



FROM THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE!
Why is it so easy to mind other people's business?

The 39th Family Reunion is over! More popularly known as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament, the reunion reached its greatest heights, the Norfolk Scope last weekend, leaving no doubt that it's one of the greatest events of its kind going today.

If exciting basketball games, colorfully dressed spectators and unbound enthusiasm are the ingredients for a good basketball tournament, the CIAA went several steps further with the 39th staging of this great event. It placed all of the thrills.

Norfolk State athletic director William Archie explained the best: "The sentiment and the tradition are deep," Archie explained, pointing to "this tournament is to blacks like a trip to Europe. It's our Mardi Gras."

The camaraderie is fantastic! Hotel room parties are the pre- and post-game festivities are definite musts. Mink, Ralph Lauren, Gucci and Izod are in as is everything from Mart to Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdale's.

Basketball? Of yes, there were some games. In fact, more than 50,000 paid fans sat through six sessions, from early Wednesday morning to late Saturday night. The net income rose to record heights for the third straight year. Next year will be even better since tournament officials have raised the price of the tickets books from \$35 to \$40 each.

Norfolk State which looked at times as if it couldn't live up to its great aunt, zipped through the net to capture its ninth championship. The Spartans tamed pesky St. Augustine's 68-64, late Saturday night for the title. Five of their athletes - Ralph Tally, David Pope, Barry Mullen, Alexander Gatling were named to the All-Tournament Team. Tally was most deserving of the "Most Valuable Player" trophy and Charles Christian was the popular choice for "Most Outstanding Coach" honors.

Pope didn't long in the select company of the All-Tourney squad.

The 6'7" All-American didn't play well. St. Augustine held him to six points on 2-for-9 shooting and the talented senior rode the bench for 15 minutes during two stretches, afflicted with serious foul trouble, poor shot selection and all-around disorganization.

Widely-acclaimed as the CIAA's best athlete, Pope didn't score but nine points in the semis against Winston-Salem State's great defense. However, he hit 32 in the quarter-finals to help destroy Hampton, 76-52.

Tally?

He's something else! The 6'1" freshman from Atlantic City, N.J., established himself as the "class" player of the conference. He went into the tournament averaging 13.0 points and 4.5 assists and had led the Spartans in individual scoring five times. He kept pace. Tally registered 11 points while contributing four assists in the win over Hampton. He shot 12 points and dished out 2 assists against Winston-Salem before hitting his peak with a sensational 18-point performance in the championship title.

Christian, who has the third best won-loss record among NCAA Division II coaches and 13th best among all coaches, will lose only Pope from this year's team which won 28 of 29 encounters. He has outstanding rookies in Tally and Barry Mitchell and top sophomores in Alexander Gatling, Lawrence Hayes, Barry Mullen and Darnell Brown. Mike Smith is the lone junior on the squad.

TOURNEY NOTES Johnson C. Smith failed to score with 12 consecutive possessions in the opening round contest with Hampton. That should be a CIAA Tournament record. Speaking of records, St. Paul's notched its first victory in tournament play when the Tigers edged Shaw Wednesday night. They had lost three games.

Wonder what Norfolk State coach Charles Christian meant when he uttered to the press: "Anytime you play a team coached by Bighouse Gaines, you're always playing seven men?"

For the record, Winston-Salem took 24 shots from the foul stripes Friday night and scored 22 for Norfolk State.

Smith has made 28 appearances in 31 games. The Bulls have been shut out 13 times on opening night and have a record of 16 victories and 34 losses.



Ron Bush (right) of the Amoco Oil Company in Raleigh, N.C., recently presented Jennifer Phillips (left), Physical Officer, and Gretchen Johnson (center), Director of Carolina Minority Suppliers Development Councils, Inc., with a check for \$1,000 from the Amoco Foundation, Incorporated. (Photo By Divine Reflections)

Basketball's Premiere Show!
City Of Norfolk Fighting To Keep CIAA Tournament

By Phil Busher
Special To The Post
The city of Norfolk once again proved an exceptional host to the 39th annual CIAA basketball tournament. Everywhere tournament fans went in the area, banners greeted them while area businesses welcomed them with open arms.

The only complaints registered were by disgruntled alumni of losing tournament teams about "biased officiating" or "if only that guard didn't miss that fast break lay-up."

It was a tournament of firsts. The first win ever in the 39-year event for the Tigers of St. Paul's. A first tournament title for Norfolk State in their home city after stealing the gala affair away from the city of Hampton in 1978. Another first round loss for the Golden Bulls.

One topic on a good many minds was the future location of the prestigious event. The 1985 tournament

will be in Norfolk's Scope next year. The 1986 and 1987 tournaments are supposed to be held in the larger Richmond Coliseum.

But reports circulating at this year's event indicate that negotiations have run aground with Richmond officials. The city of Norfolk, who has thrown in every imaginable incentive plus the mayor's kitchen sink, is fighting with all its resources to keep the tournament. Over 50,000 fans clicked the turnstiles, smashing the record once again. Black college basketball's premiere show sold out three nights in a row starting with Thursday night's quarterfinal games. Getting a ticket into the Scope was harder than breaking out of Leavenworth prison. Chamber of Commerce officials estimated over \$3 million was generated into the area.

