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his first year at the helm, but he'll have his work cut out for him as he assumed the role of head football coach as well this fall.

Wayne Miller, a pre-season all-CIAA selection, leads a talented backcourt with an average of 6.4 points and 6.1 assists a game.

Tony Adams, a sharpshooting senior guard, added 12.5 points per game last year.

Up front, the Bears return 6-6 forward Raynell Jones (12.8 points, 7.4 rebounds).

A productive recruiting effort netted eight new faces, four of which are 6-6 or better.

Corley was oh so close to a division crown in football and he's expected to be at least that close to the basketball title.

Entering his 39th season (all at the same school), Coach C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines will field possibly his youngest WINSTON-SALEM STATE team ever.

Five of the top eight players are gone from last year's surprising 17-11 squad, which knocked top-ranked Virginia Union out of the NCAA playoffs.

Part-time starters Alexander Hooper, a 6-4 junior guard who averaged 12.9 ppg., 6-3 senior Oscar Williams (9.9 ppg.) and 6-1 sophomore Steve Hood (5.7 ppg.) return, as do key reserves Charlie Spell and Thomas Faison, a pair of 5-10 sophomore guards, and 6-7 center Gary Cromartie, also a sophomore.

Heading the list of newcomers will be 6-7 Derek Daniels, who many say will be the Rams' best post player since Carlos Terry. Another 6-7 freshman who could make an immediate impact is Maurice Edmonds, who led the Tidewater area with 15 rebounds a game last season.

"We will be young and green," says Gaines, "but this team could end up better than last year's group if the big kids can develop."

ST. AUGUSTINE'S suffered through one of its leaner years under Harvey Heartley last winter, posting a very un-Heartley-like 11-14 mark. But the 14-year mentor predicts a better showing this time around.

"We will be a much-improved team over last year," says Heartley, who'll build on a nucleus of four returning players.

Heading the list of veterans will be guard Maurice Champen, a 6-1 senior who averaged seven points and almost five assists last season.

Elsewhere, 6-6 forward Darryl

Johnson is expected to improve on a rookie season that saw him average 10.7 points and 6.6 rebounds an outing, while 6-3 junior Eugene Smith is being counted on to aid Champen in the backcourt.

Six-four forward Desmonde Thomas will be called upon to provide leadership in his junior season.

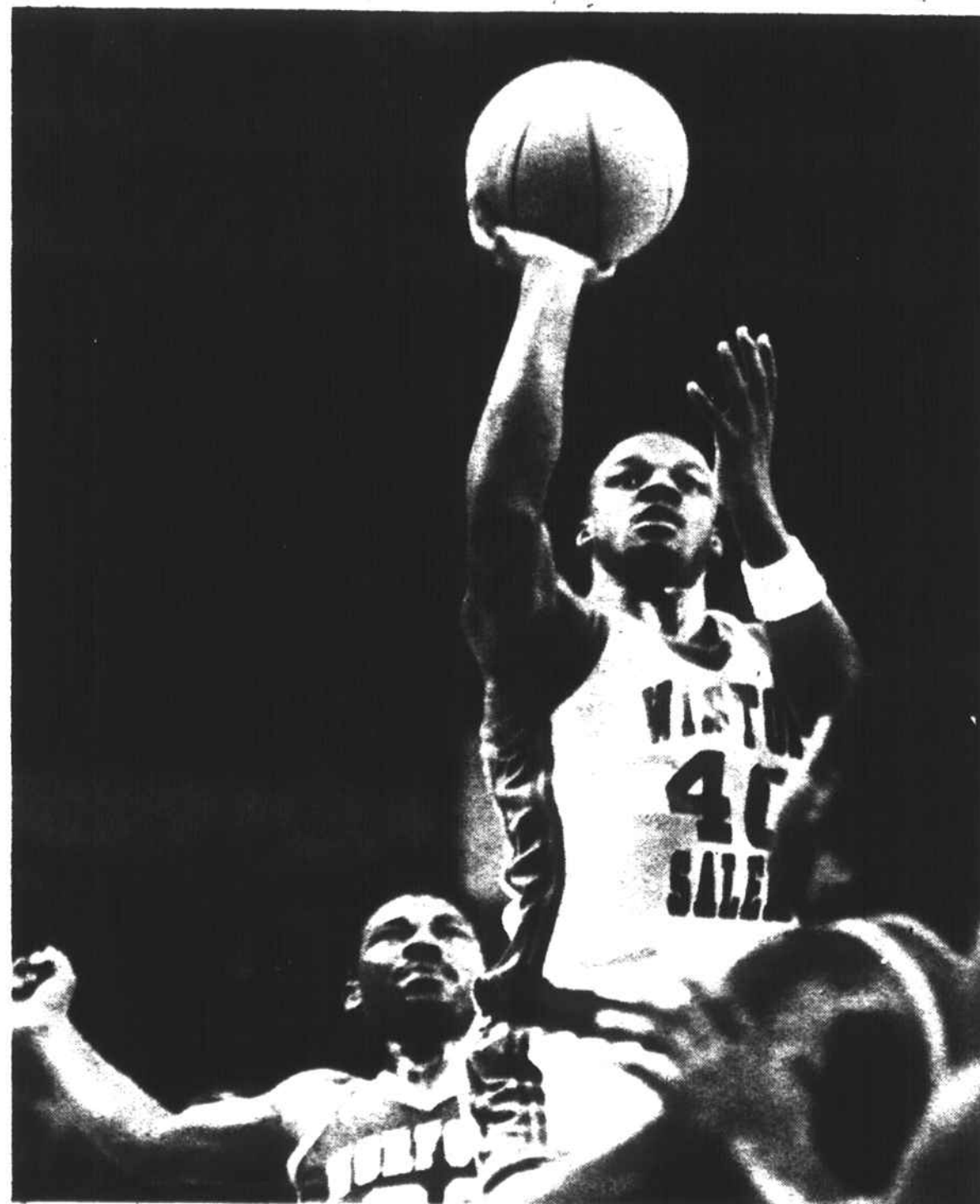
Joining the veterans will be JUCO transfer Randell Mounts, a 6-6 Miami native who is expected to provide immediate help at forward. Other frontcourt performers who should add strength inside are 6-6 Bryant Boykins and 6-9 Chris Lee.

Still, Heartley concedes that the Falcons have a lot to work on.

"We will have to get the ball off

## Changes

Gone is muscleman Charles Oakley, but Union Coach Dave Robbins, above, still has ample firepower. Below, among the faces who won't play again for Winston-Salem State is guard Haywood Workman, who transferred to Oral Roberts (photos by James Parker).



the boards better and we will have to improve defensively," he says, adding, "I believe by dedicating ourselves to hard work and working to make things happen, rather than expecting things to happen, we will have a different outlook this time around."

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL will begin a new era when it takes the court under new Coach Mike Bernard, who left powerful Norfolk State to assume the reins of a floundering program.

He'll have his work cut out for him. Taking over at a school that has seen only one winning season since 1969, Bernard should see his Eagles again hold up the rest of the Southern Division.

Still, Bernard will have eight players who have previous experience in the maroon and gray, and three starters return from last year.