

# Dr. William Bell Enshrined In Ads' Hall Of Fame

By John B. Henderson  
Special To The Post

FAYETTEVILLE-Dr. William M. Bell, former Director of Athletics at Fayetteville State University (N.C.), has been enshrined in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame.

The ceremony took place recently in Hollywood, Florida.

"It is a great honor," Bell said of the selection, "to be honored by your peers and to cap off an active career like this."

A native of Polk County, Georgia, Dr. Bell received the B.A., M.A. and the Ph.D. degree at Ohio State University.

The 67-year-old Georgian is somewhat responsible for opening the doors for black athletics at major colleges in the United States and was the first black player to play football at Ohio State.

Still active, and in good shape, the 6-1 Bell still weighs about 200 pounds, his playing weight when he was named All-Big Ten tackle and selected to several honorable mention All-America teams in 1931.

Bell's career spans include positions at Howard University, Assistant Football Coach; Director of Athletics and head coach at Claflin University; Director of Athletics, Head Football Coach and Chairman of the Physical Education Department at Florida A&M University; Assistant Director of Physical Training and head coach at Tuskegee Army Air Field during World War II; and Director of Athletics and head football coach at North Carolina A&T State University (1946-1968).

## Gary Berry Is

## Determined To

## Be Best Back

By James Cuthbertson  
Post Sports Editor

"If you don't believe in yourself, you don't believe in all," said cornerback Gary Berry, who is determined to become the best Defensive Back that has ever existed.

What does a cornerback do? "A cornerback has a million and one responsibilities. He is responsible for turning the running back inside so that the ends and tackles can take care of him," said the 5'9"-155 pound son of Mr. and Mrs. Rossie L. Berry of Rt. 7 Derita.

Seventeen year old Gary likes basketball and soccer and intends to play soccer next year. He also likes traveling and lists New York City as one of his favorite places because there are so many "places to go and things to see."

He likes Bob McAdoo cause "he is quiet like me and very likable and very enjoyable...computer programming is in his future or professional athletics...Fred Williams son and Pam Grier are his favorite stars..." "The Exorcist" and "Honor Thy Father" are his favorite books...Barbeque chicken is his favorite food along with cherry pie, applesauce and hamburgers and his most exciting moment occurred when he became most valuable player for the Alexander Junior High Blue Devils in the eighth grade in basketball.



Dr. William Bell  
...Outstanding educator  
Dr. Bell went to Iowa State University as Associate dean of students and professor of physical education and recreation after leaving A&T State University.

In 1970, he returned south and accepted a position at Fayetteville State University as Director of Athletics and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation where he remained until his retirement last year.

However, Bell still serves on the FSU staff in the office of Development as an assistant to the Chancellor of the University.

He holds numerous honorary positions on the national and local level. He is a former member of the executive committee of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and a past member of the NCAA college division basketball tournament committee.

Bell has also contributed and made many accomplishments to the world of sports which include being inducted into the 1975 A&T State University Sports Hall of Fame; The 1951 "outstanding Coach" Award from the Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C.; The 1965 Akron, Ohio Sports Hall of Fame; and The 1965 National Junior Chamber of Commerce Physical Fitness Award.

While at FSU, Dr. Bell established a \$250 cash and plaque award to be given annually to the student-athlete of the graduating class who compiled the highest grade-point average, who has been a

regular for at least one year, and who is a leader and person of good character.

An author, Bell is presently writing his autobiography entitled BLACK WITHOUT MALICE, which is expected to be published this fall.

"I have lived and worked with sports and athletics between 35 and 40 years, Bell concluded, "there isn't a sport in America that doesn't have fair play and it gives me a warm feeling of fulfillment to have been associated with athletics."

"Bill Bell", as he is known to many in the nation of sports, has abided by the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

No doubt that this philosophy has brought success to Bell in the classroom, the athletic field, and in the world.

## AAU Announces

## Revolution Park

## Swim Meet

Swimmers from North and South Carolina, Georgia, east Tennessee and Virginia will compete in an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) sanctioned swim meet at Revolution Park on July 24, 25.

"We expect 40 to 50 teams, probably 400 swimmers," said Ted Hartsock, Chairman of the Charlotte Bicentennial Invitational Swim Meet.

AAU swimmers will compete in 78 events; Charlotte Park and Recreation swimmers will compete in 40 events, Hartsock said. "There are close to 1000 awards to be made to Charlotte Park and Recreation and AAU swimmers." But they cannot compete with each other, he said.

The first place awards, a Bicentennial patch and medal, will be provided by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Bicentennial Committee, co-sponsor of the event with the Central YMCA. Trophies and ribbons will also be awarded. Since the meet is AAU sanctioned, swimmers could break state and world records, Mr. Hartsock said.



