

Sports Deal



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NOW HEAR THIS!

Twas only a few days before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring.....not even a mouse.

Wonder why all the quietness?....The ole man of the house was overburdened with the unfinished chores for Christmas. After this is the time of year to be jolly, with full rounds of merrimaking, and stuff like that. This is also the time of the year when the biggest bite is taken from the pocket-books.

So the ole man of the house is confronted with such demanding chores as playing Santa Clause, buying toys, gifts, etc. And, to make matters worse, the available funds are not generous enough to make the necessary purchases...and the credit cards are as loaded as the next door neighbor.

These are indeed crying times. ...You see, the ole man's next payday is a week after the holiday celebration is over. So all is lost and the ole man is engulfed in total despair. Right?....wrong! There is always a way out. Even in the darkest moments one can always find solace by placing the blame on someone else, Right?....Right! So, in keeping with the mood of the times, it would be simple to lay the blame on whitey!

The ole man can simply tell mom and the kids that Santa is white and "You all know white people ain't going to give us blacks nohtng!"

The point is being made here that neither Christmas nor any other time of the year will be merry or jolly unless you manage well.

SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, the biggest thing to happen to Winston-Salem since R. J. Reynolds set up shop there, will stage a topflight Basketball Tournament in the Clarence E. Gaines Arena on the Winston-Salem State University Campus this weekend.

Thursday night's opener will match the Winston-Salem State Rams against up-and-coming Fayetteville State in the 7 o'clock opener. North Carolina Central, which has had a great recruiting season, will face Guilford in the nightcap. The winners will clash Friday night in the championship game, with the losers opening the show in the 7 p.m. Consolation Contest.

It's worth the short drive to the Twin City. Basketball's most famous coach offered, via telephone Tuesday morning, "I'm satisfied with the progress our team is making. If we keep improving, we should be one of the teams to be reckoned with down the home stretch."

Winston-Salem State, along with Johnson C. Smith's young Bulls, is favored to capture the Southern Division title this campaign.

Alfred Wring, Johnson C. Smith's "out-of-this-world" lineman, has been chosen to compete in the Black College All Star Bowl II in New Orleans next month.

After Maryland routed UMES and State annihilated St. Augustine, one would think that, in basketball at least, we ain't ready yet. At times we are convinced that secrecy is the best publicity.

Had you thought not the fact that with inflation now at a five-year high, it will soon be cheaper to burn dollar bills than home heating oil?

Bill McClain, who had some bright years at Greensboro College, has joined Warren Reynolds at Shaw University. He will serve as the assistant basketball coach.... Norfolk State in the CIAA and North Carolina A&T of the MEAC are looking ahead to great basketball seasons Coach Lucias Mitchell, who guided Norfolk State to the CIAA Tournament Championship finals and later won the NAIA District 19 title last season, has coxed a 6-foot-8-inch, 195-pound freshman from Dallas Tex. who Mitchell says will be an All-American within two years....

Would you believe the hottest name on the pro draft list is not White, Ferguson or Sims?....It's Perry Harington, the Jackson State All-American running bank who is being touted above the famed Walter Payton, another Jackson State alumnus. Remember Ernie Holmes, the huge Pittsburgh Steeler star who retired from pro football after he was traded to Tampa Bay last year? Holmes, who first turned to wrestling, has now traded the wrestling mat for boxing gloves..Muhammad Ali is getting a whopping \$75,000 for each speaking engagement. And is getting more movie offers than Warren Beatty, Steve McQueen, and Sidney Poitier combined. Who said he was washed up?

Whitney Van Cleve has resigned the head football coach post at Albany State College, following a miserable 1-9-1 campaign. A veteran with 21 years as head coach, his record now stands at 92-110-10. Had you noticed that Ervin "Magic" Johnson is not listed among the NBA scoring leaders?

Y'all have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!



ALFRED WRING
...Strong defensive lineman

JCSU Great

Wring Will Play

In All-Star Bowl

Special To The Post
Alfred Wring had a hunch about coach Wylie Harris that paid off in being selected to the Black College All-Star Bowl to be played in New Orleans' Super Dome on January 5. "After last season I was invited by several pro teams for a tryout," explained the massive defensive tackle for the Golden Bulls football team. "But I felt like I could learn more under coach Harris so I chose to stay for my fifth year of eligibility." In the previous year the Delray Beach, Florida native accounted for 103 tackles, seven fumble recoveries, one blocked kick and 12 sacks.

Wring was a marked man in his final year. "Eight teams used double-team blocking against me in the 10 games I played this year," explained Alfred. Peer pressure and fan expectation added to the challenge as much as was expected of Wring. The defensive lineman responded with 104 tackles, two blocked kicks, one fumble recovery and 9 sacks. He was the spiritual leader by his fired-up presence on the field. "I'm pleased that Alfred was chosen," remarked

Harris. "It is to Alfred's credit that a player from a 1-9 team is so highly honored by opposing coaches and scouts to be picked to play with the best black players in the country."

Alfred will join the East squad, composed of CIAA, MEAC and independent teams, in facing a West All-Star team. The game will present national exposure for Wring as the NFL teams will have their scouts present all week.

