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**IF YOU ASK ME!**

If you don't know the answer, don't answer the question!

The leadership position in the Southern Division of the CIAA will be at stake Saturday afternoon when Fayetteville State clashes with North Carolina Central in Durham. The favored Eagles lead the series 4-0. Led by new coach William Head, Fayetteville's Broncos will be looking for their first victory over the Eagles. They have not scored on NCCU since 1976.

Lawrence Pettis, an outstanding football player at North Carolina Central and Second Ward High School, has informed me that there are six local gridders on the NCCU squad, rather than the two reported here recently.

According to Pettis, Gerald Fraylon is the starting quarterback. "He's a former Myers Park star," informs Pettis, who explained that Zonta Laney, who played at West Charlotte, is the first-string fullback. Laney is currently out of the lineup with a chipped bone. The other Charlotte natives on the squad are tight end Henry Berry of Garinger, tackle Willie Long of Garinger and tackle Walter Lewis of West Charlotte.

Would you believe that Johnson C. Smith, which tangles with arch-rival North Carolina A&T State in Greensboro Saturday afternoon, has beaten the Aggies only eight times in the time-honored series? In the meantime, A&T has won 21 games, including the last seven in a row. Our Bulls last whipped the Aggies, 15-11, back in 1973. A&T won by an embarrassing 45-13 a year ago.

Freshman Darrel Wesley, who is everybody's choice as the best thing to happen to our Golden Bulls since the construction of the Student Union, scampered 132 yards with 18 carries against Bowie State to up his average to 5.7 yards per run. It was his second 100-yards plus game of the season.

Lucky for some businessmen there are secretaries who can spell.

You'd have to agree that defensive tackle Alvin Ellington of JCSU is overworked. The one-man wrecking crew for our Bulls has six quarterback sacks, 42 tackles (17 solo) and two fumble recoveries in only four contests. Incidentally, our Bulls will be in tip-top shape when they take the field Saturday afternoon against A&T.

Anthony Wicker continues to amaze with his sensational punting. He continues to get the pace for the punters in the conference, with an average of 44.2 yards per boot. That's putting a foot in the oval!

Now that Billy Packer has signed to serve as an analyst with CBS, look for either Bill Russell or Dick Stockton to join the regular NBC basketball announcing team. The guess here is that, if business ties permit, Russell will get the assignment.

Bryant Gumbel, the best sportscaster in the business, will emcee the annual Lombardi "College Lineman of the Year" award dinner set for December 10 in Houston, Texas. The proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society Research.

Thanks to those of you who agree that the man on the P.A. system at the first Johnson C. Smith football game talked too much. Let's hope he'll be more professional when our Bulls meet S.C. State here a week from Saturday.

I hear that trouble is brewing up at Norfolk State University where several basketball players have charged head coach Lucias Mitchell of "demeaning and inhumane treatment," "false and misleading recruiting inducements," and "conducting excessive and extreme practice sessions." One source says Mitchell will be fired if the charges are found to be true. University officials are looking into the allegations.

Mean Joe Greene did so well in the Coca-Cola commercial that he will next turn his talent to helping fight arthritis.

**SUDDEN THOUGHT** - the reason black leaders are fighting each other is that they have no other worthy opponent.

The Old Crystal Ball is off to a great start, with 20 correct picks in 23 games to date. That's an 86 percent accuracy rating!

Taking the easy ones first, Bethune-Cookman will defeat Delaware State and Florida A&M will have little trouble pasting Howard. N.C. A&T will continue its domination over our Bulls and Morgan State will run roughshod over Bowie State. Virginia State will lick Livingstone and Virginia Union will lace St. Paul's.

Elizabeth City will slip past Hampton, but S.C. State will fall to Alcorn. Norfolk State will give strength to the belief that the CIAA northern division plays better football by hiping Winston-Salem State, N.C. Central will take over undisputed claim to first place in the southern division with a convincing win over Fayetteville State.

**Prior To A&T Game**

**Harris Concern Over Golden Bulls' Intensity?**

Special To The Post  
Johnson C. Smith head coach Wylie Harris expressed concern over the Golden Bulls' intensity the first three quarters against Bowie State before the offense exploded for three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

"We've been too tight the past two weeks," explained Harris. "We know we have good material, but we haven't moved along to peaking yet."

