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## Stop To Smell The Roses Of Life

Take a few moments and smell the roses. Coming through the mountains in Kentucky and Tennessee from an excursion to Louisville, I was again reminded of God's great creations and the beauty of life that we behold.

In our modern day society with everything so fast paced, take some time out and roll in the grass and appreciate the gifts that God has given us.

Stop and smell the roses and the honeysuckle vines and the fresh air and the ozone of the falling rain.

Feel the velvet of snow and the smoothness of blue and green grass.

Stop and smell the roses. Don't wait until it is too late. Tomorrow is not promised to anyone.

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Located on Volunteer Drive, the University of Tennessee has a beautiful athletic dormitory called Gibbs Hall. Complete with maid service and its own cafeteria, the dorm is a good example of what a living and learning situation should be like. All the athletes from golf to football stay in the beautiful five story facility. Touring the UT campus and the gigantic football stadium and basketball arena makes you realize how important sports are at large institutions and how sports bring in dollars that make the living for all students better in athletic and classroom facilities.

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Michael Jordan makes every resident of the state of North Carolina proud. The things that the young man can do with a basketball are astounding.

Taking an afternoon nap at the Brown Hotel where I was in Louisville last weekend as a judge in the Mrs. Kentucky America Beauty Pageant, I intended to take a nap during the second half of the Bulls' game.

With 7 minutes left I woke up and I am glad that I did. Michael "SUPERMAN" Jordan destroyed the Detroit "BADBOY" Pistons and elevated his Chicago Bulls to contending status to make the finals of the NBA playoffs against the Los Angeles "INVINCIBLE" Lakers. The Bulls scored 20 points in the last six minutes and 18 seconds to pull the win out. Detroit usually does not allow more than 20 for the entire fourth period. The Lakers will be hard pressed to lose a game in the playoffs. But if the Cinderella Bulls can make it that far, it could be interesting. Remember when Villanova, North Carolina, North Carolina State and Kansas proved to the NBA that Cinderella can go to the ball and be crowned Princess? Jordan is arguably one of the best basketball players who has ever lived. I'm just proud that he calls North Carolina home.

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I love Michael Jordan's comment, "...When you play by dirt, you die by dirt." This was attributed to the Detroit Pistons.

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Congratulations to my alma mater, North Carolina Tar Heels, on winning the NCAA South Regional and advancing to the College World Series for the fourth time in history and the first time in 11 years. The Tar Heels last went in 1978. The Heels beat top seeded Mississippi State, 7-1, on a six-hitter by John Thoden and two runs batted in by Brad Woodall and Ryan Howison. The Heels are 41-16-1. North Carolina was seeded third in the region as the regular season Atlantic Coast Conference champion. The crowd was 10,588, the third largest in NCAA history to ever view a regional game. North Carolina is getting a reputation for having good baseball teams with North Carolina, Western Carolina and UNC Charlotte with emerging programs.

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Congratulations to the St. Augustine's men's track team for winning the NCAA Division II track titles in Hampton, Virginia. The team won the 400 meter and the 1600 relays and Kenneth Brokenburr won the 200 meter dash as the Falcons won the event at Hampton's Armstrong Field. The Falcons beat runner-up San Angelo State 107.5 to 84. Hats off to the CIAA Falcons.

## Livingstone Takes National Golf Title

Livingstone's golf team has captured the third annual National Minority College Golf Championships at the Highland Park Golf Course in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Bears paced the 16-team field with a team score of 626 edging two-time champion South Carolina State by three shots. Jackson State (Mississippi) coached by former NFL standout Eddie Payton and the pre-tourney favorite finished third at 630.

Livingstone was 4 strokes back after the first 18 holes of the tournament in which the rain and wind made for extremely difficult playing conditions.

As the sun beckoned for the second day of the tournament the Bears began hitting straight and true with Alan Montague, a senior from Gardena, California, shooting a final round 4-over par 75, followed by teammates Greg McCord, a senior from Augusta, Georgia, posting a 76 to match Pontiac, Michigan's Carlton Taylor's 76 and Jerome Westley, a senior from Savannah, Georgia, turned in a 79. Taylor also won the tournament's longest drive contest

beating a field of 84 participants with a drive of over 270 yards. Cliff Goodwin, a native of Northridge, California, shot an 80 during the first round for the Bears.

First year coach Morris Wiggins, who serves as director of student activities at Livingstone, credited the veteran leadership of Livingstone's team, which gained valuable exposure and experience in the Pembroke State Invitational, the South Carolina State Invitational, and Catawba tournament.

