

Major Endowments Expedite Growth

"Roaring Twenties" Was Period Of Rapid Expansion For J.C. Smith

By Phil Busher

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After six years of "the war to end all wars," World War I came to a conclusion and the nation's energy turned to producing one of the greatest periods of economic growth in the United States. The "Roaring Twenties" was a period of rapid expansion.

Biddle Institute was no exception, as virtually every aspect of the school was effected by the generosity of two major endowments.

In 1921 and 1922, Mrs. Johnson C. Smith of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, donated \$400,000 to the institution. Nine buildings were constructed and the university was renamed on March 1, 1923 to honor her late husband. In 1924 the university unexpectedly received a \$1,300,000 endowment from Charlottean James B. Duke, at the time the largest gift ever made to any Negro institution.

The Johnson C. Smith athletic program expanded as well. The football team was now able to travel out of state to engage in contests against South Carolina, Benedict, Allen, Morris, Howard, Lincoln and teams in the CIAA. The Athletic Council was formed in the 1922-23 school year to formulate policy and direction for the pro-



GOLDEN BULLS WERE KICKING HIGH

...And Flying High in the late 1920's

gram. A. O. Steele was the Council's first president.

Intercollegiate sports enjoyed a popular revival among the community. The campus administration's view went from "necessary evil" to viewing sports as wholesome recreation, healthy exercise and a welcome entertainment diversion from the usual "sedentary habits of study."

Mrs. Smith again donated money in 1927 to be used for the construction of athletic facilities. A stadium was built, seating 10,000, on campus along with a baseball diamond and track. A gymnasium

was also put up that year (now the Hartley Woods Finance Office) with locker rooms and shower facilities. With the advent of the Depression, expansion of physical facilities came to a halt.

In 1923, J.C. Smith joined the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association along with North Carolina College at Durham, Shaw, Livingstone and Fayetteville State Normal. The Bulls switched to the CIAA in 1926, experiencing a disappointing 1-5-1 conference mark with a young team under coach S. Williams.

Upset with the season J. C. Smith failed to show for the Thanksgiving game with Virginia Seminary. The CIAA asked for the school's withdrawal until it would live up to all conference agreements. JCSU returned to the North Carolina Athletic Association in 1927.

Randolph Taylor took the coaching reins and while not improving the previous year's record by much, did develop the makings of the 1928 championship team led by Smith's first All-American Jonnie Bogle and key players Red Ellis, Jethro Henry, "Prof" Foulkes and Jack "Beef" Smith—followers were ex-

pecting another great year, but the CIAA proved a tough challenge as the Bulls finished 2-1-3 in the conference and 4-2-4 overall. Frustrated fingers of blame were pointed in all directions, ending with coach Thomas' resignation.

By the 1931 season, though, the Great Depression had taken its toll. School budgets were slashed across the board with the athletic funds being cut to the bone. Enrollment shrank as the nation began to battle a decade of high unemployment, poverty and hard times. The Smith football fortunes floundered. Lonnie P. Byram coached

a limited schedule in 1931 and 1932, winning one and losing 10 games. William Griffin coached 17 games in the 1933-35 seasons winning five to 10 losses and two ties. Herbert Penn could do no better in 1936 with a 2-3-3 record. Charles Dusenburg earned recognition as an outstanding runningback despite the lean football record in the mid 1930's. Clearly, J.C. Smith's fortunes were down from the glorious years of the late 1920's. The recession wore on and serious consideration was being given to dropping football.

McGill Awarded Scholarship

Cicero McGill Jr of 5513 Edsdale Place, a rising sophomore at North Mecklenburg, has been awarded a United States Tennis Association Summer Tennis Camp Program scholarship.

In a letter to the BATCH Racquet Association, Mrs. Dru Michales of the North Carolina Tennis Association said, "Your program was a tremendous help in locating an eligible youngster in the Charlotte area to participate in the 1981 program."

In establishing the scholarship program, the USTA pays half of the camper's tuition and the tennis camp picks up the tab for the other half.

McGill has been selected as one of two state representatives for the North

Carolina Tennis Association camp scholarships. McGill will attend the camp located at Davidson College June 27 through July 2nd.

