against "Joe (Brawner) decided Tennessee State and Jack-

he was just going to pass and play defense in the Jackson game," Corbett said. "He passed up a number of open shots to give it to a teammate who has possibly a higher per-

centage opportunity. He's a competitor, a leader and the catalyst of our attack.. He sets the tempo.'

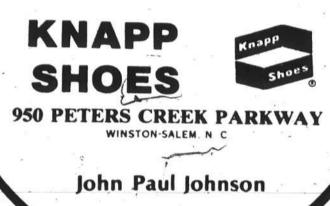
Probably the biggest and most pleasant development for Corbett has been the play of freshmen Joe Lopez, 6-7 Kenny Boddie, 6-4, and Horace.

"Lopez is from Dakar, Senegal and has really come on strong in recent weeks," Corbett said. "He's an aggressive individual and his board work will determine how suc-

cessful we'll be throughout the remainder of our schedule.

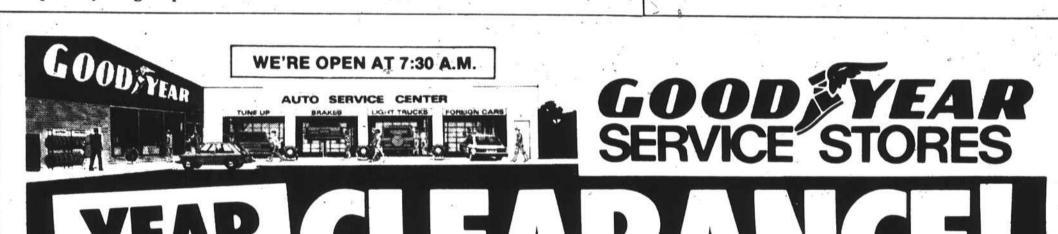
'Boddie and Hoarace have come along much faster than anticipated. Boddie has made the transition from a high school forward to big guard where we can use his height and defensive skills.

"Horace made the game winning tip against Tennessee State and did an outstanding job on the obards against an experienced Jackson State. and best wishes for a New Year of Happiness in a world of peace.



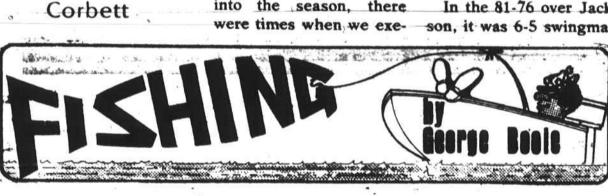
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Say 'So Long' To The Seventies,

"Quite frankly, I didn't any of the players can know what to expect going have a big scoring night. into the season, there In the 81-76 over Jackwere times when we exe- son, it was 6-5 swingman



readers of this column had. a most enjoyable Christmas, and much more that St. Nick filled your socks with enough goodies in the fishing line that you can't wait for spring to arrive.

If you get too impatient you can always break the ice and make a go of it. Believe it or not some of the biggest fish caught have been caught during the cold weather. If you . are interested in quanity now is the time to go after the crappie; the largest ones are quite accommodating.

Lunkers weighing up to

Here's hoping that the seven pounds have been taken at the Salem Lake during cold weather. Bruce Alderman and a friend were up there on an early afternoon and the friend landed a seven pounder plus. The very next day Bruce went out

and removed a twin to the bass that his friend had taken.

I have seen Bruce and his father break their way to their favorite crappie holes. On such trips out they catch crappies in the near and over one pound sizes.

It's possible to fish even when ice forms on your line, but I don't recom-

mend that unless you are hard-core fisherman. a The funny thing about fishing when the weather is inclement is that you are not really cold until you finish fishing, then you are almost too stiff to stand up.

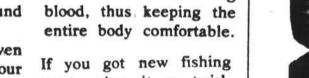
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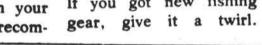
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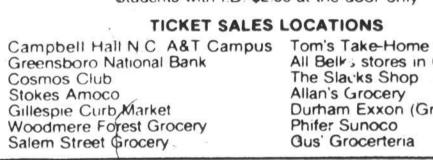


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