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IT OCCURS TO ME THAT
Good impulses often do evil unless mixed with intelligent efforts.

I wouldn't want to be the first to yell "Break Up The Virginia Union Panthers!" But it's worth a thought! I would imagine that serious thinkers and conference historians would give support to the idea.

Just think! When was the last time a member of the CIAA whipped Williard Bailey's rugged crew in regular or post season play? Better still, when was the last time a league member came close to defeating the Panthers?

Winning three straight championships in any league is an enviable achievement. Winning three football titles in a row with the incredible ease Virginia Union has swept the CIAA the last three seasons is even more difficult to accomplish. Do you agree?

Maybe Bob Moorman and his able assistants would do well to develop a plan that would match the annual All-CIAA squads against the dauntless Panthers in next year's championship contest. Such a plan, I believe, would spare the individual schools the embarrassment and the physical thrashing North Carolina Central experienced in 1981 and 1982 and Winston-Salem State received this year.

It would also release the fear that engulfs league members when the big, bad and burly Panthers show up for a football clash. Bailey and his crew dominate the conference in much the same manner the Yankees once stood head and shoulders above the other American League teams and the late Vince Lombardi and his highly-rated Green Bay Packers once struck fear in the NFL.

More importantly, there is very little visible evidence that the other CIAA teams will be able to compete with Virginia Union on the football fields in the immediate future. So, in order to give the CIAA more balance as well as to spread the championship trophies around a bit more, from time to time, I repeat: "It's Time To Break-Up The Panthers!"

THINK ABOUT IT
The word is out that North Carolina, which is rated highly as the nation's No. 1 basketball team, will face serious problems at the playmaking post this year. Starting forward Chauncey Terry will not play for Howard this season. He's suffering with a kidney ailment. Someone should remind Pete Rose that his playing days are numbered and that he has lost more than a step as he nears the end of a brilliant career. This will not set well with die-hard Tar Heel fans. The Sporting News rates Kentucky and Georgetown, in that order, ahead of their beloved North Carolina cagers.

"SUDDEN THAWT" - Thanksgiving should have a greater tradition than "overeating!"

According to a recent unaudited survey, Los Angeles led all major league baseball teams with \$19.3 million from gate receipts. Baltimore reported the largest revenues gain, with \$13.8 million, up \$4.5 million from \$982.

Are you aware that six of North Carolina's cagers are 6'9" or taller? ...Donations to the Iowa University athletic funds program this year totaled \$3,004,980.

Following a dismal 3-8-0 season, former South Carolina State football coach Willie Jeffries fired six of his nine assistants at Wichita State. The Chicago Blitz of the USFL will pay Chicago Bears black quarterback Vince Edwards \$5 million over the next four years.

How would you like to apply for the head football coach position at Rice University? Rice lists the following requirements for the post: "College degree; experience at the college level in coaching, supervision, planning, financing, public relations, media relations and fund-raising. Must have the ability to relate closely with Rice community and alumni, as well as the general public. Ability to work well with the student-athlete. Must be knowledgeable of and able to work within the guidelines of the NCAA and Southwest Conference. Prefer previous head coaching experience at the major college level." Wonder if "Superman" is available?

List this writer among those who are happy to see Billy (White Shoes) Johnson making it big in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons. The former Houston Oiler, who is

My guess is that Dallas coach Tom Landry has lost a lot of friends and loyal supporters in the black community since he began publicly supporting Jesse Helms.

NBC will do the viewers a favor if it will continue the "Skins Game" golf series. Have a good one!

"We're Going To Be A Good Team," Coach Moore Promises

By Phil Busher
Special To The Post
Johnson C. Smith's Baby Bulls basketball team is growing faster than even head coach Robert Moore anticipated. Monday's 76-75 win at Catawba was the first Indian loss on their home court in three years, knocking Sam Moir's defending NAIA district 26 champions from the undefeated ranks.



Robert Moore

"To be honest, we had trouble holding on to the lead with so many freshmen in the line-up," explained Moore. "We've been practicing how to overcome an opponent's lead in the final minute. I didn't expect to be protecting a lead against Catawba at the end of the game."

Moore's freshmen forces are maturing quickly.

