

Sports Beat

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AN OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa....
It's that time of the year when we have our little chat. First of all, is time really moving fast? Or is it that I'm getting old quick? Through the years I have begged consistently for broads, booze and loot. Not once did you deliver. Instead, all I have been receiving at this time of the year is some old golf balls, a box of cheap cigars and lots of advise on where to go and enjoy myself. Can one enjoy himself down there?

Fat Daddy with the fake whiskers there are other people in this great big world that I sincerely hope you will treat more generously this Christmas.

For example, there's Eddie McGirt, the friendly gentlemen who is head football coach and athletic director at Johnson C. Smith University, in addition to wearing many other hats. You were not very kind to him this past football season. Shame on you!

Wouldn't it be grand if you'd give all the little boys around the world some nice little girls to play with? It would also be praise worthy if you'd let the sun shine in the hearts of all those who harbor hatred, and you'd do well to extend your good blessings to both the CIAA and the MEAC, who will jockey for support of their big basketball tournaments in February.

How about a great big hand and a stocking full of greetings for the wonderful job commissioner Bob Moorman is doing in improving the public relations of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Give all the officials of the Triple County Semipro Baseball League a well deserved pat-on-the-back for a job well done throughout the 1976 season.

Remember Charles Williams, my favorite barber and owner of the House of Charles, with steadier hands, especially the one that handles the razor. Please tell me, ole boy, how is it possible for you to be in all the department stores at the same time? Kinda confusing to the ole lady, eh!

Another question that needs answering is why are you still riding around town using reindeers and sleigh when the swinging cats are wheeling Mark IV's and Cadillacs? Let the sun shine brightly in the hearts of all who hate.

If you have some can't-miss Sure Shot shells, gauge 16, leave them at my pad. It is my prayer that you'll remember to bring better health to all of the wonderful people who are ill and a broader outlook to all who are down-in-the-dumps. And most especially, Santa give all the big boys around town nice big girls and vice versa.

With all of the praying about Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men; how about a little extra for the men who referee football and basketball games. Judging from the comments of the spectators, Santa you'd think all referees are cheats and most are blind as a bat.

Let the fishermen keep the big ones that have been getting away. I am eagerly awaiting the Super Bowl matchup between Minnesota and Pittsburgh. Santa could you use a little goofy-dust on L.A. and Oakland this weekend? We don't need any of those upsets.

Don't forget the sun shine in the hearts of those who hate; happiness to all who are sad; and, Santa please put a little love in the hearts of all men so that this will be a better world.

Finally if you must get stuck in one of the chimnies during your midnight trek, you'd better make sure the chic isn't married!

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPIER NEW YEAR!



FUTURE BULLDOG TOMMY GREENE

.....Accepts pen from recruiter William Blakeney

South Carolina State

Signs Greene, Cunningham

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer
South Carolina State College graduate William M. Blakeney, Charlotte area recruiter for the 3,800 student college in Orangeburg, S.C., said "We got the pick of the crop as far as what we were looking for" as he referred to the last-week signing of Tommy P. Green, 17, a 6 foot, 187 pound offensive guard and defensive linebacker from West Charlotte High School and Aaron C. Cunningham, 17, a 6 foot 1 inch, 175

pound quarterback from South Mecklenburg High School.

The two outstanding Charlotte football players signed Grant-in Aid agreements to play for Head Football Coach Willie Jeffries and the MEAC and Bicentennial Bowl Game Champion Bulldogs who were 10-1 this season.

Green is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Henry Green of 3158 Dawnsire Ave. and Cunningham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cunningham of 700 Walnut Ave.

S. C. State To Send 5

Seniors To Classic

ORANGEBURG, S.C.—Five seniors on South Carolina State College's 10-1 1976 national championship football team have been selected to play in the Black colleges Football Freedom Classic at the Los Angeles Coliseum Jan. 8.

Blakeney, who has recruited for South Carolina State College in the Charlotte area since 1970, has previously signed S.C. State defensive tackle Walter Sullivan, who is now a sophomore; Offensive guard Thomas O'Leary, also a sophomore and formerly of Harding High; and, band student Hiwana Nivens.

Green and Cunningham said they were looking forward to playing for Jeffries who was

Block To Head CIAA Publicity

HAMPTON, VA.... Wayne Block, former assistant Sports Information Director at Virginia Tech, has been appointed Publicity Director for the CIAA, it was announced Saturday by Commissioner Bob Moorman.

Block replaces Mike Ballweg.

Block, 31, has nine years experience in college athletics, having spent four years at Virginia Tech, one year as

Sports Information Director at C.W. Post College in New York, two as SID at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. and two as a college sports writer for the Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union.

He also briefly headed publicity for the Independent College Athletic Conference in New York before leaving to

take the position at C.W. Post. While at Virginia Tech he won a national award from the College Sports Information Directors of America for a recruiting brochure based on Tech's NIT championship. He is married to the former Linda Stanley, of Christiansburg, VA. They have a two year old son, Kevin.

Dexter Feaster

Named To

All Star Classic

GREENSBORO, - Dexter Feaster, three-time All-MEAC selection, along with North Carolina A&T teammates Jim Merrick and Jerold Holland will participate in the Black College All-American Football Classic in Los Angeles, California on January 8, 1977. The trio will depart for Los Angeles for training on December 30.

Feaster, a wide receiver, broke the all-time single season receiving record this season with 49 receptions and more than 700 yards.

Holland, a linebacker, was a first team All-MEAC selection and was the Aggies leading tackler in 1976. He was one of three brothers to play for A&T this past season.

William Price, coach of Norfolk State College, will coach the team on which the Aggie athletes will play.

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