"Alfred stood a 50-50 chance of being drafted, but with being chosen for the All-Star game his odds have increased in his favor," commented Harris. "Four or five professional teams have already expressed a strong interest in Wring and this game will only increase his exposure."

"Hercules", Wring's nickname from his love of weight training, was also honored as All-CIAA by the league's coaches as well as being named All-District-26 and being nominated for five All-American teams.

"So much was expected of Alfred that it is a tribute to him as an athlete and a person to be able to say that Wring fulfilled his expectations," remarked Harris.

Police Records Bureau

Limits Service To Public

Beginning January 1, the joint city-county police Records Bureau will be open to the public only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The bureau now serves the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The bureau will continue to remain open round the clock, and will serve police officers as usual. However, the purpose of limiting records service to the public except during normal working hours is to enable records clerks to perform other duties with fewer interruptions for the remainder of the day. Such a plan is expected to produce more efficient service overall.

Records personnel annually process in excess of 200,000 documents for the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Police Departments. Presently they handle about 6,000 persons a month who come in person to the Law Enforcement Center primarily for copies of traffic accident reports and arrest information. The majority of these persons already come from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to city police Captain M. C. Moore, bureau supervisor.

Some of citizens' inquiries to the Records Bureau could be avoided, said Moore, if motorists involved in accidents would exchange information with one another at the scene. Police officers have forms which victims can use to exchange this information, such as insurance company name, driver's license number and tag number.

If a citizen needs a copy of a record and cannot come to the Law Enforcement Center in person, he should mail his request to

the Records Bureau, Charlotte Police Department, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, along with a self-addressed envelope and \$1. He should include the name under which the record might be filed, the date of the incident, location, and approximate time of day.

Make Safety

Check Of

Christmas Lights

Before putting up last year's Christmas lights, check them for frayed cords, exposed wires, chipped sockets and loose plugs.

If any of these disorders are found, either repair the light set or discard it.

Many accidents involving lighted Christmas decorations are preventable, say specialists with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

All cord sets should have the Underwriters Laboratories approval. Rubber washers will keep tinsel out of the sockets.

Metal reflectors for bulbs can cause a short; styrene plastic ones are safer. Insulated staples are the best way to secure lights strong around molding or a door frame.

A tree that is kept damp is safer. The tree-holder should have a water well and it should be filled every day.

For December 28-29

Miller Brewing-Aggie Holiday Classic Set

GREENSBORO - The First Annual Miller Brewing-Aggie Holiday Basketball Classic, December 28-29 at the Ellis F. Corbett Sports Center on the North Carolina A&T State University campus will feature four exciting basketball teams with contrasting styles of play.

The tournament will feature Florida A&M University, a new entry in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Campbell University, an NCAA Division 1 independent, Robert Morris College, an NCAA Division 1 independent, and host North Carolina A&T, defending regular season and tournament champions of the MEAC.

All four entries are relative newcomers to Division 1 basketball, however, all have good personnel and are anticipating successful seasons.

THE TEAMS Campbell University

Head Coach-Danny Roberts

Campbell University returns a veteran team for the 1979-80 season including 6-11 center Tony Britto, who was impressive in two games against A&T last season. Also returning for the Camels are guards Fred Whitfield, a senior from Greensboro, N.C., and Darrell Mauldin, one of the nation's finest free throw shooters.

Florida A&M University Head Coach-Josh Giles

The 1979-80 season will be Florida A&M's first in the MEAC. The Rattlers were formerly members of the competitive Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The team received a serious blow when it was learned that all-star frontcourtman Pete Taylor, a 6-5 forward, would be lost for the season due to a knee injury sustained while playing football. Still FAMU expects to be very

competitive despite their youth. The team's top returning players is 6-6 forward Paul Grady of New York, who averages 16 points and 8 rebounds per game last season as a sophomore.

Robert Morris College Head Coach-Mike Furjanic

The Colonials will be led this season by versatile 6-6 forward Cornelius Holmes of Farrell, Pa. He has been a regular in the RM attack since he entered the school and his leadership should add poise to this young team. Paul Hensler's development early in the season will have a lot to do with the style of play Coach Furjanic chooses to use. At 6-9, 215, Hensler could be that dominating big man most teams desire.

North Carolina A&T Head Coach-Don Corbett

The youthful Aggies enter this tournament with three games under their

belts against some of the top college basketball teams in the nation-Alcorn State, Tennessee State, and Jackson State. Coach Corbett is hopeful that the early stiff competition will assist his team as they prepare for the Miller Brewing-Aggie Holiday Classic.

During the opening games 5-10 junior guard Joe Brawner emerged as one of the nation's leading scorers with a spectacular 40-point outburst against Alcorn Harold Royster, a 6-8 forward has been consistent around the boards, while 6-7 freshman Joe Lopez, from Dakar, Senegal, shows promise in the middle.

The Aggies will enter the tournament with a two game win streak as the team posted impressive wins over Tennessee State, 67-66, and powerful Jackson State 81-76.