

Coach Russell Ellington, top left, says that Lynette Woodard, right, has been a plus to the new-look Globetrotters; bottom left, Woodard, Clyde "the Glide" Austin and Harold "Boo Boo" Hubbard run through a gag in their show at Memorial Coliseum (photos by James Parker).

Sports Beat

Trotters enter the co-ed era

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Lynette Woodard and Clyde "the Glide" Austin are two featured attractions in the new Harlem Globetrotters, who have changed their act markedly this year.

In an effort to minimize antics that were deemed invidious by some critics, the barnstormers have streamlined their routine. Now the emphasis is on straightforward playing, mixed with such established and safe gags as throwing water and confetti at unsuspecting members of the audience.

Robert Little, a former member of the Globetrotters and a Winston-Salem native, also said the act had just gotten stale.

"It was too predictable," Little said. "You knew everything they were going to do."

There also is an attempt this season to let the entire audience in on the show, primarily by having one player -- either Johnson C. Smith alumnus James "Twiggy" Sanders or former Houston all-America "Sweet" Lou Dunbar -- wired with a radio microphone on the floor at all times. Now an entire arena can listen to the joking that goes on among the players.

As a further attempt to improve their image, the Globetrotters, who performed at Memorial Coliseum last Saturday, decided 14 months ago to add a princess to the roster of basketball's clown princes. And Woodard, the former University of Kansas star who remains the all-time leading scorer in women's collegiate history, survived a rigid selection process.

The 6-foot, 155-pound native of Wichita, Kan., Please see page B13

Recruiting

Ram football team ready for spring practice

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When the first week of college football's national signing period arrived last month, Winston-Salem State's list of recruits was coming together slowly.

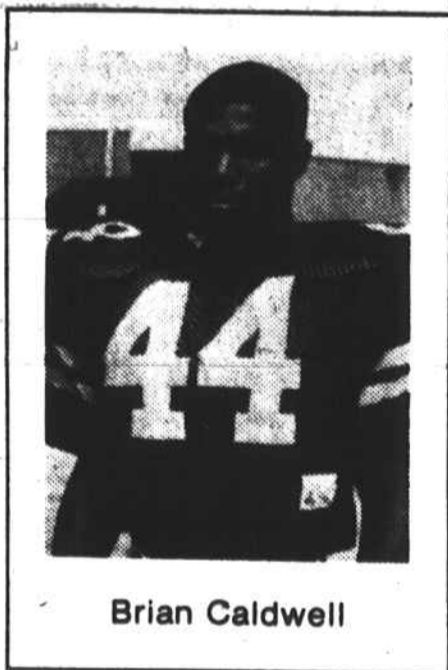
But Coach Bill Hayes didn't panic. It's to be expected since WSSU is an NCAA Division II program. Although the Ram coaching staff had only 12 commitments after the first week, Hayes & Co. kept plugging along. They eventually added 18 more names to the blackboard in Hayes' office in WSSU's old gymnasium. The total of 30 is 11 more than last year's haul.

"We're pretty satisfied with that," said Hayes, who has a sparkling 73-33-2 record in 10 seasons as the Rams' coach. "One problem we had last season was not having enough depth and quality on the defensive front. We also lost two very good offensive linemen (all-America right tackle Keith Holland and right guard Tommy Crews). So the thing we had to do was recruit linemen."

"I also think for the first time we really recruited offensive guards. They are the key to our offense (wing-T). They have to be good-sized and be able to run."

Hayes and his staff will have 18 new linemen when preseason practice begins in August. One of the best additions to the February signings is 6-foot-6, 270-pound offensive tackle James "Plug" Melton of Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, Va. Not only was Melton an all-stater in football, but he also led the basketball team to back-to-back state 3-A championships.

"He's one of the best athletes around," Hayes said of Melton. "I think maybe he can step in and play early



Brian Caldwell

because of his leadership and maturity."

With Danny Moore opting to put his name in the National Football League draft next month, Hayes also needed some help at center. Moore, a three-time all-CIAA selection, missed all of last season with a sprained ankle, and Barry Turner played the entire season without a backup and earned all-CIAA honors.

"I wanted Danny to do what was best for him," Hayes said. "I thought it was best for him to go on and make some money."

"Barry stayed healthy and played every down last season. With Danny going pro, we really needed some depth at center."

The Rams landed two centers in 6-2, 235-pound Horace Spencer of Lynchburg, Va., Heritage High and 6-0, 245-pound James Carter of Durham Hillside. Spencer was a first-team all-state choice.

Four of WSSU's recruits will play in the East-West All-Star Game in Greensboro in July. They include Northern Durham's Brian Caldwell, Statesville's William Stevenson, Southwest Edgecombe's Ron Mayo and Tarboro's Rickie Dozier.

