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Minority Hiring Ignored

WASHINGTON (AP) - University of Maryland Chancellor John B. Slaughter says the nation's colleges and universities deserve a failing grade for lack of progress in hiring minority coaches and athletic administrators.

Slaughter, chairman of the NCAA Presidents Commission, told the American Council on Education Monday that minority hiring gains aren't likely in athletics until schools increase their number of minority faculty members.

"I generally agree that, if we offered letter grades to higher education, higher education would deserve an F in terms of what it has done to improve the place of blacks, Mexican-Americans and American Indians in places of responsibility," Slaughter said. "It's not likely in my opinion that we're going to make a significant amount of progress in the area of coaching positions and administrative positions in intercollegiate athletics unless higher education addresses the more significant problem of the lack of presence of minorities at all levels of higher education."

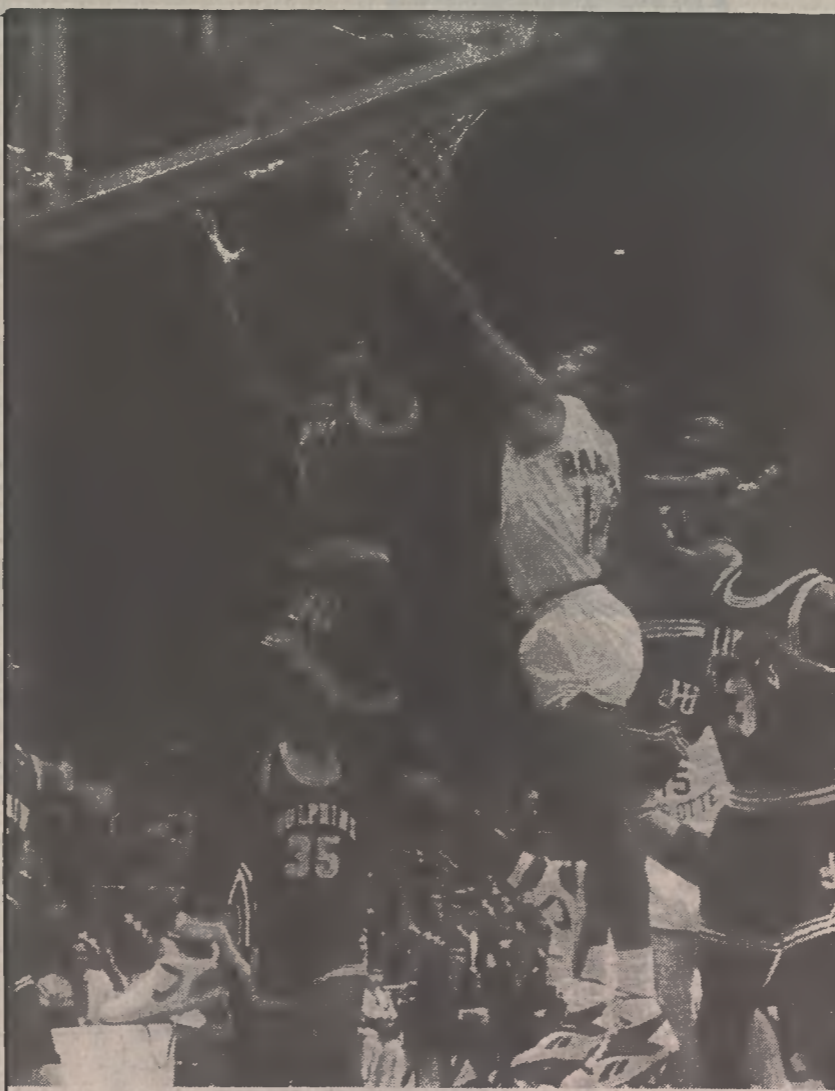
Less than 2 percent of the faculty members at colleges across the country are black, and less than 7 percent are in administrative posts, Slaughter claimed.

Slaughter and NCAA Executive Director Dick Schultz attended the conference to outline NCAA and President's Commission efforts to bring about reforms within the intercollegiate athletic body.

Slaughter added that since the NCAA cannot mandate to members what their hiring practices should be, gains in minority hiring may be slowed.

"I feel more confident that the NCAA...will take a more positive stance than some of the member institutions will," Slaughter said. "I'm somewhat dismayed when I come to realize the NCAA, really, is made up of all those member universities, and the universities have not demonstrated a great deal of success in the lot of minorities."

Slaughter said the NCAA reform program would include making its members more aware of minority hiring goals, awarding grants for minorities and women to pursue graduate degrees in athletic administration, an intern program at NCAA headquarters for minorities, and seminars to help minority assistant coaches improve their marketability.



