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National Contenders To Compete In J.C. Smith

By Phil Busher
Special To The Post

The Annual Johnson C. Smith University Track and Field Relays will feature a pair of Olympic candidates in the field of 11 teams entered. The meet begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Myers Park High School stadium.

Also shooting for top team honors will be two teams with hopes of winning a national championship later this month. St. Augustine's College, CIAA and NAIS district 26 champions, finished as runner-up in the NCAA II meet last year. Pembroke State, runner-up to the Falcons in the district meet, will be aiming for an NAIA championship.

Other teams scheduled to compete include Davidson, Edward Waters, Ft. Valley State, Francis Marion, N.C. Central, UNCC, Wake Forest and Western Carolina.

Both Olympic hopefuls compete for St. Augustine's of Raleigh, N.C. Sabrina Douglas, who set a CIAA record in the women's long jump with a leap of 21'4", won the event at the Penn Relays. She is a leading candidate for a sport in the women's long jump event in the summer Olympics to be held in Los Angeles. Teammate Patricia Davis posted the sixth best time in the 100 meter hurdles this year in all divisions with a 13.5 seconds effort.

St. Augustine's coach George Williams lost the NCAA II championship last year when the Falcons did not field certain events, creating too great of a handicap to overcome. Williams recruited well in filling in those areas, placing the Falcons among the favorites to win the national crown.

Other top performances should come from Edward Waters' 4+ 100 meter relay team which posted the best time nationally in division II at 39.1 seconds. Wake Forest finished fifth in the mile relay at the Penn Relays with a 3:06 clocking while JCSU was timed at 3:14. N.C. Central's freshman high jumper, Obie Martin, took second at the Penn Relays with a 6'1" jump.

"Overall, the CIAA was well represented in the championship round in the Penn Relays last week," remarked Smith coach Kenny Powell. "St. Augustine's is definitely favored Saturday, but there will be many outstanding performers to watch in the field."

There will be a 10,000 meter run, open to the public, at 9:45 a.m. and a Master Mile run, for those 30 years and older at noon. There is a \$5 entry fee for the Master Mile and 10,000 meter run.

Admission Saturday will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for students.

OTHER JCSU NOTES: The Jones Grading Company of Charlotte has begun work on grading land behind the athletic complex for athletic fields to be used by the football, softball and track teams.

"By next year we'll have all of our athletic fields located on campus," promised Financial Affairs Vice President Mack Davidson. The Sanders-McCreary field formally used for practice is now the location of the new residence hall being built.

Dr. Melvin T. Pinn, Jr., a former All-CIAA tennis player for the Golden Bulls on the 1969 CIAA championship team, will be the guest speaker at the annual athletic banquet Monday night.

The United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) joint campaign with Johnson C. Smith University will kick off local activities with a pre-campaign dinner for minority business persons Friday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at JCSU's Memorial Union facility, Grimes Lounge.

"The dinner Friday is more of an educational mission explaining just how important the UNCF campaign is to the 42 UNCF schools involved and to Johnson C. Smith and the Charlotte community in particular," explained Dr. Gloria Duval of the JCSU Development Office. "Many people don't realize

that we receive approximately an 8-1 ratio from UNCF nationally for every dollar raised locally in support of the campaign."

The dinner is sponsored by the Business, Health and Legal Committee of the JCSU-UNCF campaign which is chaired by attorney Marnite Shuford Perry, optometrist Dr. Wesley Clement and Burger King franchise owner Nasif Majeed.

Just as the cost of running a household continues to climb, so does the day to day operation of running a university, points out Dr. Duval.

"Even more so now than ever," she stated, "JCSU's new 'era of excellence' involves a greater commitment of dollars in strengthening quality programs on campus."

Speakers Friday night will feature Dr. Earl J. Epps, president of the Charlotte Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society; Attorney Calvin Murphy of the law firm Casey, Bishop, Alexander and Murphy; and Cicero Grier, owner of the Bitsy Bounty Market.

"Limited endowments, low tuition, minimum fees and less affluent alumni make the support of the business community crucial," cited Dr. Duval. "Over 70 percent of UNCF students require financial aid. We're hoping that Friday's dinner will light fires of enthusiasm for others to help spread our efforts."

If interested in attending Friday's dinner, please call the Office of Development at 378-1020.

Red Hot Queen City Rangers Bash Westside Eagles, 18-3

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

The Queen City Rangers had a field day in the one game that they played last weekend.

