

ELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS: . It might surprise you to discover what your "good friends" say about you behind your back!

According to Eddie McGirt, tickets to the CIAA Basketball Tournament in the Norfolk Scope are going fast. The Johnson C. Smith athletic director said he's going to attend a meeting in Hampton, Virginia, this weekend and likely will bring back more ooks of tickets to the biggest event in black

The past president of the CIAA, who is currently serving on the tournament committee, believes all tickets to the popular dribble derby will be sold out long before the first basketball is bounced.

McGirt predicts that Charlotte will again have the largest group in attendance at the famed event, which begins Wednesday, February 22. Hampton is expected to win the banner for having the largest attendance, with Norfolk State second, JCSU third

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST There is only one problem harder to solve than making money and that is keeping it once you have made a little of it!

and Winston-Salem fourth.

Did you hear that Morgan State is making plans to rejoin the MEAC? The Bears will ecome the league's eighth team when the official paperwork is completed. The Baltimore school will be granted full Division I status within three years.

Add the names of Napoleon Johnson of Grambling and Earl Jones of District of Columbia to the list of black college basketball players who are high on the NBA prospects list. Joe/Binion of A&T is the top BCB player on the roster.

Wonder why black media experts bypassed PGA golder Calvin Peete in their selection of professional football player Eric Dickerson as the "Black Athlete of the Year"? True. Dickerson turned in an outstanding season with the Los Angeles Rams with great credentials, including rushing for 1,808 yards for a record for NFL rookies. But, during the same period, Calvin earlied more than \$300,000 for the third straight year to become the first black golfer to earn more than \$1 million in the toughest sport there is.

heryl Miller, the high-scoring lady from rn California University, is being elamed as the best woman basketball player in history. Maybe so, but our gal, adra Howell of J.C. Smith University, s not far behind. Well, not that far! andra Howell of J.C. Smith University. field goal snooting percentage. Inat ought to be worth several votes. Or should

et you didn't know that J.C. Smith does have a player among the top 10 CIAA individual scoring leaders? Roosevelt Mc-Grutler is pulling down a mere 8.7 re-bounds and is ranked ninth among the league's rebounding leaders. Phil Smith is eighth among the field goal percentage opters, with a respectable .524 accuracy

Although it's being kept quietly, Calvin Peete and Coca-Cola USA have teamed up for special promotions during Peete's 1984 tournament and exhibition schedules. It looks as if the problems of winning are going to worsen for the JCUS basketball team. The Golden Bulls will clash with Virginia Union and Charles Oakley here Saturday night prior to facing Virginia turday night prior to facing Virginia

Saturday night prior to facing Virginia State here Monday night. That's a tough assignment.

Word from Greensboro is that Miller Browing Company withdrew its financial support from the North Carolina A&T Basketball Tournament because the Aggles could not attract any big-named Division I

It's not official yet, so don't hold me to thist Fumors have Willie Jeffries resign-ing from Wichita State to accept the head

coach position at Howard. rrectly in the Observer Tues-where he was listed as having layers did not do what I told do." The statement gives the at Bob is saddled with a serious

It's difficult to understand how some perts can give high praise to the reedom Bowl All-Star Football in Atlanta, which attracted a little ore than 19,000 fans. First of all, 19,000 is not considered a great turnout and, secondly, the event did not have the good gs of either the Atlanta University Center nor the SIAC.

low about ol' Ralph? Sampson is currently leading the Houston Rockets in individual scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. The big rookie is also doing very well in assists and steals. He's also proved that he is human, however. Sampson ing poorly at the free throw lines. pson is shoot-

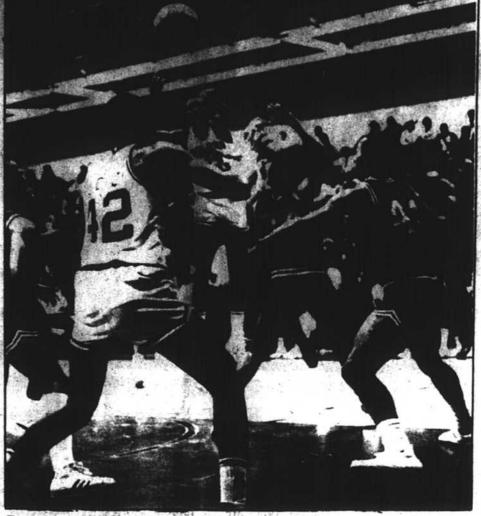
agging Golden Bulls Hope To Regain Loss Confidence

al To The Post ve lost in re they ve lost in realing of three straight Southern Division losses. Only the mentally tough survive in the tough CIAA Tourna-ment which will begin on Wednesday, February 22 at the Norfolk Scope. All others will be given early seats on the sidelines.

The women's program likewise went through a topsy-turvey week. The ladies were favorites against St. Augustine's and Winston-Salem State, but dropped both. Heavily favored Shaw came into town with first place in the Southern Division all but secure, only to be sent back to Raleigh with a 47-44 loss at the hands of Smith. Odelia Johns, suffering from a rare off-season for the junior All-CIAA guard, came through with 16 points to do most of the damage.

"It's been a strange year as far as the up and down consistency," admitted women's coach Steve Joyner. "Unless Shaw badly stumbles, we can just hope to be ready for the CIAA women's tournament to make amends."

Norfolk State's spacious



Roosevelt McGruder (34) finds Dante responded with an easy layup against Johnson (42) open underneath with a

"neat" pass and the spunky freshman Spartan arena will host 17-18. The championship

that event on February game will be played prior game on Saturday, Fe for 7:30 p.m. following

North Carolina Central here last week.

bruary 25, at the Scope. Meanwhile men's coach Bob Moore may have to call on the services of the counseling center on the Smith campus, or perhaps the psychology depart-

"It's tough to explain," lamented Moore. "We've got some outstanding teams coming to Brayboy in the coming weeks in Virginia Union, St. Augustine's, Winston-Salem State and a road trip to Hampton Institute. We have the time and the opportunities to prove ourselves, but it will take some hard searching on the part of everyone to play their roles and pay the price. If I were the players, I'd be anxious to make amends." That order will have to

arrive in a hurry as nationally-ranked Virginia Union (15-2) led by All-CIAA forward Charles Oakley visits Brayboy Saturday. Oakley carries NBA prospect potential with 20 points, 13.5 rebounds and two blocked shots per game. The Virginia State Trojans, led by a pair of small guards in Kevin Bush and Dwayne Wood, have been running conference teams ragged. VSU will visit Brayboy for a Monday night contest. to the men's championship Both games are scheduled

the women's games. Virginia Union's Lady Panthers, national champions last year, are still undefeated and ranked number one in the country. Forwards are McWhirter and Marie Nicholson are worth the price of admission as far as seeing two of the best college women players in the country.

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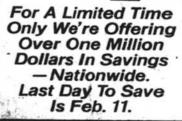
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