Reggie Barnes stretches to block a Jacksonville player's shot in the 49ers 68-65 win over the Dolphins at the Charlotte Coliseum last Saturday night. Photo by Calvin Ferguson

CIAA To Fight Proposal

CIAA Commissioner Bob Moorman will travel to the NCAA convention in Nashville, TN, this week to propose for the CIAA the postponement of the Proposal 64 which requires that Division II schools adhere to the same academic requirements as Division I schools, or as it is widely known as Proposition 48. The Division II proposal is scheduled to go into effect August 1, 1988 and will be voted on next Tuesday in Nashville.

The Proposal Moorman will be submitting recommends that no minimum test scores will be required in August, 1988, but on a graduated scale from 1989 until 1991. An athlete with a 2.0 and a core curriculum would be eligible next season under the proposal. The current rule requires that athletes maintain a minimum 2.0 (C) gpa in 11 core courses and score 700 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT. At present, the only way to get around the ruling is to attend a junior college or not by playing for a year.

According to the commissioner, many of the 14-member CIAA schools are having to decline athletes they would have accepted a year ago. "Our institutions simply can not afford to

do that. If a guy comes to a CIAA school, he's got to play."

"We're not trying to change the course requirement. We think that's great. We just want to change the requirement on the test scores. There are a lot of guys who do much better than a 2.0 and can't get the test score because they don't test well. One of the things we hope this will do is give the high schools and junior high schools time to get squared away so they'll have time to prepare for the proposal," Moorman said.

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Sportspective

by Gerald Johnson

Doug Williams will lead the Washington Redskins into Super Bowl XXII on January 31, 1987. Doug will be the first Black signal caller to lead a NFL team to the Super Bowl. If you recall, Doug had a rocky start with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he began his career ten years ago. Playing with sub par talent, Doug got the lion's share of the blame for the Buc's failures. Several years ago he opted to play with the USFL until it folded. The Redskins purchased the rights to his contracts a year ago. Doug left the USFL after negotiating a payoff substantially less than his contract called for. Fortunes have finally turned for a great football player and a very fine gentleman. The Redskins passed out Doug Williams tee shirts after their victory over the Vikings for the NFC championship. The tee shirts read, "Doug Williams, a touch of class". I couldn't agree more.

CBS Broadcasting fired popular sportscaster and prognosticator Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder. The Greek upset some Negroes for making some comments that were construed as racially motivated. Though the comments were stupid, I find it hard to believe that anybody would have been offended by his statements. Unlike the comments made by Campanis last year, The Greek's comments were not an attack on the intelligence of Black people. Instead, it appeared he was trying to compliment Blacks for possessing more athletic prowess than other ethnic groups. Even though he did a poor job of making his point, I find it difficult to believe anybody took offense to the statements. Moreover, CBS' action was a little harsh. A genius, Jimmy is not, but neither is he a bigot.

**Super Bowl XXII Prediction
Redskins 27, Broncos 23**

Bob Wade head basketball coach for the Maryland Terrapins should be well on his way to becoming the ACC coach of the year. Wade has taken a program submerged in controversy and turned it around in one year. The Terrapins victory over an overrated Duke Blue Devil team should give them some respectability in the ACC. Carolina is still the Class of the ACC, but N. C. State and Maryland will give them a run. Duke, Georgia Tech, Virginia will hold the middle of the league, while Clemson and Wake will bring up the rear. Chris Corchiani, North Carolina State and Brian Williams, from Maryland look like strong contenders for "Freshman Of The Year" honors.

Eddie Robinson was one of ten distinguished Americans to receive the 1988 Horatio Alger Association Awards. The awards are given to outstanding men and women who have received success despite humble beginnings. Robinson, the athletic director and Head football coach at Grambling University, was the first coach from a predominantly black college to have a player signed by the NFL. Robinson has sent more than 200 players to the professional ranks during his 40 plus years in coaching. He has a career record of 329-109-15. Other recipients of the award are Carol Burnett, Waylon Jennings, W. Thomas Johnson, Donald Keough, Frank Resnik, David Roderick, Robert Dole, Trammell Crow, and Dr. Willie Herenton.

College Rankings

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| 1. North Carolina Central | 11. Rust |
| 2. North Carolina A&T | 12. Paine |
| 3. Alabama A&M | 13. Lincoln |
| 4. Clark | 14. Southern |
| 5. Virginia Union | 15. Texas Southern |
| 6. Howard | 16. Cheyney State |
| 7. Norfolk State | 17. Albany State |
| 8. Virginia State | 18. Hampton |
| 9. Winston-Salem State | 19. District of Columbia |
| 10. Morgan State | 20. Alabama State |

Broncos, Skins Get Second Chance In Super Bowl

WASHINGTON (AP) - If at first you don't succeed...

A year ago, the Washington Redskins dominated just about everyone - except the New York Giants, who beat them three times, including 17-0 in the NFC title game.

