

# Young prep star

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"I feel that I've matured a little as a player since last year," Howard says. "I'm working hard on my game trying to improve."

North Coach Olon Shuler says he's pleased to have a player of Howard's caliber join his program.

"Brian Howard is one super young man," says Shuler. "He's a good student. The students here like him and he fits in well here."

"Brian is content to be a part of the team," Shuler says. "He fits in perfectly with the type of team and student body we'd like to have. I think he likes it here."

Shuler also says Howard has lived up to his reputation.

"I've had a lot of players come in with advance billing," says Shuler. "But, other than Tobe Jackson (who played for the Vikings in '77-78) Brian has been the only one to live up to it. He's a super talent and has proven to be everything people said he was."

But even more than Howard's playing ability, Shuler says, his attitude makes him a good player.

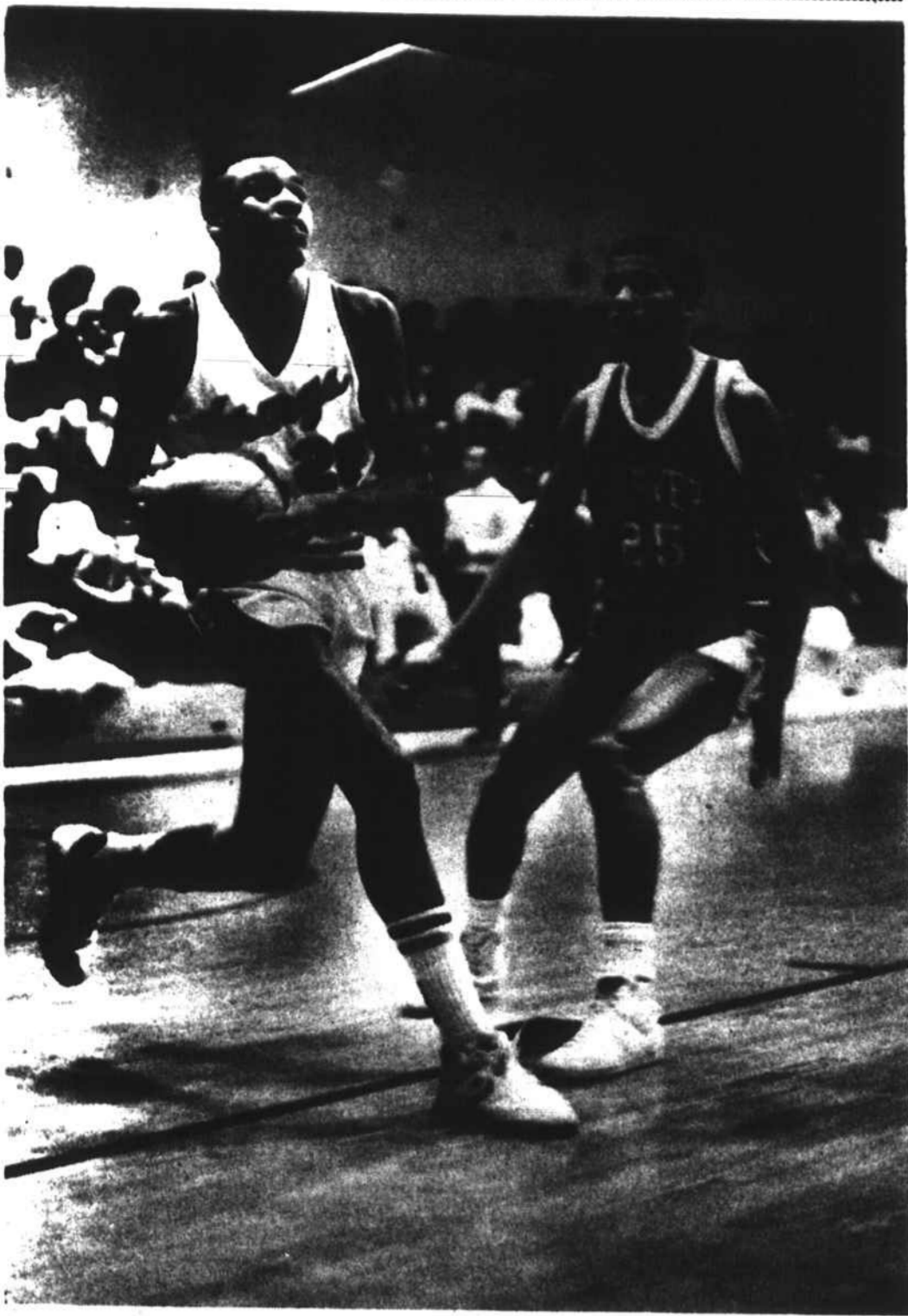
"He's willing to work hard to help the team," says Shuler. "He complements our players well and he epitomizes what we're trying to teach in our basketball program."

