

### IF YOU ASK ME.....

.. Picking a winner in the famed CIAA Basketball Tournament at the Greensboro Coliseum next weekend is about as difficult as finding a bargain at a Dollar Day Sale.

.. One's initial impulse is to go out on the limb with Norfolk State's colorful Spartans, who wrapped up the northern division title with little difficulties. It must be remembered, too, that the Spartans have walked away from the Greensboro dome with three titles in the past four years. The Virginia school has dominated the tournament since 1968. They won championships in '74, '72, '71, '68, & '65 and they finished second in '73, '69 & '66. That's brilliant achievement in any league.

.. Norfolk's brilliant credentials, notwithstanding, this corners sort of like Winston-Salem State's unpredictable Rams, who have been unbeatable down the home stretch. Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines' young crew won eight straight contests enroute to the southern division championship. This tremendous upsurge gives one the feeling that Bighouse is on the way back to the lofty perch he once enjoyed as the kingpin of CIAA basketball.

.. Bighouse has not made a significant showing in the big dribble derby since 1970 when he whipped Maryland State in that memorable overtime contest that is listed among the great games of a meet that is infested with outstanding contests.

. . That victory gave Bighouse his sixth title since 1953, and the honor of being the only cage taskmaster with as many championships.

.. Gaines is as crafty as a riverboat gambler when the tournament chips are down. He has a fine crew of horses, led by Thomas Paulin, Don Helton, Carlos Terry, James Pegues and Stenson Conley. Paulin, who was corralled by the great Cleo Hill, is the most dangerous of the Rams with an impressive 21-point scoring average. Charlotte Don Helton, is an army veteran who has a shooting consistency of 14 points and Terry has been rougher than an uncontrolled ocean wave off the boards with 14 rebounds a game. .. That's a powerful lot of ammunition for a coach so tourney-wise as Bighouse.

...Johnson C. Smith has the tools to become a nemesis. Jerry Fitch has the great George Cooper, who leads the conference in individual scoring and is second in individual rebounding. The Golden Bulls, however, have shown very little organization during one of their worse campaigns in recent history and it is felt here that Cooper can not do it all by himself.

... This reporter places Elizabeth City in the

# **A&T State Signs Nine Football Blue Chippers**

track.

Greensboro-North Carolina A&T football coach Hornsby Howell has announced the signing of nine high school football players, including hree which he calls "definitely blue chippers."

...Leading the signees of grants-in-aid to A&T are Mike Griffin, a 225-pound All-State

defensive lineman from Winston-Salem; Mike Hill, a 185pound All-Tidewater end from Chesapeake. Virginia; and Dwaine Boyd, a 230-pound All-State defensive lineman from Union Hall, Va.

. The other signees are Ken Villaponteau, 225-pound offensive lineman, Wando, S. C.; Terrance Jones, 220-pound linebacker, Roanoke, Va.; Calvin Hawkins, 205-pound running back, Grimesland, N. C.; George Small, 240-pound defensive lineman, Raeford, N.C.; George Blakeney, 230pound offensive lineman, Norwood, N. C.; and Jim Garrison, 170-pound wide receiver, Murfreesboro, N.C.

"Some of these boys turned down some topflight football powers to come with us," said Howell, "and we are extremely grateful."

Hill was recruited by the ACC, the Big 10 and the Southern Conference. He caught 18 passes for 357 yards **PBS** Highlights

## Ski Jump

### Competition

... The 1975 United States Ski Jumping Championships will take place in Brattleboro Vermont, and bring together the top 80 jumpers in the country. The winners of the 1975 competition not only earn national titles, but qualify for the 1976 Olympic Jump Team. .Highlights from this exciting event -- including preli-

minary runs, final - runs, awards and interviews with leading contenders, will be telecast nationally over the Public Broadcasting Service, Monday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m. WTVI, Channel 42.

Narrator for the event will be John Bawer; former Olympic coach, winner of the Holmenkollen Festival in Oslo, Norway in 1968, and presently the coach at Middlebury College. Assisting Bawer will be Al Merrill, an Olympic coach and presently the coach at Dartmouth College. Jim Shea, Olympic contender in

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last season and three touch-...Griffin of R. J. Reynolds downs and earned a spot of the High was also highly recruit-All-Eastern Region and the ed. "He is extremely quick All-Tidewater team. He led and strong," said Howell. In Oscar Smith High to a district addition to making the Alleo-championship. He also State team, Griffin was starred in basketball and named All-Southern and All-

District 8.



JUNIOR BOWLING CHAMPIONS ...Bobby Guy & Jimmie Hackett

## **Junior Bowlers To**

# **Compete In State Meet**

. Two young Charlotte Bowlers and their coach are getting their form in top shape for the State Junior Bowling Tournament to be held in Gastonia during the months of April and

May. ...Robby Buys, an 11-year-old who lives at 6508 Hidden Forest Drive and Sonny Hackett, a 10-year-old who lives across the street at 6509 Hidden Forest Drive and their coach. Mrs. M. A. Blake, bowl and practice each Saturday at North 29.

.These two junior bowlers, who roll in the North 29 Junior league, are the city's Junior Doubles champions. They captured the title recently at "Park Lanes by rolling up a Mrs. Blake. The boys recently received their trophies showing an excellent performance in the Holiday event. West Charlotte's

1961 Class To

### **Meet Sunday**

The West Charlotte High School Class of 1961 will hold a meeting Sunday, at 6 o'clock.

The meeting will be held at the Greenville Center. All members of the class are ask- M CIAA TEAMS ed to be there.

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# **Howard To Host MEAC Carnival**

Washington--Howard University will host the fourth annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Swimming and Wrestling championship Friday and Saturday, February 21 & 22

Morgan State edged South Carolina State by eight points for the team swimming championship last year at Maryland-Eastern Shore while the Baltimore institute ased by Delaware State by 2 points for the team wrestling

title

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Five teams will be competing for the team championship in swimming while six teams will battle for the wrestling title. Morgan State is the defending team champion in both sports.

Morgan State is favorite to win both titles again this year. Delaware State is rated as the darkhorse in the wrestling championships while South Carolina State is expected to give the Bear swimmers a run for their money in the swim-

Morgan, South Carolina. North Carolina Central, A & T. Delaware State and Howard will compete for the same title in wrestling while thes ame institutions minus A & T and North Carolina Central will vie for the swimming championships.

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Morgan State returns two individual wrestling title

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"sleeper" category.

ABOUT OTHER THINGS .....

.. Coach Willie Jeffries has signed 20 football players for the 1975 South Carolina State College football team. Three Charlotteans, -- Walt Sullivan, Thomas O'Leary and David Brown --are among the recruits who should make the Bulldogs one of the most powerful teams in small college football .....

.: Donnie Roberts, the St. Paul's College sharpshooter, has wrapped up individual scoring honors for CIAA cagers. Roberts is averaging 26.6 points a game. slightly more than a point more than George Cooper, who has been sensational this campaign for Johnson C. Smith. Cooper's scoring consistency is 25.4.

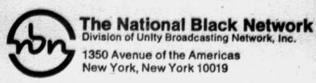
... Norfolk State in the North and Winston-Salem State and J. C. Smith in the south have cinched berths in the 30th CIAA Basketball Tournament n Greensboro next weekend.

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**Olympic Team will interview** the competitors.

the 1968 total pin score of 1174.

... "The boys are real excited for events for the coming M Johnson C. Smith Univ. about going to Gastonia," said year.

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### PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Delaware State College, Howard University, Morgan State College, N. C. A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, South Carolina State College, and University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

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