

# Globetrotters coming to town

For 65 unforgettable years they've traveled the planet, bringing the sport of basketball and their own inimitable comedy to fans in 110 countries from Aruba to Zanzibar. They're the Harlem Globetrotters, the most famous sports team on earth!

As part of their 65th anniversary season, the world famous magicians of basketball will appear on super Sunday, Jan. 27, at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem with tip-off time set for 1 p.m.

The Harlem Globetrotters' story began in the 1920's when Abe Saperstein packed a group of players into his Model T Ford and set out for the team's first game in the town of Hinckley, Ill. Now, 65 years later, The Harlem Globetrotters are cheered all over the world — their name is synonymous with great basketball and gales of delighted laughter.

For their 65th season, the team is fielding a remarkable squad of top-ranked basketball athletes including: James "Twiggy"

Sanders, the reigning "Clown Prince of Basketball;" the dynamic team captain Clyde "The Glide" Austin; the gifted new female team member Jolette Law; slam-dunk master Billy Ray Hobley; and a host of additional superlative basketball talent.

The legend of the Harlem Globetrotters just keeps on getting bigger and better. Across countless millions of miles and millions of smiles, the houdinis of the hardcourt have done more to advance the international popularity of basketball than any other team, anywhere.

Again and again, the Harlem Globetrotters have proved there's no language barrier on superlative basketball and no translation needed for hearty laughs.

Through the years, the Harlem Globetrotters have grown in glory into far more than just a sports team. Today, they are, quite simply, an international institution.

Determined to end the Harlem Globetrotters' 20-year winning streak this season are their perenni-

al rivals, the frustrated and win-hungry Washington Generals. The newly-beefed up Generals' squad seems eager to accept their formidable challenge.

The Harlem Globetrotters have not been defeated since 1971, but Generals' coach veteran Red Klotz says his 1991 team is the best ever, and includes some of the hottest shooters in basketball today. "The Generals are bent on revenge," says Coach Klotz. "The Harlem Globetrotters better be extra careful this season."

Reserved seats for the Harlem Globetrotters 65th Anniversary Season's only local stop are available through any Ticketron Outlet and the Coliseum Box Office.

A discount is available for youths 12 and under and for senior citizens 60 and over. Discounts are also available to groups of 20 or more. A limited number of special, VIP seats are also available.

For complete ticket information, call the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Box Office at (919) 725-5635.



The original members of the Harlem Globetrotters (l-r): (standing) Abe Saperstein, Toots Wright, Byron Long, Inman Jackson, William Oliver, (seated) Al Pullins. Photo by R.D. Jones

## 'Prayer Vigil for Peace' at WSSU

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Beta Iota Chapter, and the Student Government Association at Winston-Salem State University are cosponsoring a "Prayer Vigil For Peace." This event is intended to unify people around the concept of peace, and to encourage a peaceful resolve concerning the crisis in the Persian Gulf.

The "Prayer Vigil For Peace" will be held on January 15, 1991, at K.R. Williams Auditorium of WSSU, which is the deadline the United Nations has set for Iraq to unconditionally withdraw from Kuwait or military action could be used. Ironically, the 15th is the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (member of Alpha Phi Alpha). As you are aware, Dr.

King stood in the very midst of trouble, but chose to embrace concepts of nonviolence and peace.

Correspondences have been mailed to chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha, student government presidents, and other student organizations all over the state of North Carolina. They have been called upon to organize rallies/vigils for peace on their campuses or in their local communities.

Also, letters have been mailed to North Carolina's U.S. Senators and Congressmen, N.C. Senators and Congressmen, and to the Governor. They have all been invited to participate in the "Prayer Vigil For Peace," and asked to exercise their individual powers to encourage a peaceful resolve in the Persian Gulf.

## Iowa study shows that Blacks make up 22% of prison population

By MIKE GLOVER  
Associated Press Writer

Blacks comprise only 1.6 percent Iowa's population but represent 22 percent of prison inmates, a new study said.

The study said only 11 states have a higher per capita ratio of blacks in prison. Civil rights advocates called for creation of a special task force to examine the findings.

"One of the serious issues in the black community is the disproportionate number of African-Americans, particularly African-American males, who end up in the justice system," said Jonathan Narcisse, head of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Blacks, which commissioned the study.

"We want to know why there are so many African-Americans in the criminal justice system," he told reporters at a news conference at which the study was released.

The study said white Iowans are jailed at a rate of 0.8 per 1,000, while the comparable figure for blacks is 12 per 1,000 in the general population.

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Agency staff who conducted the study drew no conclusions, and Narcisse said the special task force should begin studying the cause of the population disparity.

"Our prisons are full of people with similar problematic backgrounds, and 22 percent of these people who have similar backgrounds are African-American," the study said.

"A major explanation of the state's prison population makeup is that it reflects how African-Americans and other segments of our society are disproportionately affected by many, if not all, of our social problems," the study said. "Real and lasting solutions to such disparity must be found outside the

criminal justice system."

The study conceded there may be some vestiges of racism in the justice system but stopped well short of declaring it a racist system.

"It seems reasonable to assume that of the thousands of people who work within a system, there are some individuals (of all races) who would admit to being bigoted or who would be considered bigoted by an average group of reasonable citizens," the study said.

"Given this complexity and the vast number of people involved, it would be too simplistic to assume that it is free of bias and discriminatory practices," the study said.

Gary Lawson, a member of the Commission on the Status of Blacks, said the group decided to take a low-key approach to avoid inflaming passions.

"This is not a radical approach," said Lawson. "We just want a task force."

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