Livingstone had placed second and third in the first two national tournaments. The coach of those teams was Andrew Springs, who now manages the Highland Park Golf Course. "Andre Springs laid the groundwork," Wiggins said. "We wanted to be consistent and keep our players focused on their ultimate goal."

Springs beamed with joy as he watched the young men he recruited perform. "Last year we were tied for the lead at the halfway mark and didn't win, but this year's come from behind is real sweet," he said.

## Giving Opportunity Another Chance

### Four Years Removed From Football, Sharpe Tries Out With The Barons

By HERB WHITE  
Post Sports Editor

Marvin Sharpe hasn't played a down of football in almost four years, and figured he would never find himself sweating under a hot sun trying to find a spot on another team.

But that's exactly what Sharpe is doing with the Charlotte Barons of the Minor League Football System, who held tryouts Saturday at Tuckaseegee Park. Barons owner Vic Gatto said he was pleased with the session, which drew about 80 hopefuls, better than he expected. Tom Marino, a New Orleans Saints scout, was present, evaluating players for future possibilities.

"There are guys here who can definitely play and there are guys who aren't going to play, so you've got to keep that in mind as you evaluate things," Gatto said.

"There are a lot of good fellows here who can get it done and

have not had the opportunity to get it done and we're excited about the tryouts."

Gatto said that as many as 20 players will be invited to minicamp June 17. The season begins in July.

Sharpe, who played his last game for Johnson C. Smith in 1985, is trying to catch on as a linebacker. The chance to spend a Saturday going through drills in 90-degree weather was a chance too good to pass up.

"I'm glad I got this opportunity. At first, I wasn't serious in my mind and it was like a last-minute decision because I found out about it at the last minute so my preparation wasn't adequate," he said. "But as far as my performance...I think some people looked at me."

Players went through a series of drills, along with standard

football tests of speed in the 40-yard dash and weightlifting. Sharpe, who is 5-10 and 235, did the 40 in 5.1 seconds, second-best among linebackers and lifted 225 pounds 25 times, best on the team.

A former manager at a fitness center, Sharpe said constant workouts have kept him in good form.

"I've been in the fitness business two and-a-half years, so that's a major part of my conditioning now," he said. "As far as being physically fit, I am in shape."

Four years of inactivity, however, does expose some weaknesses, Sharpe admitted. His time in the 40 was two-tenths of a second slower than what the Barons wanted in linebackers. With more work, though, that will change.

"Basically, you can improve in everything you do. I know one of the things I will have to work on from a personal standpoint is speed," Sharpe said. "As far as I'm concerned, I can get away based on my technique, knowledge of the game and strength, but as far as what they want, they want someone with a certain speed."

Sharpe said getting acclimated to hitting people again won't be a problem. Once he rounds into shape physically, the rest should fall into place.

"Basically, my whole outlook towards football was the mental aspect. It's wasn't necessarily the physical conditioning. It's just a matter of getting a workout routine," he said. "Mentally, I feel that I still have it and it's just a matter of getting my body into the condition that they want it."



South Mecklenburg first baseman Mike Tankley stretches for a throw during the Sabres' 10-1 over Asheville Reynolds Tuesday in the N.C. 4A western playoffs at South.

## Pro-Am Begins Season

The Charlotte NBA Pro-Am Summer League for NBA and European Professionals, and former college players will kick-off its summer league with a tip-off tournament on June 3 and 4 at Johnson C. Smith at 5:30 p.m.

The tipoff tourney will show case last summer's NBA Pro-AM Champion Philip Morris, who have added former UNCC star Byron Dinkins; The Maryland Allstars, will feature former J.C. Smith University star and current European standout Bleu "Oliver" Colquitt; Spartanburg Basketball Club will feature former Clemson and Central Wesleyan standouts Anthony Jenkins and Ray Lawson, both current professionals in Ireland; and Kiss 102, will feature last summer all league performers Chris Brown and Former Davidson standout Kenny Wilson. The first game starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, that matches Philip Morris vs Spartanburg Basketball Club and the second game at 7 p.m. matches Kiss 102 against the Maryland Allstars. The consolation game Sunday will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the championship at 3:30.

The regular NBA/Ultra Star Summer League will begin on June 17, at 1:30 p.m., with all eight teams in action.

## Rangers Take 3 In Triple County Play

By BOB JOHNSON  
Coach Alfred Thompson has expressed happiness in the Rangers' offense. As of this writing, the Rangers are hitting .374 as a team. But Thompson did express unhappiness about the Rangers' problems on defense. So Thompson ordered a week dedicated especially towards fundamentals and work on defense. And, on Saturday, it paid off as the rangers only made 2 errors and took advantage of the Norwood Pirates' 11 errors to take an easy 21-3 victory.