A year ago, the Denver Broncos won the AFC title with the kind of drive that fell short for the Cleveland Browns Sunday, then got steamrollered by the Giants 39-20 in the Super Bowl.

With the Giants having been done in by injuries, the strike and the standard post-Super Bowl blah, Super Bowl XXII in San Diego in two weeks might also be called the Consolation Bowl, an opportunity to make up for past failures.

Conditions had to be just right, and they were.

For one thing, there was no "hot" team this season like the Giants and Bears the past two years. Minnesota, which lost to the Redskins 17-10 in the NFC title game Sunday, took care of that. They dispatched San Francisco a week ago after the 49ers had become everyone's favorite by finishing 13-2 and winning their last three regular-season games by a combined score of 124-7.

The Broncos, who joined the 1982-83 Redskins as the only team in this decade to make it to two straight NFL championships, were immediately installed as 3-point favorites after their 38-33 win over Cleveland.

This is the first time in at least five years that the AFC team was the opening line favorite - the last two years the were double-digit underdogs. Moreover, the NFC team romped the last three times - by 22, 36 and 19 points.

In this case, the game involves two teams who, in a season interrupted by the 24-day strike, may not be as good as they were a year ago when they could not get by the Giants.

"We've been very spotty," the Redskins' Charles Mann said before the victory over Minnesota that sent Washington to San Diego for its third Super Bowl appearance in six years.

"Sometimes we've played well but we seem play in halves rather than in full games."

Mann played well, emerging from Dexter Manley's shadow to have his best season.

"It's seemed like we're always in a hole that we have to climb out of," said Joe Gibbs, whose

1986 team was 14-5 overall, with three of the losses to the Giants.

This year's team is now 13-4.

But three of those victories were by the replacement Redskins and four others required late comebacks.

Moreover, Jay Schroeder, whose 4,109 yards a year ago were the 10th most in history, completed just 48 percent of his passes this season. He has been replaced by Doug Williams, who has been inconsistent himself. He was just 9 of 26 for 119 yards against Minnesota, although two of the nine completions were for touchdowns.

Denver, 13-5 before its Super Bowl loss a year ago, is a largely different team with one common thread - John Elway, a one-man team in at least half the Broncos' 12 victories. The Broncos are 12-4-1 going into the Super Bowl.

The retirements of defensive backs Louis Wright and Steve Foley and linebacker Tom Jackson stripped the team of experience and depth.

Moreover, injuries to players like running backs Steve Sewell and Gerald Wilhite; center Bill Bryan and safeties Mike Harden and Dennis Smith and most re-

cently wide receiver Vance Johnson forced Elway to improvise each week with makeshift lineups.

At times, he had to match opponents score for score, as he did Sunday, when Bernie Kosar might have done for Cleveland what Elway did in the AFC title game last season had Earnest Byner not been stripped of the ball at the two in the final minute.

Elway and his receivers - Mark Jackson, Ricky Nattiel, Sewell, tight ends Orson Mobley and Clarence Kay and Johnson if he's ready - are the main reason the Broncos are favored. The Redskins don't come close at quarterback with Williams, who would be the first black quarterback to start a Super Bowl.

Super Bowl experience is unlikely to be a factor because both teams have been there. Nor does either team have a coaching edge. Several Vikings said they were not ready for the Washington defenses Sunday, but Denver coach Dan Reeves and defensive coordinator Joe Collier match up with Gibbs better than Jerry Burns and his Minnesota staff.

"I just hope we play better in the Super Bowl than we did last year," Reeves said.

Crum Joins Kent State

Ohio (AP) - Two months after he resigned under pressure from his coaching job at North Carolina, Dick Crum has been hired as head football coach at Kent State, school officials announced Tuesday.

Kent State President Michael Schwartz said the school had three reasons for wanting to hire Crum, who had been criticized by Tar Heel fans in recent years for his conservative brand of football and his team's failure to beat highly ranked opponents. Crum had a 72-41-3 record at North Carolina.

"First, he's a proven winner," Schwartz told a news conference. "Secondly, he's been associated with fine programs noted for their integrity, and third, he has very serious academic concerns with regard to student-athletes. He wants them to graduate. In fact, his athletes do graduate."

The northeast Ohio school declined to release the terms and length of Crum's contract in a news release issued Tuesday, but The (Akron) Beacon Journal reported in Tuesday's editions that Crum had agreed to a three-year contract with a salary of \$60,000 a year. Crum had a \$90,000 annual salary in North Carolina, the newspaper reported.

Athletic Director Paul Amodio said \$60,000 "is in the ballgame" and that Crum would be paid at least that much.

A native of the Youngstown suburb of Boardman, Crum, 53, graduated from Mount Union College in Alliance. Crum said he was looking forward to returning to his home state.