ROBERT JERMARR REEVES  
...Young tennis enthusiast

## BATCH Downs Greensboro For Easy Tennis Victory

By James Cuthbertson  
Post Staff Writer

Robert Jermarr Reeves, age six months, lay on a red and white quilted blanket on the grass at the War Memorial Stadium Tennis complex in Greensboro Sunday pensively playing with an optic yellow tennis ball.

His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernard Reeves were busily playing Ervin McKinley and Howard Staton on the tennis courts while Alex Thompson, one of the Black Association for Tennis Charlotte's (BATC) leading players, looked at him and asked inquisitively, "Son, are you ready for those lessons?"

Whether or not he is adopted as the official symbol of Charlotte's fastest growing tennis club remains to be seen, but "Jermarr" has already been to matches in Greensboro and Raleigh and is definitely being exposed to tennis at an early age.

A little older than Jermarr, but just as enthusiastic were 15-year-old Eric Berry and 16-year-old Timothy Gibbs, who brandished their racquets

in the sun and waited patiently for their opponents, whom they defeated 6-0, 6-0 later in the afternoon.

The senior man of BATCH were not so lucky as their doubles opponents from the Triad area, who did not "show for their match Saturday."

BATCH was led by Charles Parker's 6-1, 6-0 triumph, James Cuthbertson's 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 come from behind triumph over Shorty Williams, additional victories by Floyd Young, Frento Burton, Jacques Johnson, Cletis Dozier, Hal Segars, and the BATCH All-Stars.

Victories were recorded by Mrs. Wildred Mack, Mrs. Janice Hammond, Mrs. Marva Howey, Ms. Kathy Wright and Ms. Sharon Hayes and juniors Eric Berry and Timothy Gibbs.

BATCH played exceptionally well as a team and the resultant was seen in the 20-8 margin of victory over the Greensboro-Winston-Salem All-Stars. BATCH will host the Ebony Racquet Club of Raleigh, Saturday at West Charlotte, beginning at 11 a.m.

## Football Preview 1976

# A&T Returns Nine Regulars

The Aggies ended a two-year drought last season as the team finished with an 8-3 record and tied South Carolina State for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship.

The lone and illustrious tradition at A&T has been defense; however, last season it was the offense which had the fans in an uproar.

Returning from last season's league leading offensive unit are nine regulars. The two losses will be major ones, however, in All-Americans George Ragsdale (920 yards rushing) and tight end Walt Bennett.

But Aggie fans have a lot to smile about. Quarterback Ellsworth Turner, perhaps the most gifted thrower in the south, returns along with his favorite receiver Dexter Feaster. The Turner-Feaster combination was the most devastating in the conference last season and with the improvement of the Aggie running game, the pair should enjoy an even more spectacular season.

For eight games last season, little was heard from junior running back Glenn Holland. Holland had been playing in the shadows of George Ragsdale and just wasn't getting the game time.

Ragsdale, injured against Grambling and Holland, stepped in to gain 100 yards.

He gained another 100 against Delaware State and was named "MEAC BACK OF THE WEEK". Holland will be the workhorse of the Aggie backs this season.

Other backs that fit promi-

nently into the Aggie plans include Ron Scott (6-2, 210 Cal Hawkins (6-1, 180), La Barham (5-10, 200), and James Crowder (6-2, 190).

Handling the punting duties for the Aggies will be Howell, Jr. the coach's son. Howell averaged 35.7 yards a kick as a freshman last season.

The biggest question surrounding the 1976 A&T football season is the defense.

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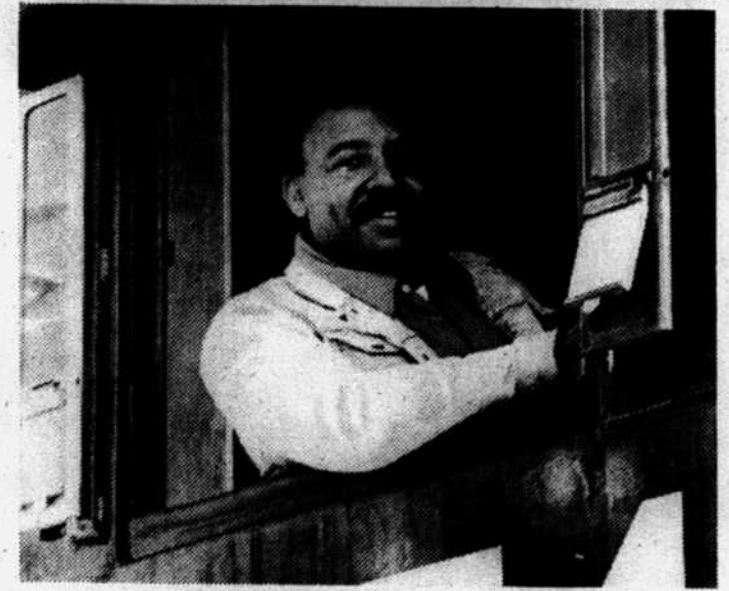
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