

Karem Abdul Jabbar's Mother

Warm, Affable Mrs. Cora Alcindor Enjoys Visits With Friends Here

"I knew it all the time," a warm and affable Mrs. Cora Alcindor says she jokingly tells her friends when they ask if she had any idea she was pushing around a millionaire in the baby carriage she used to transport her famous and talented son, basketball star, Lew Alcindor (Karem Abdul Jabbar), during his childhood.



LEW ALCINDOR'S MOTHER, Cora, at right, chats with long time friend, Mrs. Leon Mitchell, center, and her husband as they reflect about old times while looking at the Mitchell's photo album last Sunday.

Mrs. Alcindor, born in Ansonville, N. C., was in Charlotte this week staying with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mitchell of 1701 LaSalle Street and visiting other friends and relatives in the Charlotte area and her home town of Ansonville.

She has known Mrs. Mitchell since they were 13 years old and they have been close friends for 26 years while they lived in New York.

As the friends chatted last Sunday at the Mitchell home, Mrs. Alcindor recalled, "I didn't know I was pregnant with Lew," she (Mrs. Mitchell) had to tell me." The 5-foot-tall Mrs. Alcindor explained, "she noticed that I had gained weight - from 104 pounds to 145 - and I had always been skinny."

Since being here Mrs. Alcindor has visited with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Little of 1923 Jennings Street, Ms. Stella Ance of 2140 Horne Drive, among other places, and has been to dinner with the Mitchells at the Red Lobster restaurant on Freedom Drive.

She has also visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George McBride, in Ansonville, N. C.

band, Ferdinand Alcindor - a Police Lieutenant with the New York Transit Authority

for 20 years and a trombone player - live in Laurelton, New York at 233-13 130th Avenue.

Her son Lew, 28, now in his first season with the Los Angeles Lakers, lives in Washington, D. C. in the off-season with his wife, the former Janice Brown. Karem

Abdul Jabbar and his wife, Habaiha, have one daughter, 3-year-old, also named Habaiha after her mother.

Housewife Alcindor says her hobbies are playing golf and playing the guitar. Her golf, she says, "is in the learning stage" and she takes lessons from Henry "Hank" Campbell at the Fresh Meadows Municipal Golf Course in Queens, New York.

She has been studying the guitar for "about 3 years" and takes her lessons from Charlie Jackson, an accomplished guitarist who has played with several top bands.

Mrs. Alcindor says she does as much traveling as she can. She has been to Hawaii and plans "to travel around the world"; she especially looks forward to visiting Hong Kong, Africa, Tokyo, and India.

Bison, Spartans Rated High In MBRN Poll Preseason Poll

Three Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) and one Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (CIAA) teams are rated among the top selections of the 1975 preseason Black College Preview recently released by the actual Black Radio Network. The Howard University Bison are rated number four and are predicted to take home top honors in the MEAC. He is expected to be challenged by 5th ranked South Carolina State and 15th ranked North Carolina Central University.

Norfolk State, who had an 8-0 CIAA record and an 8-3 record overall and an appearance in the first annual Gateway Bowl Classic in Atlanta, Georgia, is rated eighth. Norfolk State finished eighth in the 1974's final poll.

Norfolk according to the pollsters will be closely pursued by Virginia Union rated 11 and Livingstone College rated number 14.

Coach Eddie Robinson's Frambling Tigers who won the MBRN 1974 football ranking title are ranked number one and followed by other powerhouses such as Alcorn

State (2) Tuskegee (3) Southern University (6) Tennessee State (7), Jackson State (9), Florida A&M (10), Fort Valley State (12), Central State of Ohio (13) in addition to the CIAA and MEAC teams.

Grumbling's perch on the top position is very precarious.

ous. On September 6 in the Superdome in New Orleans they will face second ranked Alcorn State in the season's opener for the squads ranked as the best in the nation among the Black colleges.

Conference picks are Grumbling in the Southwestern Athletic Conference

(SWAC), Howard in the MEAC, Norfolk in the CIAA. Tuskegee, a last minute 15-14 victory over the Spartans from the Tidewater area in Division I of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) and Fort Valley State Division II of the SIAC.

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