Obviously, Richmond would be fumbling away a major event if negotia-

tions continue to stall.

Best Tourney Move: The Virginia Union Panthers' mascot, who won a kiss and hug from the beautiful Jayne Kennedy after a wild halftime hysteric dance when she was introduced.

Second Best Move: JCSU's All-CIAA linebaker Stephone Darby who cornered Jayne Kennedy in the VIP room. Stephone asked for an autographed picture, but Miss Kennedy didn't have one, so Darby gave her one of his. The senior Golden Bull, promoted during football season as one of the Bruise Brothers, then asked about hiring on as a body guard. Kennedy was surrounded by two body guards at the time, but Darby, who bench presses 425 pounds, was set to demonstrate that her present hired help was inadequate.

Third Best Move: Post publisher, Bill Johnson, offered Miss Kennedy the seat next to him on press row after sending the prior occupant to fetch drinks.

Livingstone Wrestlers Win Title

Special To The Post
Livingstone College wrestlers William Wright and Archie Kincaid claimed individual titles in the CIAA wrestling tournament at Trent Gymnasium on Saturday, but Winston-Salem State took home the team championship for the fifth year in a row.

The Rams took the team crown with 68%, edging out Norfolk State's 61%. Livingstone placed third with 52, followed by Elizabeth City State with 50% and Hampton Institute with 49.

Wright defeated Ethan Stanfield of Norfolk State, 10-4, in the 177-pound championship bout. Kincaid took the 190-pound division with a 3-2 win over Norfolk State's Darrell Sutton in overtime. The pair wrestled to a 4-4 tie in regu-

lation. Wright and Kincaid will advance to regional action February 24-25 at Morgan State.

Wright is a junior Physical Education major from Greenwood, South Carolina, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Wright.

Kincaid is a junior Business Administration major from Tampa, Florida, and the son of Mrs. Barbara Limehouse.

Chris Burke of Hampton Institute, who won the 167-pound championship, was named the tournament's "Most Valuable Wrestler." Ron Locust of Winston-Salem State defeated Calvin Wiggins of Hampton Institute for the

heavyweight title, marking the third year in a row he has claimed that h

A&T Favored
MEAC Tournament Underway

Special To The Post
Greensboro - The 13th Annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament will be a lucky winner for the eventual champion. An NCAA automatic berth to the Men's Division I national championship awaits the MEAC champion for the fourth straight year.

MEAC tournament action presents its 1984 fever-pitch atmosphere March 1-3 at Greensboro's Coliseum Complex. The MEAC Tournament was held there last year and from 1976-79. Also for the second consecutive year, the MEAC women will hold their tournament on the same days and site.

Participating teams include: Bethune-Cookman College, Delaware State College, Howard University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, North Carolina A&T State University, and South Carolina State College.

Because of the six-team contingent, two first round byes will be awarded in each tournament. The regular season champions

and the next top seeded teams among the women and men will not play on Thursday, March 1.

First round women's games are scheduled for 3 and 5 p.m. on March 1, while the men play at 7 and 9 p.m. Semi-finals are set for the same times on Friday, March 2, and the championship contests will be at 7 p.m. for women and 9 p.m. for men on Saturday, March 3.

N.C. A&T's Aggies have defeated Howard the past two years in the MEAC finals and gone on as the conference's representative in the NCAA's opening rounds. However, it was the Howard Bison who became the first MEAC team to play in that prestigious Division I classic. After downing NC A&T in the 1981 finals, Howard met Wyoming in the West Regional. Last season, NC A&T played Princeton in the East and battled West Virginia the year before in Logan, Utah.

S.C. State's Lady Bulldogs defeated LaSalle before losing to Bethune last year in the second

annual NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Championships. S.C. State eased by Bethune-Cookman in the MEAC finals to reach the NCAA. But here again, it was Howard that sent the first MEAC women's team to that tournament after the Bisonettes defeated S.C. State in the 1982 MEAC finals. Even though the women do not have an automatic berth this season, an at-large possibility is at stake for the MEAC champion.

Tickets for the MEAC Tournament are on sale at each participating MEAC institution, the MEAC office and the Greensboro Coliseum.

Two Seminars

Two seminars on Estate Planning will be conducted at the Extension Auditorium, 301 Billingsley Rd. The first will be on Monday, March 12, at 2 p.m. with a repeat session on Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m.

No charge will be made for the seminar but attendance will be limited.

CIAA tournament

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Today
Norfolk State (25-1)	Norfolk State	Norfolk State, 76-52	Norfolk State, 64-60 8 p.m.
Bye	Hampton, 64-61		
J.C. Smith (11-14)			
Hampton (17-10)			
W-Salem (18-7)	W-Salem, 67-48	W-Salem, 88-86	
Bowie State (2-22)			
Va. State (14-13)	Va. State, 76-71		
N.C. Central (11-14)			
Shaw (10-15)			
St. Paul's (11-16)	St. Paul's, 64-56		
Va. Union (22-4)	Va. Union, 92-68	Va. Union, 84-65	
Livingstone (8-20)			St. Aug's, 75-72
Eliz. City (11-15)	Fayetteville, 77-63		
Fayetteville (11-15)			
St. Augustine's (17-5)	St. Augustine's, 92-85		
Bye			Norfolk 68-64 CIAA champion

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