A&T State Announces New

Football, Cage Coaches

GREENSBORO - A&T State announced by A&T Chancel- committee interviewed more University recently initiated a new era in its athletic program by naming James Mc-Kinley as head football coach. and Gene Littles as head basketball coach.

McKinley, 32, resigned as University in Ohio to accept the A&T position. Littles, 35, had served the past two years at Appalachian State University in North Carolina.

lor Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, at a Friday (March 25) noon press

have in Jim McKinley and Gene Littles, two highly qualified and talented young coahead coach at Central State ches," said Dowdy. "We are certain that they will pursue a course of excellence in guiding these two important segments as assistant basketball coach of the A&T athletic program."

Dowdy commended the A&T Search Committee and athle-The new appointments, both tic director, Cal Irvin, for

With a select field of inter-

national professional and am-

ateur golfers, including de-

fending champion Ray Floyd,

holes of play on Sunday, they

will immediately proceed to

the No. 1 tee for a sudden-

death playoff, which will also

be broadcast by CBS Sports.

continuing on to successive

holes until a Masters champ-

last year, recorded a record-

tournament's only five-time

With a finely honed perfor-

mance that began with an

opening round of 65, the best

start of any champion, Floyd,

at the finish of the second day

of play, was at 131, setting a

new record for the first 36

holes. Then, on Saturday,

when play was completed, his

score of 201 was also a new

record for the first 54 holes. A

final round of 70 bested Ben

Crenshaw by eight strokes.
Floyd's performance on the

par 5 holes (14 under par) was

the best by four strokes of any

champion. In addition, he

established a new Masters

record of sub-par scores with

one eagle and 22 birdies; the

best previous record being one

eagle and 20 birdies by Sam

Other past champions of the

select field include Gary Play-

er, the first and only foreign

contestant to don the green

jacket, 1961 and 1974; Tommy

Aaron, 1973; Charles Coody,

1971; Billy Casper, Jr., 1970;

George Archer, 1969; and Ar-

nold Palmer, 1958, 1960, 1962

and 1964 titleholder. Nicklaus

recorded his victories in 1963,

1965, 1966 (the only player to

successfully defend the title),

Vin Scully, Jack Whitaker,

Pat Summerall, Henry Long-

hurst, Ben Wright, WBTV's

Jim Thacker, and Frank Glie-

ber will be the commentators

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source of news about the

and in 1972 and 1975.

for CBS Sports.

people you know.

Snead in 1957

ion is determined.

ters victory in 1965.

effective immediately, were their nominations. He said the **CBS Sports To Cover**

Masters Golf Tourney

Marking its 22nd consecutive year of providing exclusive live coverage, CBS Sports will broadcast the two closing rounds of the prestigious Masters Tournament at the world famed Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, Saturday, April 9, at 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m., on WBTV, Channel 3.

On Friday, April 8 (11:30-11:40 p.m.), CBS Sports will broadcast highlights of earlyround action in the 72-hole tournament.

S.C. State Sets

21st Invitational

Track Meet

ORANGEBURG, S.C. - The 21st running of the South Carolina State College Invitational Track and Field Meet will be held Saturday, April 2, at Bulldog Stadium.

Trials for the running events will get underway at 9 a.m. with finals scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. All field events will start at 9 a.m. and run continuously.

Host S.C. State is two-time. defending champion in the event which will have a 13 team field this year. Heading the field are Norfolk State. Fayetteville State, Florida A&M, Johnson C. Smith, St. Augustine and the Bulldogs.

Other teams participating are Edward Waters, North Carolina A&T, Livingstone, Allen, Benedict, Voorhees and North Carolina Central. Absence from this year's field will be Pembroke State, runner-up in the event the past ars and Delaware winner of three of the last five Invitationals.

Competition is expected to be stiffest in running events where Fayetteville State, Norfolk State, Florida A&M, Johnson C. Smith and the Bulldogs, all boast speedsters. Top contenders in the

sprints will be Fayetteville State's James Wooten, Michael Keys of Norfolk State and the Bulldog's Charles Bur-

Wooten, most valuable participant in the 1976 meet, has run a 9.2 in the 100 yard dash. while both Keys and Burgess have turned in 9.4's in the event. Other challengers are Each Week. It's your best J.C. Smith's Albert Barnes and Edward Water's Ernest

conference

McKinley, who starred in football at Western Michigan "We are confident that we University, compiled a 32-9-4 record in five years of high school coaching at Allegan (Michigan) High School and won three conference championships. His record in three years as head coach at Central tate University was 17-15.

McKinley also served one year as defensive linebacker coach at Eastern Michigan. As a player, he earned All-American Conference honors as a tight end in 1965.

than 100 applicants for the two

Alfred Thompson

Signs With

Star secondbaseman

Alfred Thompson

Texas Rangers

Flashy Alfred Thompson,

20-year-old secondbaseman, who was a standout with the

Morris Field Rangers last

summer, has been signed by

the Texas Rangers of the

He is the second son of Mr.

and Mrs. Edward Thompson

of 3106 Capitol Drive, Bobby

playing Triple A ball in Cali-

fornia with a Los Angeles

Dodgers' farm team. Alfred

expects to be assigned to

Asheville in the Western Caro-

lina League until the Rookie

League School begins in early

can give him in several are-

man Thomas said Tuesday, "I

believe he has an excellent

opportunity to make it. He has

great attitude and is one of the

best defensive performers in

the game. He has a good arm

and he can hit with consistent-

Thomas said Thompson

'loves the game and he hus-

tles all the time." The flashy

youngster hit Triple County

League pitching for an im-

pressive .327 average while

stealing 23 bases and driving

in 53 runs in 25 league contests

Thompson is a graduate of

Harding High School where he

was a standout baseball play-

According to Thomas,

Thompson is the third Ranger

player to sign a professional

contract in little less than a

year. Outfielder Mark Fun-

derburk was picked up by the

Minnesota Twins shortly be-

fore the end of the 1976 cam-

paign and pitcher Larry

Wright signed with the Los

Angeles Dodgers at the end of

When you picture a canoe,

you think of a sleek vessel

gliding through the water. The

University of North Carolina

at Charlotte will be host to a

canoe race with vessels that

aren't exactly sleek on April 2.

