

Hayes receives national honor for involvement in Boy Scouts

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What do football coaches participate in when they are away from the field? Most have some form of diversion that helps take their minds off football at the end of a long, grueling day or at season's end.

Bill Hayes, the head football coach at N.C. A&T, has found an

avenue to help keep him focused on the big picture. For the past half-dozen or so years, Hayes has spent many of his free hours as a Boy Scout volunteer. And while he's managed to keep that low-key, he recently received an honor from the national organization that brought him into the limelight.

Hayes, who served as the head football coach at Winston-Salem

State for 12 years and is still the Rams' all-time winningest coach, was honored by the Boy Scouts of America at their national meeting in Boston, Mass. Hayes, who is also the Aggies' all-time winningest coach, received the Silver Antelope award, the highest regional award bestowed upon a Boy Scout volunteer.

"We are very proud to have

coach Hayes receive this award," said John Fitzpatrick of the Boy Scouts of America Southern Region. "His Greensboro program is one of the top programs in the country and is the type children benefit from participating in."

The Scoutreach program in Greensboro serves more than 800 "at risk" youths throughout the Greensboro community. Hayes has

been very instrumental in helping the program reach out to kids in the community.

"Through his football coaching, he has gotten many of his football players involved with the Scoutreach program, which allows them to have an opportunity to interact with youths and give back to the community."

Hayes, who still lives in Win-

ston-Salem, has amassed 94 victories as head coach at N.C. A&T in 13 seasons as the Aggies' head coach. He also led the Aggies to the National Black Championship in 1999 and three MEAC championships. Last season the Aggies posted an 8-3 record. A&T will open its 2001 season in the annual Aggie-Eagle Classic against N.C. Central in Raleigh on Sept. 1.

New Winston Lake clubhouse should be named for E. Jerry Jones

LETTER TO THE SPORTS EDITOR:

Golf is a sport that can be enjoyed by all, regardless of age, gender or color. This is evident more today than ever. Yet a lot had to be done in order for people of color to be able to have the same facilities and opportunities as their white counterparts, when it came to golf courses and tournaments. Elvia Jerry Jones, better known as E. Jerry Jones, worked hard and did his best to see that Winston Lake Golf Course measured up to others in the area like the Reynolds Park and Old Town golf courses.

Joe White, an assistant under Lloyd B. Hathaway, head of the Winston-Salem Department of Recreation at the time, interviewed and hired Jones as manager of the Winston Lake Golf Course. After an intensive review

of Jones' resume, it was evident that Jones was the man they wanted. At that time, black golfers were not welcome at area courses that catered to white golfers.

White asked Jones a serious question when he was hired: will you be able to keep your people (blacks) from coming to play at Reynolds Park? Jones believed that golfers should be able to play wherever the courses and greens were best fit to tee off. At that time, Winston-Lake Golf Course had only nine holes vs. the 18 holes at Reynolds Park, plus the course was often overcrowded.

Jones made it known that if the recreation assistant manager wanted blacks to stay at the Winston Lake Golf Course, then he needed an additional nine holes added to ease the overcrowding and bring the course up to "par" with the others in the area. As the

golf manager, Jones pushed to get the staff integrated, requested the addition of a practice range and sand traps.

Jones owned golf carts and rented them out at the course through a contract with the city. After vast improvements at the golf course, Jones concentrated on bringing Professional-Amateur tournaments and other tournaments to the course. Tournaments such as the annual Pro-Am tournaments, the Fall and Spring Festival tournaments made it possible for black golfers to play in tournaments when segregation did not permit them to play in other tournaments, such as the Forsyth Invitational. The Pro-Am tournaments gave black golfers, many who later turned professional, the opportunity to show off their talents and excel. Some of the esteemed golfers who

played in the Pro-Am tournaments at Winston Lake Golf Course were Lee Elder, James Dent, James Black, Chuck Thorpe, Jim Thorpe and Leonard Jones, to name a few.