"Their quickness and defensive hard work got us rolling Monday," praised Moore. "The players are showing greater discipline in running the offense. This bunch really wants to win and are working hard at it."

Freshman point guard Lamar Prentiss from Columbus, Ohio, got his outside jumper on track.

Head basketball coach Prentiss has demonstrated good floor leadership along with wing James Shockley as well as good ball handling ability. Moore is still testing the reserve strength of his guards.

"Thomas White played strong defense to help out Monday," observed Moore. "We've got several others who should also be providing help this year."

Moore appears to be finding the chemistry that the 1982-83 team lacked. "We won't out-muscle anyone on our schedule," explained Moore. "If we continue to make our opponents earn every point on defense and patiently work our offense, we're going to be a good team."

Amos Assumes Leadership Of Livingstone College Band

Special To The Post
Livingstone College highlighted their gala 1983 homecoming festivities with the debut of a new band director and brand new uniforms.

Alvin Amos has taken over the leadership of the 65 member band replacing James Sawyer who resigned to take a position in Michigan.

Amos, an assistant professor of music at the college since 1977, will continue his responsibilities as director of the college Jazz Ensemble and as director of the college Symphony Orchestra.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Amos has established himself as one of the top jazz conductors and authorities in the country. Currently a doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he earned the B.A. degree in music from Xavier University in New Orleans and the Master of Music degree from Colorado State University.

While a student at Xavier, Amos played with the New Orleans City Opera Orchestra and worked for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. After graduating from Xavier, he toured briefly with the Motown jazz-rock group the Swiss Movement. He also served as a bandsman in the United States Army.

Amos has conducted workshops in Ohio, West Virginia, New York, Illinois, and throughout North Carolina.

From 1971-77 Amos was assistant director of marching and concert bands at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. He has written and produced several songs as well as arranged for jazz ensembles, marching bands, and symphony orchestras. He's active in numerous professional music organizations such as: The College Music Society, American Society of Composers, Intergate Music Association, and The College Band Director National Association to mention a few. He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

While serving as director of the jazz ensemble, which also acquired new uniforms, Amos' repertoire includes various styles of jazz from Dixieland through Avant-Garde and Fusion. They have traveled extensively and received rave reviews from schools, social, church, civic and political organizations. In addition, the group provides educational experience for all ages on the subject of jazz and black music in general by sponsoring and participating in workshops and lecture concerts.

All three music organizations are available for concerts, workshops, and lectures. Interested organizations may contact Mr. Alvin Amos at the college.

Wild Cats Win St. Jude-Saints Classics

Charlotte's Plaza Wild Cats Pee Wee Team placed a blister on the Fort Meyers Rebels of Fort Meyers, Florida last week and during the St. Jude-Saints Classics Tournament held in Atlanta, GA. The Pee Wee team

scored 24 points against the Rebels 0. The Rebels had previously been an undefeated team but found the Pee Wee team to be more than they bargained for. The Pee Wees had previously lost only two games but came out on the field looking and playing their best. The Charlotte Plaza Wild Cats Pee Wee team took first place with a blast.

Scoring was lead by the Plaza Wild Cats' quarterback Clyde Steele III running two touchdowns and throwing a 22-yard touchdown to Warren Wallace. Victor Taylor drove for a 10-yard touchdown and good offensive running was shown by Fred Ingram and Van Stitt.

Defensive standouts included Andrea Alexander and Clyde Steele III, for intercepting one pass each that stopped their opposing team's drive. Other

standouts included hard hitting from Fred Ingram, Van Stitt, Victor Taylor and Anton Brown.

The coaching staff is led by Zack Thioff, assistant head coach Clyde Steele Jr., coach Dale Moore.

Cheerleaders of the Plaza Wild Cats Pee Wee team won third place in the cheerleading competition also held last week in Atlanta, GA. November 26. Head cheerleader is Shan-

non Byrum; co-head, Annette McCloud. Other cheerleaders include: Natasha Broome, Nakia Williams, Tamika Williams, Shawn Flood, LaTanya Love, NaTosha Gary, Katrina Simmons, Yolanda Miller, Tamika Knox and Rena Walls. Betty McCloud is supervisor of the cheerleading squad. Other supervisors include Leona Williams and Ethel Ervin.

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