The JCSU head coach should have little trouble rousing his troops for the annual rivalry with A&T State Saturday. The 1:30 p.m. contest will officially open the Aggies' Alumni Stadium with ceremonies at halftime.

A&T State's vaunted running game has sputtered enough for two losses in a row to MEAC rivals S.C. State and Bethune-Cookman.

With the J.C. Smith secondary shutting down opponent airways, it's a safe bet that Jim McKinley will be sending speedster Wyman-Pitts, fullback Charlie Sutton and back-ups Danny Thomas and Mike Jones right down the Bulls' throats. All-American guard Mike West will be the main lineman to open



JCSU BAND AND MAJORETTES

The Johnson C. Smith University marching band and majorettes performed at the Carolina Lightnin' championship soccer game recently. The Lightnin' won 2-1. Over 21,000 spectators attended the

game which was the largest crowd assembled at Memorial Stadium in recent years. (Photo by Jim Black Photographers)

holes. The Golden Bulls will need all the offensive diversity it can muster with all Aggie defensive linemen and linebackers back from last year's 8-3 team. A&T State's one great weakness is the inexperience of its secondary. The Bulls' fortunes may depend on John Henry Thomas' arm and a bevy of talented

receivers. Thomas has spread the aerial attack to nine different Bull receivers.

The Bulls enter back to back contests with A&T State and S.C. State in good health. Freshman running-back Darrel Wesley looked strong gaining 132 yards on 18 carries after being hampered with a previous ankle sprain. Fullback Jeff

Steele continues to have a big year averaging 90 yards offense a game. Punter Anthony Wicker is listed as the second best punter in NCAA II and the NAIA nationally with a 44.2 yard punt average. The Greenville, S.C., native was named Beatties Ford Road Burger King "Specialty Team Player of the Game" against Virginia

**Shelton Boyer Is "Player Of The Week"**

By Chase Vance  
Post Staff Writer

The West Charlotte Lions needed a win to keep them at the top of the conference. The task was made harder by virtue of the fact that the game was at East, a place where West Charlotte never wins.

They beat the Eagles 20-12 and this week's "Player of the Week" is partially the reason why.

With the Lions at their own 30, end Shelton Boyer caught a pass at the Eagle two to set up a touchdown by Eric Glenn on the next play.

Later in the game, at the Eagle 40, Boyer faked a punt and raced down the sideline 40 yards for a touchdown.

Late in the fourth quarter the Eagles fumbled at the West Charlotte 48. Quarterback Struggy Smith pitched out to Durain Anderson who threw a 52-yard bomb to Boyer to sidetrack the Eagles and leave the Lions in a four-way tie for third place with Olympic, Harding and North Mecklenburg. The Lions can control their own destiny. They have beaten the Trojans. The other teams will come in the following weeks.

"I enjoy playing football," said Boyer, who wants to play at a major



Running 52 yards for a touchdown, faking a punt, then running 40 yards for a second touchdown and then carrying the ball for another crucial 37 yards...sounds like a professional feat. It's all part of the professionalism portrayed by West Charlotte senior Shelton Boyer during West Charlotte's last game. These, among other factors, are reasons he received Burger King's (Beatties Ford Road) "Outstanding Football Player of the Week" honor. (Photo by Teresa Burns)

college and possibly with North Carolina State, the pros one day. North Carolina, Georgia,

Clemson, Wake Forest, Duke, South Carolina,

Tennessee, Florida, Georgia Tech, Alabama, and Auburn are among teams who have left calling cards for his services.

The senior has this to say about college ball: "I will weigh all factors involved in the selecting the college that I attend. Then I will consult my family and we will make the best decision for my future goals."

Other stars were West Charlotte quarterback Struggy Smith...Steve Rankin, Independence quarterback...Eric Alexander of Independence who caught two interceptions...James Johnson of Myers Park, 74-yard touchdown run. Dean Benson, Harding quarterback who kicked a 29-yard field goal and scored two touchdowns...Harding's Haywood Smith who scored on a 9-yard pass...South's Steve Griffin, four touchdowns and 157 yards...South's Kevin White, two touchdowns, 134 yards...Olympic's Tim Newman, one touchdown, 104 yards...Olympic's Mitch Gibson, 14 tackles unassisted...Eric Glenn, West Charlotte, 98 yards rushing...Andre Crawford, Harding, 151 yards rushing...Nate May, Harding, 64 yards rushing.

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