

Aggies choose Hunter as new head basketball coach

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Out with the old and in with the new.

After the sudden resignation of N.C. A&T State University head men's basketball coach Roy Thomas Monday afternoon, Chancellor Edward Fort appointed assistant coach Curtis Hunter as interim coach for the 1999-2000 season.

"This represents the chance of a life time," Hunter said. "North Carolina A&T is a great university or as Chancellor Fort says so often, it is a world-class institution steeped in the tradition of academic and athletic excellence.

"I shall do everything that I can to help perpetuate that tradition."

Hunter, who has been at A&T since 1997 will work under a one-year contract and will take on full coaching responsibilities.

Hunter, a former high school All American played four years of

college basketball under legendary UNC coach Dean Smith from 1982-1987. He played professional basketball over seas for five years before beginning his coaching career at Chapel Hill High School in the early 90s.

The Tarheel alumnus also served as an assistant coach at Fayetteville State University under Rick Duckett, the head basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University before coming to A&T two years ago.

Hunter is very confident that he will be able to build upon an Aggie program, which returns eight sophomores and juniors. This past season the team went 13-15 and earned a birth in the semi-finals of the MEAC Basketball Tournament.

"The players know me, respect me and now I'm in a position to hopefully provide N.C. A&T with some stability within the men's basketball program and build on a very positive base constructed by coach Thomas," he

said. "I am delighted to accept this position and I appreciated Dr. Fort's confidence in my abilities."

Thomas, whose contract ended this season steps down from the helm of the Aggie basketball program after compiling an overall record of 61-79 at A&T and a 46-42 conference record.

In his first year as A&T coach in 1994-1995, Thomas led the Aggies to the MEAC Conference Championship and a NCAA birth.

Since that time he guided A&T to another championship game in 1997 and two other semi-final births, including this past season. Thomas also garnered MEAC coach of the year honors in 1997 after the Aggies finished third in the league.

Before taking over the Aggie program Thomas attained five league trophies and one national championship in 11 seasons at Tyler Junior College.

Gaines, Monroe lend hand to help out Black College All-Star Basketball Classic

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Bighouse Gaines, former legendary coach at Winston-Salem State, will once again serve as the event spokesman for the Black College All-Star Basketball Classic.

The fourth-annual classic will be played on Saturday, April 10, at the Baltimore Arena. The women's game will tip off at 4 p.m. and the men's game will get underway at 6 p.m.

Many professional scouts will be on hand to watch players from the nation's historically black colleges and universities.

Target Sports Marketing and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) are the tournament's sponsors.

Earl "the Pearl" Monroe, the former Winston-Salem State All-American, who began his NBA career in Baltimore and went on to become one of the NBA's Fifty All-Time Greatest players, will serve as honorary coach of the North Team. Sam Jones, who played at North Carolina Cen-



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tral, before embarking upon a long and productive NBA career with the Boston Celtics, is the honorary coach of the south team.

LaShun Lawson, executive producer of the Classic, said the tournament is growing in popularity.

"We are very excited to return to the city of Baltimore in 1999," she said. "Last year, we received amazing support from the city and its citizens and we are look-

ing forward to continue building this event in Baltimore."

Other activities have been scheduled around the Classic this season. They include the Black College All-Star Kids Clinic at Morgan State. Professional basketball players and coaches, including Bernie Bickerstaff, coach of the Washington Wizards, will conduct the clinic of some 200 Baltimore city kids in an assortment of basketball techniques.

Among the other activities scheduled for this year are a pre-game concert, featuring various national artists on Friday, April 9; a stepshow featuring various Greek fraternities and sororities from HBCU's on Saturday (April 10) and an Old School Reunion party following the game.

Last year's men's game was broadcast live on Home Team Sports Network, an affiliate of FOX Sports Network. Additionally, the men's game was aired tape-delayed on various Fox Sports affiliates across the country.

HAWS announces basketball, cheerleading rosters

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The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem recently announced its 1999 edition of the PHASAC (Public Housing Authorities State Athletic Committee) basketball and cheerleading teams.

They will represent HAWS in competition against housing authorities from across the state. In addition, the cheerleading team will be defending its state championship which was won last June at the PHASAC State Tournament in Kinston.

PHASAC is an association of public housing authorities from across North Carolina, whose primary mission is to provide its residents a positive and constructive outlet for their energies. This is accomplished through supervised competition in basketball and cheerleading among the member agencies and other activities that promote the personal growth and development of each participant. Youth between the ages of 12 and 18 are eligible to participate pro-

vided that they are a HAWS resident, attend school on a regular basis and attend sessions that provide academic assistance and promote their personal growth and development. The season culminates in the State Tournament, held in June at one of the member cities, where the state champions for that season are crowned.

Winston-Salem is a member of District 2, comprising the housing authorities of High Point, Greensboro, Raleigh, Durham, Troy and Rockingham. During March and April, these teams will play against each other on Saturdays in one of the member cities. Winston-Salem began its season March 13 by hosting three District 2 games at Ashley Middle School.

The basketball team and cheerleaders made their season debut in an exhibition game on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at Ashley. Winston-Salem will also serve as the host for the District 2 tournament, scheduled for May 14 and 15. There is no admission charge for these games and the

public is invited to attend.

The 1999 HAWS cheerleading team is comprised of Sharonda Adams, Temeika Alexander, Cassandra Bowles, Shanika Brown, Tysheka Byers, Takreshia Duncan, Shameka Gadberrry, Likesha Jenkins, Convonna Keller, Kelly Lee, Arifah Lyons, Shatara Lyons, Tomeshia McMillen, Kayla Mungo, Lakenya Rhymer and Mekia Watson. The members of the basketball team include Ervin Alexander, Paris Barnes, Kevin Coleman, Ferris Ford, Isaiah France, Charlie Gibson, Earl Lyles, Antwone Rickard, Shawn Smith, Mike Taylor, Ronald Thomas, Ramon Webster, Tomont Williams and Isiaha Taylor, manager.

Jacqueline Brandon is the coach of the cheerleading team and Roger McMurray is coach of the basketball team. Jessie Hymes and LaTarsha Sherrod serve as the program's academic advisors. Bill McClain, HAWS Youth Services Coordinator, oversees the operation of the program.

Tiny Indians to hold early registration for players, taking applications for coaches

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The Winston-Salem Tiny Indians Inc. will have early registration for the 1999 football season on Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Ray Agnew Football

Field on Waterworks Road.

The Indians are also still looking for coaches for its cheerleading and coaching positions. Saturday will be the last day that applications will be accepted.

Last year's participants who

still have equipment are asked to also bring their equipment to the field. Players will not be able to register if they still have equipment from last year. For more information, contact Shirelle Stewart-Riddick at 723-2573.

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