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Heavyweight Champ Larry Holmes' left bounces off face of Leon Spinks in the first round of title bout, June 12. Holmes won TKO in the 3rd round to retain crown.

Alcorn's Baker Picked 9th

Lorman, Ms. - Eddie Baker, the 6-9 center from Alcorn State University, was the second player picked in the ninth round of the

NBA college draft Tuesday when the Detroit Pistons landed the Brave stalwart. Baker, who averaged 18.1 points and 10.2 rebounds

per game during the 1980-81 season, became Alcorn State's first athlete in any sport to be drafted this year. The Louise, Ms.

native, who was the only player to start in each of Alcorn's 29 games last season, led the Braves in

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Mel Rose Selected *from page 13*

lina State program as he served as Head Golf Coach. An avid golfer himself, Rose played in the Livingstone College United Negro College Fund Benefit Tournament and enjoys playing when his schedule permits. "Golf is very relaxing," he said, "I really can relieve a lot of tension out there hitting that ball."

When contacted about the Head Coaching position at Livingstone, Rose said, "It was a very difficult decision, because I had a great working relationship with Coach Davis, the players, school officials and the community; however, I knew the challenge of being a Head Coach, the tradition of Livingstone College, having remained steadfast for over 100 years due to members of the A.M.E. Zion Church, who struggled to fulfill their mission, was a tremendous motivating factor."

Bill Davis said this when asked about his former assistant, "Mel certainly made a significant contribution to our program and to the lives of the young men and women he came into contact with; he has a great sense of humility and integrity." Davis further elaborated, "Livingstone and college football will benefit through the dedication, perseverance and leadership of Mel Rose as a Head Coach."

Since arriving in Salisbury, Rose has already become a popular member of the community, working as a Little League umpire and advisor. Recent efforts to revive the Livingstone Athletic Booster Club have been accelerated, as Rose hosted a backyard barbecue and kicked off what is becoming a successful membership drive.

"I like doing things with my family and friends," and that family includes his wife, the former Doris Miller of Charlotte, N.C. and daughter, Nia Malika. "It is so important to maintain the family," he said; "We enjoy cooking, going to church, picnicking and just spending time together." "When I go into an athlete's home, I try to emphasize to him that respect for authority, proper manners, hard work, along with ap-

preciation and concern for our elders are really important," he said. "I want parents to understand that if I recruit their son, he will be well disciplined, well behaved and working towards a college degree or he won't be around very long," Rose stressed. Having earned a Masters Degree in Education with a concentration in Guidance and Counseling from South Carolina State, Mel Rose endears an old adage as his

personal philosophy: "It's not the storms that you endure, but the important thing is that you brought in the ship." Having weathered many storms from the Church Hill section of Richmond, Virginia to the helm of the Livingstone College football program. It may not be this year or the year after that, but the ship will come in. Mel Rose has always rode a winning tide.

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A&T Signs Two Top Prep Stars

Greensboro--North Carolina A&T Head Basketball Coach Don Corbett, who was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's "Coach of the Year" last season as he guided the Aggies to a 21-8 record and a berth in the National Invitation Tournament, has announced the signing of two prep standouts.

Eric Boyd, a 6-4 swingman, from Charlotte, North Carolina's Independence High School and 6-6 Brendan Mitchell from Schenectady, New York's Mt. Pleasant High School have signed grants to attend A&T in the fall.

Boyd averaged 19 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists last season for Independence under Coach Dave Christenberry. He was named to the All-Mecklenburg County team and will play in the coveted East-West All-Star game in the Greensboro Coliseum in July.

Mitchell also brings some impressive credentials as he averaged 24 points and 14 rebounds per game last season under Coach David Bleu. He was a first team All-County and All-State selection.

"We feel we have made two excellent additions to our program for the coming season and future. Eric Boyd and Brendan Mitchell are both excellent athletes. Both played quarterback on

their respective high school football teams and possess good leadership potential," said Corbett. "Mitchell has so much talent I haven't decided just where he will play. He has the ability to play in the backcourt," Corbett said.

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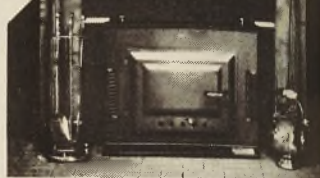
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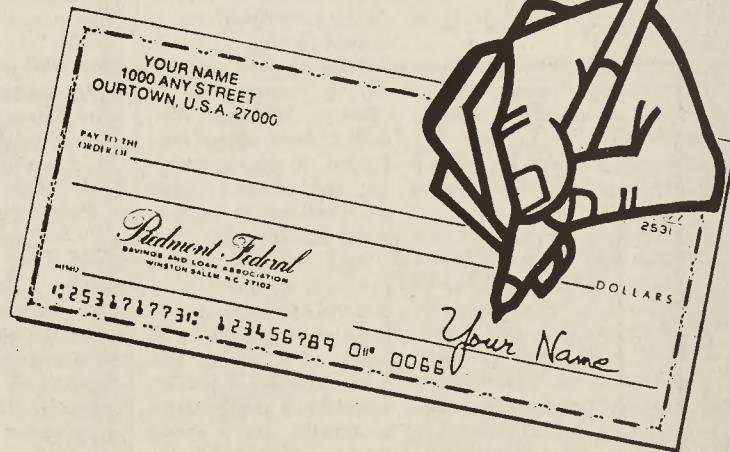
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