

SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

Now that Sam Jones, the super basketball player who never attained top ratings as a coach at Federal City or North Carolina Central, has moved on to other fields of endeavor it is difficult to imagine the man with the fluid moves and magic shot doing any better as a colorman in radio and television broadcasting than he did at the college coaching level.

This reporter has found no reports of tears being shed in Durham over Sam's leaving, and it is a widely known fact that he did not live up to expectations as a coach -- either on or off the courts -- at either the Washington, D.C. institution or the Durham school.

Sam allegedly got knee deep in hot water with his superiors at both schools. He reportedly served four troubled years at Federal City where his won and lost record was far less than impressive. And no one can smile very broadly about the 5-16 mark he posted in his one season at NCCU. No one, that is except the players, coaches and supporters of the opposing teams.

Now word comes that Sam has not recruited nor scouted any high school stars for the new Eagle squad and that he only recruited two players for the 1973 team. It's questionable at this writing whether these two young men will be on campus when time rolls around to lace up the sneakers for opening practice in mid-October.

One would have to believe that N.C. Central will be better off without the man who once led them to great heights as a player. Unless, of course, you consider the man who will eventually accept the opportunity to fill the position.

The basketball coach who replaces Sam Jones at North Carolina Central will be like a man walking down a dark alley in the ghettoafter midnight ... unarmed. The odds are great against a successful completion of such a hazardous journey.

North Carolina Central has a great tradition in athletics. It is hoped here that the famed institution, which has been served by some of the greatest names in the coaching profession, will quickly get over the mistake it made in placing its basketball coaching reigns in the care of one of its super stars. And that the Eagles will soon soar back to the heights they once attained in basketball circles.

ABOUT OTHER THINGS ... One will get you three that Charlotte will get a professional football team shortly, and the odds are even greater that this area will not support a losing team. On the basis of the foregoings, it would be a good idea for Mr. Upton Bell to bring a lot of cash along with the Detroit Wheels when he sets up shop here.

And additional food for thought is that if the city of Charlotte is willing to make concessions in the leasing of Memorial Stadium to a profit-making outfit such as a professional football organization, shouldn't Johnson C. Smith get the same considerations for its football games? Let's not forget that J.C. Smith has been one of the stadium's biggest money makers for a number of years.

Here's a \$64 question for you. Will Joe Alston accept the head basketball coach position at North Carolina Central University?

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# Morgan State, Delaware State

## Open MEAC Football Campaign

Morgan, State, the team picked by the coaches in the Mid - Eastern Athletic Conference to win the 1974 MEAC football title, and Delaware State College will be the only two MEAC teams in action Saturday as the '74 gridiron season gets underway.

The Bears of Morgan State will play Jackson State College in Philadelphia OIC Classic

Philadelphia's Veteran Stadium at 2 p.m. while Delaware State will \*be at home against Elizabeth City of the CIAA in another two o'clock encounter.

The five other MEAC in stitutions will open their schedules a week later.

One reason Morgan State got the nod as the number one team in the conference this fall is because the Bears return 17 starters from the 1973 team which compiled a 6-

Coach Nat Taylor, who takes over as head coach at Morgan succeeding Earl Banks, has seven starters back on offense and 10 on defense. "Defense will be our strong suit," states Taylor who has been an assistant. coach at Morgan for nine

"Defense wins ball games."

#### Commisioners

## Change Public

### **Hearing Date**

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has postponed a public hearing on zoning petitions from 2 p.m., Monday, September 9, to 2 p.m., Monday, September 23. The hearing will be on the fourth floor of the County Office Building.

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.A&T's Tackle continued Taylor "provided

you have a little offense to go along with it. We have a strong first unit but we need to develop some reserve strength.

The only player missing from the defensive unit of a year ago is defensive end Cliff Greenfield. Eugene Simms, voted the top defensive player in the conference last year, spearheads the defensive unit from his linebacking position. The 6-1 senior from Washington, D. C. made the small college All - American squad last year and has been picked on several pre - season A-A teams.

The defensive secondary composed of All - MEAC cornerbacks Donnie Tyus and Tim Baylor and safety Broughton Reid has experience

A&T has 34 lettermen returning to the squad this season. The Aggies finished the season with a disappointing 4-6-1 record last campaign.

Coach Hornsby Howell has nine starters back on defense but back up strength is a problem with defensive unit. The secondary has experience.

Defensive end Ronald Tuck led as the list of defensive starters returning. He will be joined by Willie Jones, Dwight Nettles, Antonio Wilson and safetymen John Hampton and Morrie McKee

Senior Paul McKibbons will

direct the Aggie offense from Bulldogs have been picked by the quarterback position. He the coaches in the MEAC to proved last season to be an adequate passer as well as a good runner. The backfield the strong point for Coach, should be up to par with All -

Holland and George Ragsdale. Brown, John Hairston and Stokes has the speed and pass catching ability to be one of the top receivers in the conference. Stanfield is also a threat in the pass catching department having caught 17 passes for 336 yards last year. Freshmen running backs McKinney

MEAC Artis Stanfield, Al

McKinney and Melvin Cathey and newcomer Rachon Fuller, a defensive standout from Greensboro figure highly in the A&T plans this fall.

North Carolina Central has been picked to finish fifth in the standings this year but second year coach Willie Smith is keeping quiet. Last year the Eagles were picked to finish fourth in the preseason poll but came on to win their second straight MEAC football title.

The Eagles lost 10 starters of their 7-4 championship team of a year ago. The big weakness for NCCU are in the backfield and the offensive

Fullback James Smith returns at his fullback position to give the Eagles a strong runner from that position. Smith gained 672 yards last year to lead the Eagles' running game.

South Carolina State returns twenty monogram winners from the 1973 team which went 7-3-1 enroute to a berth in the Orange Blossom Classic. The



finish second this year Defensé will again rank as Willie Jeffries' eleven. S. C. State allowed opponents only 113 points last season. Seven Along with offensive starters return on defense frontwall will be David including three of the secondary men which allowed Frank Johnson, Osure Wray, only three touchdowns

through the air last fall. Defensive starters returning include linebackers Razzie Smith, William Thompson, and Johnny Mason, cornerback Leonard Duncan and Anthony Evans and linemen Harry Carson, Ronnie Cureton and Anthony Evans

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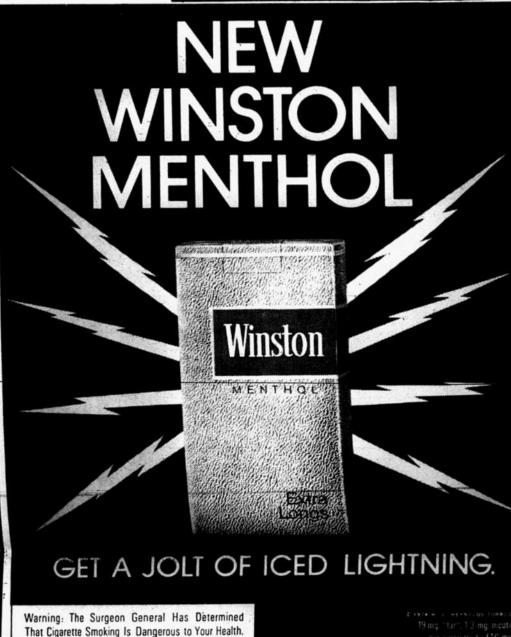
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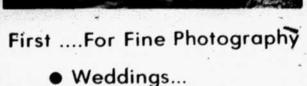
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