The Davidson-Wildeat Tennis Camp is directed by the renowned Jeff Frank, one of the best instructors in the area.

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Wallace Excited About Scholarship To NCCU

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer
Recruited by Lawrence Pettis, Melvin Jernal Wallace, Olympic High School senior is excited about his football scholarship to North Carolina Central University.

The defensive back figures he will fit right in the Eagle program.

"I am real excited about going to Durham," he said. "The present quarterback at North Carolina Central is Myers Park graduate Gerald Fraylon and we are going to start working out with weights and exercises next week. I want to give the position of wide receiver a shot also."

Wallace enjoyed the classroom atmosphere and the general life at the campus during a recent visit.

He believes that the road to success in college will be much "tougher" than the

road to success in high school.

"You will be going against the best in college," he emphasized. "There won't be many weak spots like there were in high school, plus all the players will be so much bigger and more talented."

"But I will be there," he continued, "dedicating my time to studying and concentrating on one sport."

At 5'9" and 175 pounds, Wallace who bench presses 240 pounds is looking forward to the game with big rival North Carolina A&T State and the game with Johnson C. Smith on November in Durham.

He said that Central is anticipating a good team. The defensive backs will be seniors and with a year's training he should be ready to move into a starting position his sophomore year.

"I expect to get some

play next year," he revealed, "but I don't expect to start before I fully learn the system."

Wallace said the extra-curricular things he does in high school like helping to run the Monogram Club and doing extra assignments in English should prepare him mentally and physically for college.

He has also participated in Project Excel and will be a class night speaker during graduation week.

"This year, I am getting to meet other people," he explained, "I have been talking to businessmen and seeing how it feels to be successful from people who have achieved that goal."

Wallace was tremendously impressed by the famed Olympic Wilma Rudolph whom he met at the Phil Houghton Awards ceremony. Wallace was the male nominee from Olympic High School.



The Children's club of the Orvis Street Community Club gathered for "Fun Time" on Saturday, June 5 at 6 p.m. The gala affair was held at the court at the Hood's home on Orvis Street. "Fun Time" is an annual event given by the children of the Orvis Street Community Club, in which various talents are displayed. All participants in the program danced to the music of The Breaks by Curtis Blow as the opening selection. Other presentations included duets, group songs, instrumental solos, skating to music, poetry, double dutch, creative dancing, etc. "Fun Time" is also an effort to enhance leadership ability, develop talent and maintain self confidence for each child, according to the

children's advisor, Anna Hood. The club also stresses concern for others. Participants in the event were: Rhonda Colson, Shawn Walls, Yarrum Austin, Venita Hood, Michael Parks, Tonya Dean, Erinita Dean, Shawn Dean, Kim Gilliam, Cynthia Dunlap, Charlie Brooks, Sharon Brooks, Aljana Edwards, Alfonso Edwards, Ronetta Stowe, Keith Gilliam, Kenny English, Tony Montgomery, Rochelle Talfair and Marius Darryl Hood. Choreographers were David Brooks and Rodney Hood. Fashion coordinators were Arlene Brooks and Billie Sasportas. Rhonda Colson and Darryl Hood presided. Wilbur Ferguson is president of the Orvis Street Community Club.

JCSU Accepting Applications For Summer School

Johnson C. Smith University is now accepting applications for the second session of summer school which will run June 28 through July 31.

Registration will be held on June 28 and classes will begin the following day.

The courses that will be offered will include: Biology, Communications, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, French, History, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physical Education and

Health, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology and Spanish.

The tuition will be \$330 and \$55 per semester hour exceeding the normal load of six hours. Financial assistant may be provided to those who are eligible.

For more information and applications, contact summer school co-directors Dr. L. C. Collins or J. A. Lockett by writing Johnson C. Smith Univers-

ity, 100 Beatties Ford Rd., 28216 or call 378-1015.

Basketball League

The McCrorey YMCA is now accepting entries for the Adult Summer Basketball League. Teams must consist of at least 10 but not more than 15 players.

The deadline for entering teams is June 21. League play starts June 28.

All interested parties should contact Charles R. Cox, Physical Director at 394-2356.

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