

Sports Beat

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Gentry Joins A&T Grid Staff

Greensboro, Curt Gentry, a former standout defensive back with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League, has joined the North Carolina A&T football coaching staff.

Gentry, who earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore and his master's from Northwestern University, will be the new defensive line coach for the Aggies.

Before accepting the A&T position, Gentry, 39, served as athletic director and head football coach at Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama. Prior to the

Alabama job, he served as a defensive backfield coach at Holy Cross College.

"I've known Curt for sometime and I feel he will be an excellent addition to our staff," said A&T head coach

S. C. State Announces Track Signees
ORANGEBURG, S.C.—South Carolina State College head track coach Robert Johnson has announced the signing of four high school tracksters to grants-in-aid, bringing to seven the number of Bulldog track signees this season. Johnson earlier announced the signing of three Miami, Fla. prepsters.

Recent S.C. State signees

Jim McKinley. Gentry, a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, replaces Ben Blacknall who will join the staff of Willie Jeffries at South Carolina State College.

are sprinters Kirk Johnson and Oscar Means, both Hannah High School in Anderson, S.C., Donald Cherry of Olympic High School in Charlotte and Ricky Marsh of Springarn High School in Washington, D.C.

Cherry holds his conference top mark in the 880 yard run with a time of 1:54 and will also participate in the distance relays for the Bulldogs.

Blacknall Joins SCTC Staff

ORANGEBURG, — Benjamin S. Blacknall, an assistant football coach and physical education instructor at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, has joined the South Carolina State College football staff, Bulldog athletic director Milton D. Hunter announced Tuesday.

Blacknall, who worked with the linebackers and defensive line at N.C. A&T, will serve as defensive line coach for the Bulldogs. He assumes a portion of the duties of James Carson Jr., defensive coordinator and line coach at the college the past nine seasons. Carson resigned recently to accept a post at Jackson State.

Bulldog linebacker coach Samuel Goodwin has been elevated to Bulldog defensive coordinator and will continue in his other duties.

"We are happy to acquire the services of Mr. Blacknall," said Hunter. "We feel certain that he will help our football program continue in its goals." The Bulldogs finished 10-1 last season and were declared National Black Champions.

S.C. State head coach Willie Jeffries, who coached Blacknall when the former was an assistant at A&T, said Blacknall will be a great addition to the S.C. State football staff. "He will be a great asset to

our team," Jeffries said. "We expect him to be especially helpful to us in recruiting because of his ties in the Tidewater (Va.) area and in central and eastern North Carolina."

Blacknall, a native of Louisville, N.C., joined the A&T staff in 1975 after working for three years as assistant director of the Caldeburgh Recreation Center for the Greensboro Parks and Recreational Department.

The four-year Air Force veteran holds a bachelor's degree in recreation administration from A&T and was working toward his master's when he accepted the post at S.C. State.

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS.....

A good way to get rid of unwanted guests is to turn off the air conditioner.

Warren Reynolds, former basketball coach at North Carolina A&T State University, has taken a shot at the university's administration. In doing so, Reynolds has charged the school's top officials "with lack of knowledge as to what it takes to run a big-time basketball program."

Warren has taken an assistant coaching position at Liberty Baptist College. His team posted a 3-23 season last campaign.

Wonder if running back Chuck Foreman of the Minnesota Vikings will wait until the pre-season conditioning period is over before signing with the Vikings. Foreman, who has said he will not play football this season unless he's paid more than the \$125,000 he's now receiving, should remember that O. J. Simpson didn't play well last season after holding out through the pre-season training period.

Look for Detroit to trade guard Kevin Porter before the new basketball season gets underway.

"Marvelous" Marvin Webster, the celebrated basketball star with the Denver Nuggets, has a basketball camp underway for girls 17-22 at Guilford College. The second session of Webster's Mid-Eastern Basketball Camp will be held the week of July 17. Bob McAdoo will assist with the instructions.

Remember Sinclair Colbert, the 6-10, 215-pound giant who didn't live up to expectation as a basketball player with North Carolina A&T State University? Sinclair has made the switch from ball handler to money handler. He's now doing well as a banker with Wachovia.

