

Sports Beat



At Fayetteville State

Joe Robinson Named Head Basketball Coach

By JOHN HENDERSON
Special to the Post

Fayetteville -- A native of Charlotte, North Carolina has been named the new Director of Athletics and head basketball coach at Fayetteville State University.

He is Dr. Joe R. Robinson, Fayetteville State University Chancellor, Dr. Charles A. Lyons, Jr. made the announcement last week and said the appointment is effective July 1.

Robinson, 37, succeeds Dr. William Bell as Athletic Director and Otis Hawkins as head basketball coach. Bell announced his retirement after five years as head of the athletic department and Hawkins was relieved of coaching duties after two seasons as head basketball coach.



Joe Robinson
Former W. Charlotte ace

Dr. Robinson, who finished West Charlotte High School, received his undergraduate training at the University of

Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Maryland in 1961 and the M. S. degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, in 1967.

He received the doctorate degree from Arizona State University.

FSU Chancellor Lyons said on the appointment of Robinson "He has the capabilities for both positions and is keen on doing both. He certainly has the background. This is a plus for us."

No stranger to the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), Robinson was head basketball coach at Maryland Eastern Shore in 1966. Over the next five years, his teams won 75 percent of their games, including one unbeaten season. Maryland-Eastern Shore, then a member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), was runner-up in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament once and reached the quarterfinals another time under Robinson.

Robinson has not coached since leaving the Maryland school in 1971. He was an assistant professor of physical education and director of intramural athletics at Jackson State University for two years, then a teaching assistant at Arizona State two more years.

"I had to get out of coaching for a while in order to get my doctorate," he said. "However, it was always my intention to get back into it as an athletic director and for a few more years of coaching."

On the basketball program at FSU Robinson said: "I'm a winner by tradition. Fayetteville State University won the CIAA basketball championship in 1973, wants to regain the image."

Dr. Robinson is married and has four sons, ages 16, 13, 11 and 6.



Photo By Jim Black
"COOLING IT" - When it's hot go to Ken's pool - that's becoming the motto in University Park. Enjoying the water at another hot prompt party last week are Rebecca Taylor, Kenneth Diamond, Verne Ely, Barbara and Slack Steele.

IT OCCURS TO ME THAT.....

Fayetteville State University has made a very wise move in naming Joe Robinson its new athletic director and head basketball coach.....

Remembered as one of the greatest quarterbacks Jack Martin developed at West Charlotte, Robinson directed the basketball Hawks of old Maryland State University to great heights in the CIAA. He should do well at Fayetteville.....

List this writer among those who would like to see Muhammad Ali go through with his plans to quit the fight game. Most of the great fighters of the past century stayed around too long. Let's hope the man who has done so much for boxing will give it up while still at the height of his very colorful career.

We have learned that Dr. Jack S. Brayboy, one of the greatest athletes ever to perform with the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University is ailing. It is hoped here that the former three-time All American will mend quickly.

Alcorn State University's football Braves and the Grambling State University Tigers will play in the opening collegiate contest in the New Orleans Superdome. The game is billed as one of the highlights of the dome's opening and fans from Mississippi, Louisiana and surrounding states are expected to fill the 81, 187 seats for the Sept. 6 clash.

The famed Braves of Alcorn will make an appearance in Durham on September 27 for a 1 o'clock encounter with the North Carolina Central Eagles.

Beginning Friday August 8, WBTB will carry play-by-play the entire Washington Redskins pre-season football games. Jim Thacker will call the action and Sonny Jurgenson will do the color. Three of the four encounters will be played on Friday nights and one on Saturday night.

Only three of the eight Johnson C. Smith University football players now working out with the Charlotte Hornets have better-than-average chances of making the World Football League squad. They are Dan Whyte, Bruce Dukes and Bill Dulin.

Harry Carson of Florence, S. C. and Neely Dunn of Coca, Fla. have been chosen co-captains of the 1975 South Carolina State College football squad. Both are rising seniors. An All-American, Carson led the 1974 Bulldogs in both tackles and assists.

Eddie Harris, Johnson C. Smith University's golf coach, is readying plans for a four ball golf tournament at a local par 3-course. He likely will stage the event in mid-July.

Hornsby Howell, the veteran head football coach at North Carolina A&T State University, has announced the Aggies will open football practice on August 10. He expects 60 candidates. "With our first game less than one month away after we start our drills," Howell explains, "my staff and I just don't have the time to work with a lot of players."

The Aggies, who open their 1975 schedule with powerful Virginia Union in Greensboro Memorial Stadium on Sept. 6, have a tough schedule with Howard, Morgan and Grambling back to back.

Have you ever wondered how the top 40 basketball players in the USA are chosen? The list is a compilation of seven scholastic All-American teams, two recruiting services and a special panel of 15 college coaches around the nation.

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BATCH Stages First Tennis Tournament

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

"That was a good shot, brother," remarked a spectator at Saturday's and Sunday's round-robin tournament of the Black Association for Tennis in Charlotte. (BATCH). Shouts of "good shot," "watch that line!" "what do you mean man!" That was on the line, it wasn't out," echoed through the air on a day that was especially made for tennis, sunny and beautiful. The rays reflected shadows on the beautiful asphalt courts at Northwood Estates.

And the spectators and participants alike, enjoyed the new interest in tennis that is being generated by BATCH.

Last year tennis was revived as a cultural and recreational activity of and for the Black community by the Board of Directors: Joseph L. Alston, Robert D. Hicks, John B. Mickle, and Floyd D. Young. This year according to Mickle, Alston has left Charlotte to become athletic director at North Carolina Central University and Harvey Gantt, Claude Saunders and Alex Thompson are the new board members.

Membership in BATCH is open to all Blacks in Mecklenburg County and other acceptable interested individuals. The first general membership meeting of the group was held at 7:30 p.m. on June 25.

Future events for the embryonic group are a Westside Invitational Junior's Tournament on August 2 and 3 at the West Charlotte courts and the Adult Westside Invitational Tennis Tournament to be held from August 23 to August 31 on the same courts.

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In singles play, Harvey Gantt defeated Claude Saunders 3-1; Bill McCombs defeated Tennyson Johnson 3-0; Alex Thompson defeated Robert Reeves 3-2; Doc King defeated Brown, 3-1; Robert Hicks defeated Harvey Gantt 3-0; Claude Saunders defeated James Cuthbertson 3-1; Bill McCombs defeated Brown 3-0; John Mickle defeated Tennyson Johnson 3-0; Alex Thompson defeated King 3-0; Robert Hicks defeated Robert Reeves 3-0; Claude Saunders defeated James Alston 3-2; and Bill McCombs defeated Otis 3-0.

In doubles play, Alston-King defeated Brown-Johnson 5-3; Hicks-Cuthbertson defeated Saunders-Otis 5-2; and King-Alston defeated Thompson-Reeves 5-2.

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