



JAMES D. TURNER
...Duke football star

Duke Athlete Is Withers' House Guest

The Claude Withers' of 2910 Burbank Drive have had a professional football prospect and All Atlantic Coast Conference and North Carolina State Fencing Champion as a house guest for the past week.

James Dennis Turner, a senior history major at Duke University is a friend of the Withers' daughter, Claudia, who is a Duke graduate now working at The Charlotte Observer.

In February, the Withers' daughter, will be attending the Institute for Para-legal Training in Philadelphia.

Turner is anticipating a professional football contract. He played defensive tackle for the Blue Devils who went six and five. He will be returning to Duke this week. Of his brief stay in the Queen City, he said, "It's nice."

The 21-year-old played football for all four years of his years at Duke making "All ACC." He was also a fencer in high school.

"I did not get to Duke on a football scholarship," he said. "I just decided to go out for the team after I got there and I made it," said the son of Mrs. and Mrs. John Turner of 1322 Kings Place in Philadelphia.

14-Year Old Minister To Preach Here

The members of Caty Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church located at 624 Chicago Avenue will celebrate Victoria Richardson's Day on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. L. Price is the minister of the church.

A 14-year-old minister from Pageland, S. C. and his choir and congregation will be special guests of the church. The Rev. David Mungo will preach the sermon to which the public is cordially invited, said Mrs. Judy Nesbitt, the church's secretary.

The East Stowell A. M. E. Zion, the Middle Street A. M. E. Zion, the Weeping Street A. M. E. Zion, the Hood Memorial A. M. E. Zion churches and the Temple Chapel Baptist Church will join Caty Memorial Church in celebrating this event.

The Spiritual Echoes gospel singing group will provide music at the church which is about eight years old, Victoria Richardson, said Mrs. J. Nesbitt, was the founder of the WHM Society's Young Women's Home and Foreign Mission.

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Williams Named "Mr. Purple Cross"

The Purple Cross Nursing Unit, an auxiliary of The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of The World, held its 4th Annual Purple Cross Dance last Saturday night, January 4th, from 10 until 2 a.m., at the National Guard Armory.

The highlight of the annual pay-dance affair was the Crowning of "Mr. Purple Cross."

This year four contestants, Hosea Williams, James Floyd, Edward Hogue, and Adolphus Williams, competed for the crown by seeking to raise the highest amount of money for the Purple Cross's Nursing Scholarship Fund and Hosea Williams was named the winner and crowned during intermission ceremonies.

Approximately 350 people paid \$3.00 to witness the crowning and dance to the music of The Zouillis Band.

Pass State President Emeritus and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sherwood T. Enloe of Shelby, N. C. addressed the gathering as did Lem Long, Jr., North Carolina State Association of Elks President.

The officers of the 19-member, 6-year-old Charlotte Chapter of the Purple Cross Nursing Unit are: Florence Burke, President; Burline McClain, Vice-President; Dorothy McMurray, Secretary, Mr. Dolphus Williams, Financial Secretary, and Mrs.

Ms. Williams Hosts Gala Party

Candle-light effects, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and the music of The Love Unlimited Orchestra's White Gold album were provided by Ms. Catherine P. Williams who entertained her friends with a "big" New Year's party on New Year's Day.

Special guests at the party included Ms. Williams' cousins Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Love of San Francisco, California who

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"MR. PURPLE CROSS-1975," Hosea Williams, 4th from left, was crowned last Saturday night during ceremonies at intermission of the Purple Cross Nursing Unit's Fourth Annual Dance at National Guard Armory. Purple Cross organizer Mildred S. Glenn, third from left, bestows the crown as Lem Long Jr., Elks State President, left in back ground, Sarah Funderburke, Past Grand Daughter Ruler, center rear, and Past State President Emeritus Sherwood T. Enloe, right rear, observe. Photo by Peeler.

Mildred S. Glenn, Secretary, are: Sarah Funderburke, Past Grand Daughter Ruler; Willie Coleman, Carrie Grier, Hosea Williams, James Floyd, Edward Hogue, Margaret Carrothers, Laura McCaskeal (all Past State Presidents), and new members Mildred Chriswell, Fleta Alexander, Doretha Flemming, and Annie Andrews.

Other members of the organization, which was begun in 1967 and is headquartered at 3312 Tuckaseegee Road,

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Local guests included Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Ivey, Ms. Mary L. Williams, Mr. Felix Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Len Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. David Shipman, Ms. Maraguerite Flanders, Johnny Bowman, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNair.

"It was a most enjoyable evening for all, said Ms. Williams who wished a prosperous New Year to all of her guests.

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