Keep an eye on Charley Jones, hot hitter with the Kings Mountain A's of the Triple County Semi-Pro Baseball League. Jones went 3-for-4, including a home run last Saturday and followed with another big day on Sunday, getting 4-for-5, including a home run, triple and two doubles.

Did you notice that Willie McCovey set a new national Baseball League record for grand slam homeruns when he hit one against the Cincinnati Reds last week? Willie now owns 17. The old mark of 16 was held by Henry Aaron.

The Raleigh OIC will sponsor its second Amateur Golf Tournament August 13-14. If you'd like to enter the fund-raising event, contact Peter Stanford at 919-834-558.

The Los Angeles Dodgers are not only the best team in baseball at the moment, they are also widely-known as the biggest eaters in the game.

Sudden thought - Is there a better looking man or a man in better health than Jack Martin, the foxy old gentleman who gained considerable fame as the best football coach in football for more than 30 years of services at West Charlotte and Highland High of Gastonia. Jack still plays golf with the best.

John Love, the Observer's circulation expert who is a keen student of the game of golf, informs us that the Green Turf's 7th Annual Golf Open Tournament will be held (July 16-17) at Whittle Springs Golf Course in Asheville, N.C.

According to John, there will be six flights for amateurs with trophies and merchandise to be awarded in each flight. The entrees fees will be \$32 for amateurs and \$50 for you guys who call yourselves "pros."

'Going Home' to Your Roots



LeVar "Kunta Kinte" Burton with his arms around his mother and his fiancée.

Never have so many Americans been interested in going "home," thanks largely to Alex Haley's world-famous search for his ancestral roots.

Haley's best-selling book and record-breaking TV movie, "Roots," inspired countless thousands to set off on their own search. And this summer, Trailways will help out millions more to literally "go home" with a unique offer—a one-way \$75 "Going Home Special" fare to any point in the continental United States. Further stressing the family aspects of its offer, all children under five will ride free.

Honoring the Haley work as the inspiration for this summer special, Trailways is featuring LeVar "Kunta Kinte" Burton, who played the young hero of "Roots" in the ABC-TV show, in a dramatic new commercial. To film it, Burton actually returned home to Los Angeles, picnicking, reminiscing and playing games with twenty-three friends and relatives, many of whom he had not seen in years. A TV crew filmed the reunion for television.

"Going Home" travelers may purchase the special \$75 tickets anytime from June 1st through September 15th, and may use them from June 1st through September 30th.

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All in all, "Going Home" will be paying special dividends this summer.

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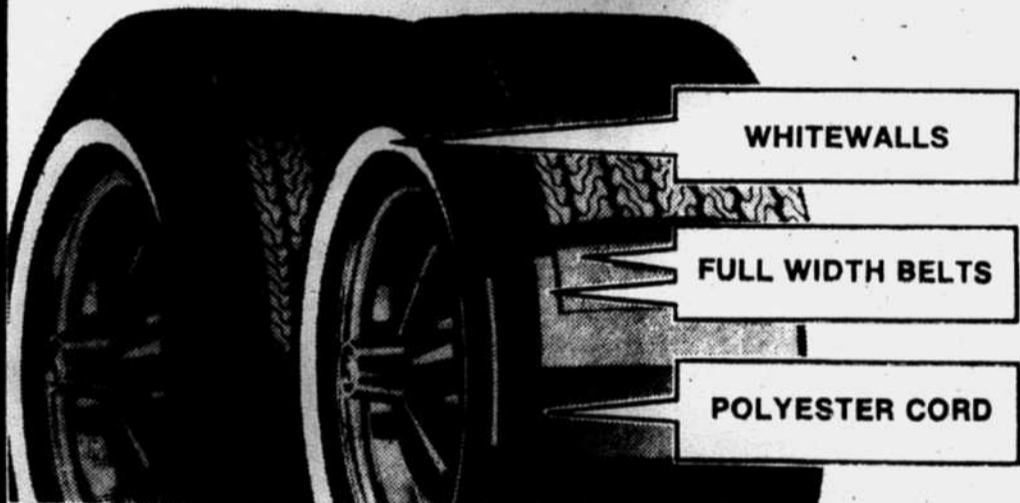
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