The Rangers, whose streak of wins extended to 8, once again used the three methods that have brought them 3 straight championships and 4 so far in the 1980s. That is solid defense, hitting and the so-called rabbits on the base paths stealing as the Rangers stole a total of 12 bases Saturday.

Pitcher Dennis Boyd pitched a two hitter and struck out seven batters while picking up the win to bring his record to a team leading 4-0 record.

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Pirates	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	2	11
Rangers	5	2	8	5	0	1	0	0	x	2	13

After last Saturday's defeat at the hands of the Hoskins Giants, the Charlotte Trojans waited for Sunday to spoil the Rangers' season opener. On April 21, the Rangers' opener against the Trojans, the game lasted through 11 innings; locked into an 8-8 tie, the game was suspended for darkness. But it didn't take long for the Rangers to complete this sus-

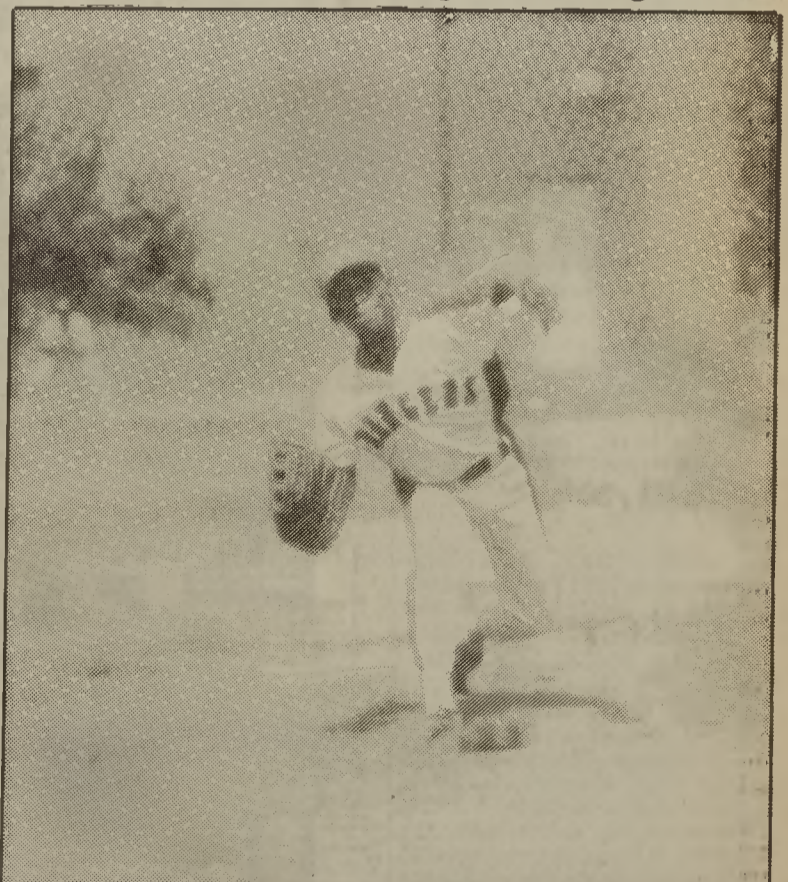
pended game as it was the Chris Hill show. Hill picked up the win in relief, his first on the year. But the big surprise was his hitting. Hill drove in the game-winning run with one out in the 12th inning with a double. Carlos Garcia led off with a single off Trojans' pitcher Willie Patterson. After Patterson struck out the next hitter, Hill stepped in and promptly doubled in the right field gap scoring Garcia, as the suspended game took less than 20 minutes to complete.

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Trojans	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	2	8
Rangers	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	9

After finishing the suspended game, the Trojans waited to take on the Rangers in their regularly scheduled game. Unfortunately for the Trojans, they ran into a totally different Rangers team of a month ago. The Rangers, whose defense has been questionable, once again played a fine defensive game.

But the star of the game was pitcher Bill "Chilli" Davis, who tossed a five-hit shutout, his first career shutout. Davis improved his record to 3-2 as the senior member of the Rangers commented, "I know people around this league keep saying I'm too old and I'm all washed up. I'm 40. I'm not young, so I can't handle the heavy work load anymore. I asked for a brief rest. After that I was able to go out there and pitch my game."

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Trojans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5



Dennis Boyd shows the form that led to his two-hit win last week.

## Correction From Last Week's Post

The May 25 Post incorrectly identified the coach of the Queen City Rangers baseball team. Wayne Brown is the coach of the Triple County team.



Brown