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mark. But achieving that milestone won't be easy for the quickwitted pilot. Gone from last year's 17-13 squad are 6-10 shot-blocking center Jules Moor, who packed his bags and took his last year of eligibility to Texas A&M, a lot closer to his Houston home.

Also gone are starting guards Benji Brown and Lance Hinton, as well as sixth-man Gary Williams.

However, Vaughn's cupboard is not altogether bare. Six-four forward Jamie Turner, the team's top scorer last year with a 15.7 per game average, is back, as is 6-7 Tim McDaniels, who led the team in rebounding with a 9.5 average, and added 11.8 points per contest.

Vaughn will count on 6-7 senior John Speller, 6-8 junior Antonio Bellamy and 6-5 senior Mike Neal to replace Moor.

Senior Greg Spruill will take over the team-captain duties, but he'll have to improve on his 7.4-point scoring average for the Vikings to challenge for honors in the tough North.

Once considered a rising power in the North, VIRGINIA STATE suffered through a lean campaign last season, finishing 9-17. But Coach Floyd Laisure hopes to return to his winning ways this year.

Only guards Keith White and Ron Spurlock are gone from last year's team, leaving the frontcourt of senior Alfred Cantrell (6-8), sophomores David Blackwell (6-10) and cat-quick Brian Price (6-4) intact. The threesome accounted for more than 36 points and 15 rebounds per game last year, and each should improve on his individual totals this season.

Senior David Mayo also is back at the guard spot, where he averaged more than 10 points per game last year, leaving Laisure with only one spot to fill in his starting five.

"Things will be different this year," says Laisure with a twinkle in his eye. "Our goals are high and we have a new attitude."

The Trojans should improve on last year's mark, but they're at least a year away from challenging Norfolk and Union for the divisional crown.

BOWIE STATE, the doormat of the Northern Division since it joined the conference in 1980, suffered through another dismal season in '84-85, losing 27 of 28 outings.

But second-year Coach Alan Brantley feels this year's team will do much better. "Our team will be bigger and more physical this season," he says. "Maybe not as big

as some of the other conference schools, but bigger than we've been for a long time."

Six-five Bruce Purnell returns as captain of this year's squad. Brathway is looking not only for scoring and rebounding from the sophomore, who tallied 7.9 points and nine rebounds per game last year, but also leadership for his young team.

Another noteworthy returnee is 6-6 forward Charles Peterson, who

hold a pat hand and smile, it has to be Jake Ford of FAYETTEVILLE STATE, who returns the entire squad that finished 9-14 last year.

The top veteran is 6-9 Ed James, who averaged better than 19 points and 12 rebounds a game last season while earning all-CIAA honors. Guard Travis Adams also returns after being named to the conference all-star squad last year. The 6-2 guard netted 15.4 points a game.

Six-seven shot-blocker Sam



Though Waller's the resident leaper, Union guard Tony Dallas can soar, too (photo by Joe Daniels).

averaged 8.1 points and 5.9 rebounds last year.

Though their fans, by force of habit, may be patient with the downtrodden Bulldogs, the rest of the CIAA will not.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

If ever there was a guy who could

Nelson is back, too, as is point guard Derrick Sheffield, who had 58 steals last season.

The Broncos look like the South's best team on paper, but only time will tell if they can handle the pressure of being the division favorite.

If they don't, resurgent SHAW may.

After five years of struggle,

Coach Warren Reynolds' patient rebuilding efforts finally paid big dividends as the Bears shared the Southern Division title last season and earned a bid to the Georgia Invitational Tournament.

The 1985-86 team loses only two players. The returnees are led by 6-9 Vincent Johnson, who averaged 10 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots last season, 6-6 senior forwards Eric Lewis and Gregory Terrell, and 6-4 senior guard Wayne Dubose.

Other Bear veterans include 6-8 sophomore Jeffrey Valez, 6-5 senior Gary Alsberry, 6-3 sophomore Barry Gadsden and 6-2 redshirt Charles Organ.

Always known as a fine recruiter, Reynolds went North during the off-season to add six newcomers who are expected to contribute.

Six-foot Michael Thompson, 6-3 Michael Harris, and 6-4 Lionel Kearse are guards who bring impressive high school stats to Raleigh.

Up front Reynolds will count on 6-6 Gregory Jones and the Bridgeport, Conn., duo of 6-8 Curtis Davis and 6-5 Elijah Fisher.

If Reynolds can replace his starting backcourt, the only losses from last season's team, and coax a strong effort on the boards from newcomer Davis, he could culminate his rebuilding efforts at Shaw by winning the division title outright this time around.

Seeking to better last year's 16-13 mark, JOHNSON C. SMITH Coach Robert Moore welcomes back four starters, including 6-6 junior forward Dante Johnson. Johnson earned all-CIAA honors last year, averaging 22 points and 13 rebounds per game.

Also back is senior guard James Shockley, a 6-3 sharpshooter who averaged 14 points and a team-leading eight assists last year, and his running mate in the backcourt, 6-3 junior Reggie Moses.

Returning to the center spot is 6-8 senior Eddie Jordan, who netted seven points and six rebounds per game last season.

If the Bull veterans get adequate support from the Bull rookies, they could emerge as the South's Cinderella team.

Speaking of veterans, the 1985-86 edition of LIVINGSTONE'S "Fighting Bears" should improve greatly on last year's 12-15 record with seven lettermen back in the fold.

Head Coach David Corley shared CIAA Coach of the Year honors in