"We've had a lot of talented kids, but there haven't been many with his ability that are willing to fit in with the team concept. But the thing that I'm excited about is the fact that Brian is getting better."

Once Howard gets more experience in 4-A competition, Shuler says, he'll really begin to show improvement.

"You don't face the Greensboro Pages and Parklands and High Point Andrews every night in 9-10 basketball," Shuler says. "Now that he's going up against these type of teams, he's going to get better and better."

Though he has scored in double figures in all three of his team's games, Howard had his best game of the season against his former teammates at Carver,



Brian Howard puts on a burst of speed to get past Carver defender Ben Miller on a base line drive. Howard's quickness is one of his many assets (photo by James Parker).

a 21-point effort last Saturday night.

"It felt funny playing against the guys I had played with for so long," Howard says. "But I did want to play well against them."

"I was pumped for it," he says. "There was a real big crowd and they were really into the game and that got me more pumped up."

Howard says he misses his old teammates, but he'd just as soon be at North.

"The guys here make me feel

comfortable," he says. "I knew a lot of them before I came here and they made me feel like a part of the team from the first day of practice."

Howard says he'll take whatever accolades are come his way. But he'll be content even if he doesn't get them.

"We're just beginning to come together as a team," he says. "I'm just trying to get into the team concept. Whatever comes will come. The way I see it, there's no pressure on me."

## Black College Briefs

### Morgan State gets slap on wrist

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Morgan State University, working hard to rebuild its sagging basketball program, may get little more than an NCAA probation for its efforts.

The Bears, coached by Morgan State Athletic Director Tom Dean, have apparently run afoul of NCAA rules. At the focal point of the issue are three Morgan State players who were found to be ineligible for NCAA competition. They were Larry Hubbard, a 25-year-old freshman center, forward Kevin Bussie, who was in his sixth year of college, and forward Terence Glaze, who officials say never graduated from high school.

The mini-scandal has been the worst to hit black college basketball in modern times. It is the second such controversy to touch black college athletics in recent months. Several weeks ago, Tennessee State's undefeated football team was declared ineligible for the Division I-AA playoffs after 14 players were found ineligible to participate. At Morgan State, Coach Dean has been removed from his duties as basketball coach and the three players in question have been dismissed from the team by school President Earl S. Richardson.

Delaware State is trying to secure another year of eligibility for all-MEAC basketball player Danny Sapp. Although Sapp has only played three seasons at Delaware State, he has been declared ineligible for further play because he first enrolled five years ago. NCAA rules say a player can play for up to four years, but that all eligibility must be completed within a five-year span. Sapp missed one year of

school due to personal reasons, and that is the basis for his appeal....

Delaware State has named Harry Van Sant as its new baseball coach....

Here is one school that seems to know what it's doing, at least when it comes to women's athletics. While other black colleges struggle to pay full-time salaries to coaches of women's basketball teams, Howard University does not. The Bison pay Coach Sanya Tyler a part-time salary. Ms. Tyler works full-time at the Howard University Hospital and coaches the team as a sideline.

That may not be the best way to do it, but black colleges are going to have to learn to cut expenses at every turn....

Bethune-Cookman College

Coach Larry Little and Alcorn State's Marino Casem will be the coaches in this year's Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic in Atlanta....

There is little question that the state of Florida is a prime recruiting area for college football scouts. Here is evidence: More than a dozen Florida natives were selected to either the Associated Press or United Press International Division I-A all-America teams this year....

Little Bird Dept.: The city of Orlando, Fla., is making a pitch to become the new permanent home of the Orange Blossom Classic football game. That contest pits Florida A&M against another team and is one of the oldest annual contests in the country.

## The Week

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### This Week's Games

- Bowie State at Maryland-Eastern Shore
- North Carolina Central at St. Paul's
- Virginia State at Liberty Baptist
- Virginia Union at Coppin State
- Hampton Institute at UDC
- Shaw at Virginia Union
- Norfolk State at Winston-Salem State
- Elizabeth City at Bowie State
- Virginia Union at Livingstone
- Shaw at Bowie State
- Bethune-Cookman at Jacksonville
- Maryland-Eastern Shore at Akron
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- North Carolina A&T at North Carolina Central
- South Carolina State at Illinois

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