A game with the Mt. Holly team was postponed because the team has folded, according to manager Herman Thomas.

The Rangers unleashed their power on the Westside Eagles. When the dust settled, the Rangers were 18-3 victors.

Henry Houston was the winning pitcher for the unbeaten (4-0) team of the Triple County Baseball League.

He pitched five innings and gave up only three runs and three hits while striking out three.

Reliever Darryl Jackson pitched four innings and gave up no runs, two hits

and had five strike-outs. Leading hitters were third baseman Bobby White with a single, double, triple and three runs scored and left fielder Darryl Berry with a single, double, homerun and three runs scored and three runs batted in.

Centerfielder Bobby

Thompson had a double, homerun and three runs scored.

The Rangers will be at the Lincolnton Cardinals at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

They will play the D and J AllStars at Old Plato Price High School field at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Karen Parker

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THE CHARLOTTE POST

TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!

Charity is a great virtue but it's seldom seen in economic activities!

There are reasons to loudly applaud the officials at Delaware State College, a tiny school near Philadelphia, Pa., that's setting a positive pace in the development of a quality athletic program.

In five short years, DSC has risen from the depths of depredation and despair of negative results on the athletic fields to the top of the polls by all of the respectable college ratings.

"We made up our minds in 1980 that we were going to change the direction of the program," explains Nelson Townsend, who assumed the athletic directorship five years ago.

"Not a whole lot of money was added," the former director of development at Maryland Eastern Shore stated. "But a new direction was taken. We decided to bring together our staff and let them know this was what we would base their employment on. Some people had to double up, coaches had to serve as assistants during the football season, and become head coaches of spring sports. The thing is that we committed ourselves to the program and we were able to go out and get some eager men and women to help us."

Townsend contributes, "Gut feelings and sound decision making" as the combination that dramatically turned DSC's athletic program around.

The success of the program and the added publicity that generally goes with winning, have also attracted the top scholars.

It's a program worth investigating. The point to be made here is, for reasons difficult to understand, the majority of the black colleges and universities spend considerable time recruiting inferior black talent rather than going after the best athletes possible.

The top black schools - S. C. Sate, Florida A&M, Grambling, Jackson State and Hampton - seek the same quality of athletes that major predominantly white schools recruit. These colleges, because of their overall strength in the athletic arenas, are the most feared schools in black college athletics.

Townsend and Delaware State, with their newly found philosophy should revolutionize the recruiting philosophy of the black schools who compete in athletics. He makes a good point in that commitment to quality in management projections, recruiting techniques, and promotional plans, is the only way to develop a first class athletic program.

HAPPY NOTES: Scooter McCray, who defected to the NBA Seattle Mariners a year ago, plans to finish work towards his degree at Louisville in the off season. "Then I'll try to play a lot of ball in the New York Pro Summer League," Scooter beamed.

Howard is looking good! The Bison is sending six of its track stars and one of its baseball standouts to the United States Olympics team trials. That should be a "first" for predominantly black schools. Word out of Florida is that Florida A&M has quietly turned down a request to meet South Carolina State on the football field this fall. And rumors from Tennessee are that Tennessee State is asking the state legislature for \$20 million to build a new football stadium.

Delaware State assistant football coach Bill Collick is orbiting after the signing of Mike Walker, who was rated as "one of the best quarterbacks" in the state of New York last fall. "Since we are in a position where we don't have to count on freshmen, Walker will have time to learn our system. Once he learns, he will make a good contribution to our football team," Collick said. Sounds like he's bragging!

If you're making plans to attend the Atlanta Braves games, you may be interested in knowing that the L.A. Dodgers will make their first appearance at Braves Stadium June 22 and 24. It's their only appearance in the "Fun City" this season.

Ken Free, personable commissioner of the MEAC, points out that two of his athletes - Erma Jones and Brenda Brown - have been drafted by teams in the new Women's American Basketball Association. Both girls played with Bethune-Cookman.

This bit of news won't surprise anyone, but Hampton's tennis team is ranked No. 1 in the East Region of the NCAA Division II. It's good to know that Mike Ballweg has returned to HI as the assistant to the Athletic Director. He will be in charge of Athletic Fundraising.

It's Doctor Frederick D. Ponder, now! For a number of years, I thought the athletic director and chairman of the health and education department at Livingstone College was just Fred Ponder. He was recently awarded the Doctorate of Arts in Physical Education at Middle Tennessee University. Right on, Fred!

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