However, the fact that the

canoes float at all is remark-

able considering that they are

The event is the annual

Concrete Canoe Race spon-

sored by the Southeastern A-

merican Society of Civil Engi-

neers Student Chapters and

The race will take place at

11 a.m., Saturday, April 2 at

Cowen's Ford Country Club at

Lake Norman, off N.C. High-

UNCC To Host

Canoe Race

made of concrete.

er. He is not married

last year.

the season.

"With the assistance they

Rangers manager Her-

June

American Baseball League.

He was born in Chicago, grew up in Bangor, Mich., and is married to Mrs. Connie McKinley. The McKinleys have a daughter.

McKinley holds a bachelor's degree in physical education from Western Michigan and the master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

the broadcasts will include Littles is considered to be play on the par 3, 155-yard 12th one of the finest college playhole; the par 5, 485-yard 13th: ers ever to play in North the par 4, 420-yard 14; the par 5, 520 yard 15th; the par 3, Carolina. In four years as a player for High Point College. 190-yard 16th; the par 4, 400he earned NAIA All-American yard 17th; and the spectacular honors three times and Allpar 4, 420 yard 18th hole. Carolina Conference four If two or more golfers are tied for first place after 72

From 1969-1975, he played professional basketball with the Carolina Cougars and the Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball League.

A native of Washington, D.C., Littles holds a bachelor's degree in physical education from High Point College, Floyd in his twelfth Masters and he is working on a master's degree at Appalachian tying score of 271, matching State University. He is marthe score of Jack Nicklaus, the ried to Mrs. Rita M. Littles. They have two sons, Darren champion, in his second Masand Travis.

McKinley will replace Hornsby Howell who resigned as the Aggies' head football coach. Littles will succeed Warren Reynolds, who also stepped down as A&T's basketball coach

Fayetteville

Announces New

Tennis Slate

FAYETTEVILLE - Tennis Coach Page Saunders recently announced the 1977 tennis schedule for the Fayetteville State University Bronco net "The success of the team

will depend upon two freshmen and five upperclass-Masters who will comprise the men." said Coach Saunders.

The team will be playing more than 20 matches, according to the coach with a roster consisting of four seniors, one junior, one sophomore and five freshmen

The 1977 roster includes Stacy Burrs, senior, Fayetteville; Larry Farrow, senior, Sanford; Linel Williams, senior, Sanford; Wayne Williams, senior, Elizabethtown; Jeff Capel, junior, Southern Pines, Eugene Westry, sophomore, Rocky Mount; and Keith Hatch, High Point; Lavern Marshall, Wilmington; Christia Nwachwkwu, Fayetteville: Carl Jones, Wilmington; and Michael, Goldsboro, all fresh-

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Morris Field Rangers Progressing Slowly

We're progressing very slowly," is the way coach Herman Thomas assessed the development of his Morris Field Rangers baseball team Tuesday following three weeks of spring training.

"We do not have the personnel we had a year ago. Thomas explained, adding that eight of the athletes who ed the speedy Rangers to the Triple County Semipro Baseball League Championship in 1976 are no longer with the outfit.

Thomas is presently working with 13 young men each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, with hopes of building the squad to a full contigent of 25-men prior to the opening of the new season a week from Saturday.

"We'll have more players

when school is out," Thomas Lady Bulldogs

To Play On AAU

Cage Team

Thompson, an older brother is ORANGEBURG, S.C .-- Two members of the South Carolina State College women's basketball team which captured the State AIAW championship and was recently named the top ranked team in the nation, have been selected to play on the Palmetto State's AAU squad.

Margaret English, a 6-3 sophomore and 6-0 senior Althea McGriff along with other top players from the state will represent South Carolina in the national AAU tournament in Fullerton, Calif., March 28-April 2. Other players on the eight-

woman squad are Accronetta Cooper of Claflin, Pearl Moore of Francis Marion and Sister Green, Scoote Delorme, Vanessa Harris and Janie Ruth Lee, all of the College of Charleston. English and McGriff were

standouts on the Lady Bulldogs' team which finished the season with a 28-1 mark and captured the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference women's championship and the State

The Rangers' mentor does have some bright spots on his team. Ricky Summers, a newcomer who appears to have won the shortstop position, is one of them. A 26-year-old righthander, who stands 6-feet

tall and weighs 175 pounds, was a standout in a semipro league in Winston-Salem a year, according to Thomas. He led the league with 26 homeruns. "I believe he'll also help to improve our pitching," Thomas explained

Thomas is also pleased with the improvement infielder Bobby Reynolds is showing. 'We may reach his potentials this season. He is hitting and fielding well and he appears to have a fresh, new approach to the game," Thomas said of his veteran firstbaseman

The Rangers are interested go all the way to the professional leagues. If there is such a player our league would be an excellent place to start. I think the fact that three players were signed off our team

by professional baseball

leams last year indicates that in "players who would like to the Triple County League is a good training ground for the young players," Thomas concluded

Players interested in trying out for the team are asked to contact Mr. Thomas at 394-

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