1985 WSSU FOOTBALL RECRUITING LIST				
LINEMAN				
NAME	HT.	WT.	CITY	SCHOOL
James Carter	6-0	245	Durham	Hillside
Recus Carter	6-0	270	Danville	G. Wash.
Timothy Davis	6-5	235	Detroit	SWestern
Willie Frazier	6-2	245	Luray, SC	Allentown
Travis Foushee	6-2	255	Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill
Gordon Hines	6-5	270	Riveria, Fla.	Riveria Bch.
Willie Jones	6-4	240	Spartnbg	Spartanburg
Ronald Joyner	6-4	225	Conway	N. Hampton
George Martin	6-4	270	Martinsville	Laurel Pk.
Glenn McKenzie	6-2	255	Salisbury	S. Rowan
James Melton	6-6	270	Norfolk	B.T. Wash.
Melvin Roundtree	6-2	250	Tarboro	Tarboro
James Smith	6-2	275	Detroit	Chadsey
Josh Smith	6-3	265	Richmond	JFK
Horace Spencer	6-2	235	Lynchburg	Heritage
William Stevenson	6-0	245	Durham	Hillside
Clay Suggs	6-0	245	Richmond	JFK
Dexter Williams	6-4	250	Wadesboro	Anson

BACKS				
NAME	HT.	WT.	CITY	SCHOOL
Brian Caldwell	5-11	185	Durham	N. Durham
Richard Daniels	5-11	185	W-S	Carver
Rickie Dozier	5-11	205	Tarboro	Tarboro
Marvin Johnson	5-9	175	Greensboro	Page
Ron Mayo	6-0	185	Rocky Mt.	SW Edgeco.
Roderick Morris	6-1	195	Charlotte	Harding

LINEBACKERS				
NAME	HT.	WT.	CITY	SCHOOL
Lesley Barley	6-2	215	Java, Va.	Chatham
Charles Belcher	6-1	225	Martinsville	Laurel Pk.
Sammie Burriss	6-1	190	Martinsville	Laurel Pk.
Tyrone Fuller	5-11	245	Charlotte	W. Meck
Todd Hayes	6-3	205	Lynchburg	Heritage
James Jenkins	6-2	225	Ahoskie	Ahoskie

Dozier and Greensboro Page's Marvin Johnson were two of the best running backs in the state last year. The 5-11, 205-pound Dozier ran for more than 3,000 yards in his three-year career at Tarboro and Johnson ran for more than 1,400 yards while helping Page capture its second

straight state 4-A championship. The Pirates, who were 15-0 in '85, shared the title with Fayetteville 71st in 1984. Hayes is so impressed with the 5-9, 175-pound Johnson (4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash) that he may start him when the season begins in August.

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Basketball

Big Four Tourney brings memories of golden days

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The Big Four alumni tournament is more than a weekend of basketball.

It's an opportunity to reunite old friends, to replay the games of yesteryear and compare the sport in the 1980s to the one played in the '60s and '70s.

For former Anderson center Hansel Hentz, the comparisons shed favorable light on the game the older guys played.

"It was very competitive when I was in school," said Hentz, who played at Anderson in the late '60s before winning a football scholarship to Fayetteville State. "That's why some black guys started going to white schools before integration. They couldn't make the team at their (the black) school."

"We all had to play football, too, and there weren't many slender guys. Everybody was big and thick. It took a month to run the football out of us when basketball started."

"But the big difference is that guys who made honorable mention were big stars. Those guys were good. But today, if you make honorable mention, nobody remembers it the next day."

When Hentz was growing up in East Winston, some of the best basketball in town was played at a little park near Winston-Salem State called "The Hole." Hentz said that's where a lot of youngsters learned the ins and outs of the game.

"Guys used to say let's go over to the 'Heights' and play some ball," Hentz said. "We got our skills from those guys from Winston-Salem State. Guys like Earl (Monroe), Left-hand Parker, Cleo Hill, Teddy Blount. Let me tell you, Blount was the best ballhandler I ever saw."

"If you won one game against those guys, you were tough."

Talk about tough. One year, Hentz remembers, Winston-Salem had state championship



Robert Little

teams in almost every neighborhood. Atkins won the 4-A and Paisley claimed the 3-A basketball titles among black schools; Anderson won the 3-A football crown and Reynolds won the 4-A basketball championship for predominantly white schools.

Robert Little, who played at Anderson in 1969 before being bused to Parkland, said the rivalries between the four schools was intense.

"My junior year we played Atkins twice in football and lost both games," Little said of his Atkins days. "But we came back and beat them twice in basketball. That was big, especially for the seniors."

Little said games were major spectacles in the community.

"It was a carnival atmosphere," said Little, who went on to play at North Carolina Central and for the Harlem Globetrotters. "The guys in the clubs -- like the Esquires, Diplomats and the Gents -- would show up in their sweaters. At halftime they would do a little step show like the fraternities do today. If you had a girlfriend at another school, it was one of the few times you got to see her in a week."

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