"Football is very important

in Ohio, and it produces year-in and year-out many good players," Crum said. "I think the respect that is in the state for the quality of high school football is in evidence by the number of colleges that are in there recruiting."

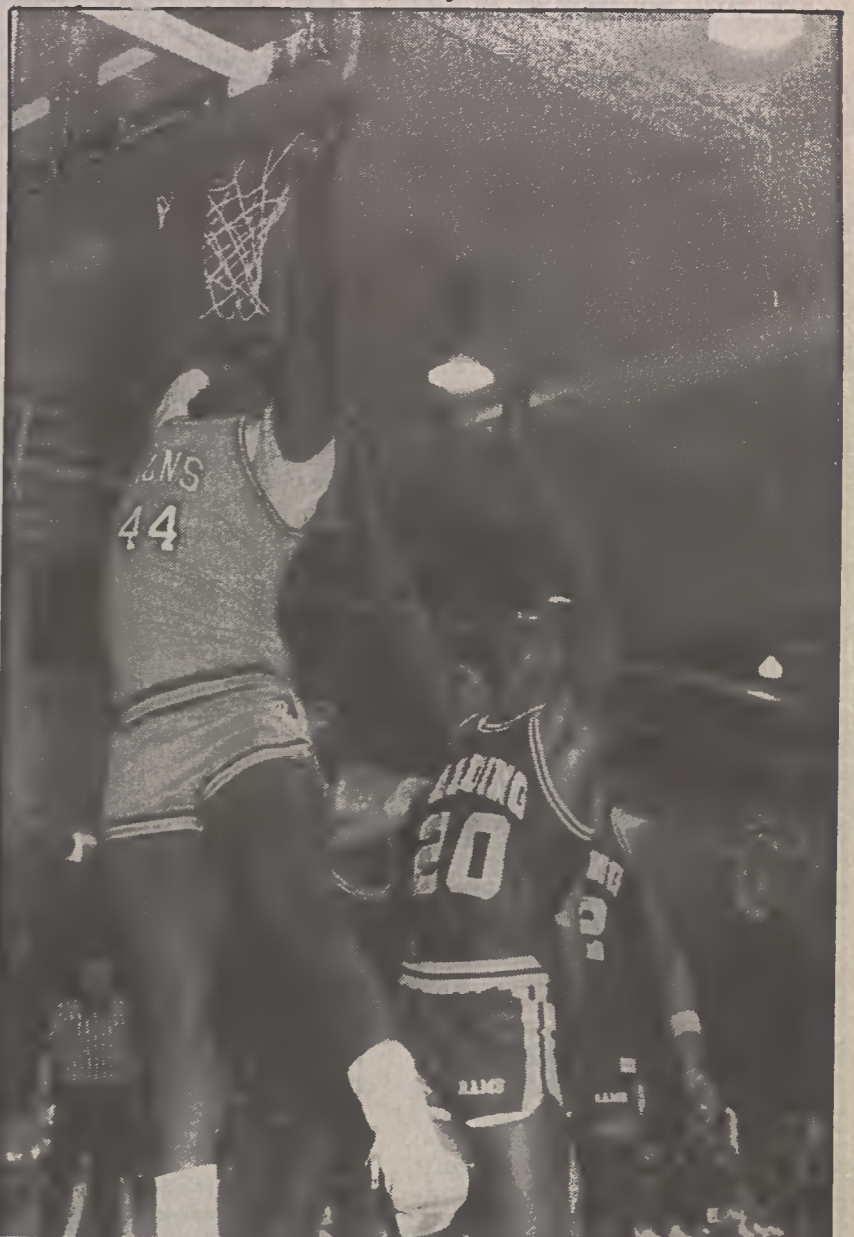
Crum said recruiting and organizing a staff are his first priorities in his new job. He said he has no plans to hire any of his staff members from North Carolina.

Before he went to North Carolina, Crum coached Kent State rival Miami of Ohio to a 34-10-1 record between 1974 and 1977. In 1974, Miami was ranked 10th nationally, the highest finish ever by a Mid-American Conference team.

"I like the Mid-American Conference. It is as competitive a league as there is in the country - maybe not the most-publicized, but when it comes to competition, everyone in the league is so close," Crum said. "There are no teams that are head-and-shoulders above anyone else, and I think that makes for a good conference."

In November, Crum accepted an \$800,000 buyout of the remaining four years of his contract at North Carolina. At Kent State he replaces Glen Mason, who accepted the head coaching job at the University of Kansas on Dec. 29.

With only three weeks remaining before high school athletes start committing themselves to colleges, Crum said he has plenty of work to do.



An offensive lineman on the football field and a power forward on the basketball court, West Charlotte's Antionne Rivers (#44) muscles inside for a score as Harding's Terrance Pough watches in the Lions win over the Rams recently. Photo by Frank J. Williams