E. Jerry Jones was the first black in Forsyth County to get a PGA apprentice card. He completed schools I and II. In order to get this card, one had to be highly recommended to attend PGA School. Grady Shumache, Joe Annicelli (pro at Old Town Country Club) and Dave Hill (pro at Forsyth Country Club) signed and recommended that Jones attend the school. After Jones received his apprentice card, he became the first to teach the fundamentals of golf at Wake Forest University. Jones also became the first black member of the Forsyth County Invitational. By being a member, Jones executed his rights

and fought for black golfers to be able to play in the tournament. With the backing of the NAACP and Board of Aldermen, Jones helped to open the way for Joe Johnson to be the first black golfer to play and win the Forsyth County Invitational Tournament.

The reputation of E. Jerry Jones as a fighter for the rights of black golfers and his love of the sport led him to become a great organizer of many different tournaments. Jones believed that black golfers had just as much right to play on the best-kept and groomed greens and in tournaments that could give them opportunities to excel at the professional level. Jones organized several tournaments such as the Inner-City Tournament, where golfers from area cities converged on Winston Lake Golf Course to compete. He also organized the

Senior Golfers Tournament at Winston Lake for many years. He organized the Junior golfers, where they could come out in the evening with coaches to practice and play. Those golfers who broke 80 were awarded scholarships to CIAA schools. The students at WSSU practiced and played at Winston Lake. He helped them with golfing issues, for his work with the CIAA schools, he was given an award by the coaches of the teams.

To improve play at Winston Lake, he had McLean Trucking, Hanes Hosiers, AT&T, Schlitz Brewery and Westinghouse to play in the afternoon. It was spaced so each group could participate during daylight saving time.

Robert Bethea
Winston Lake Golf Association

Tiny Vikings Booster Club meeting set for June 14 at Carl Russell Center

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Tiny Vikings Organization will host a Booster Club meeting on June 14 at the Carl H. Russell Recreation Center at 7 p.m. The organization is still in need of head coaches and assistant coaches, board members, and other volunteers.

Anyone interested in writing sports highlights for the Tiny Vikings organization is urged to see Jo Ann Bush, our public relations director and media correspondent. We would like to encourage any parents, school staff, college organization and/or any interested parties to be at the

meeting on June 14.

Also any local DJs or interested parties who are interested in announcing the game according to the guidelines of the officiating referee, please e-mail WSTINYVIKINGS@hotmail.com or try and attend the meeting. The Winston-Salem Tiny Vikings Booster Club is open to anyone in the community who has an interest in helping with the children in academics and abiding by the Northwest Midget Football League rules, and regional and national guidelines of the Pop Warner Little League Scholars Program.

We look forward to working

with several different clubs, organizations, and school personnel to help all children who participate in the program. If you have any suggestions, comments, or proposals in reference to academics, feel free to attend the meetings or send a representative. We are open for suggestions and we welcome all volunteers.

The president of the Winston-Salem Tiny Vikings is Robert McCormick. You can reach him anytime at WSTINYVIKINGS@hotmail.com or contact him in person at the Tiny Vikings Booster Club meetings, which are held on every second Thursday of the month.

Rangers

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and keep our kids here and let them develop their talent."

That is an area where Candace Stowe, vice president of T-

place and came back and won it."

With a strong early start, Stowe and Teal both said, the players in the T-Ball division should be prepared to make a contribution in the league as they continue to mature.

"I see the way that our black kids are getting away from baseball, especially at the high school level.... "This league has the ability to do something about that. It's important that we see our black kids out here playing baseball."

- Kenny Teal

Ball, said Twin City is attempting to provide all the tools to do so.

"I think our season went great this year," Stowe said. "What the Rangers accomplished was outstanding. They started out the season in third

"You have to lay the foundation for the kids in the sport," Teal said. "That's the kind of sport baseball is. You have to work on skills and develop talent rather than rely on all natural talent."

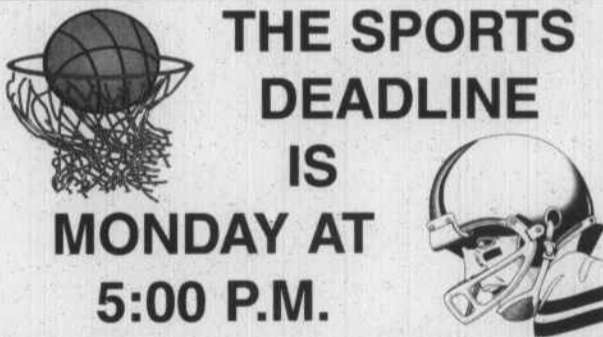
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