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DelState Sports Photo GREGORY: Removal of DSU AD part of plan for Hornets to upgrade athletic program.

MOVES

STILLMAN, ELIZABETH CITY GET NEW COACHES; DSU SEEKING NEW DIRECTION

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

STILLMAN NABS DOUGLAS:

Stillman College officially announced last week it has hired legendary Leighton, Alabama native and former NBA player, Leon Douglas, to lead the school's men's basketball program.

"This is a new day for Stillman and our basketball program," said Dr. Ernest McNealey, president of Stillman College. "Coach Douglas understands the history, uniqueness and excitement of the program and brings thirty years of experience to this program. You can't top that when it comes to finding a coach that can motivate and turn things around."

OWENS COMES TO ECSU:

The Elizabeth City State Athletic Department has named Tara Owens its new head women's basketball coach. Owens comes to ECSU from Cheyney (PA) University where she served an assistant coach for two years and the head coach for the past six seasons.

GREGORY MOVED:

Delaware State has announced that Dr. Hallie Gregory, who had served as director of athletics for the past four years, has accepted a new position at the school. Effective April 30, Gregory will be visiting associate professor in the College of Education and Sport Sciences.

BCSP Notes

Hampton sweeps MEAC

GREENSBORO, N.C. -- Hampton University captured both the men's and women's 2004 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference All-Sports Awards, the league announced on Wednesday.



The Mary McLeod Bethune and Talmadge Layman Hill Awards are emblematic of the overall strength of the MEAC institutions men's and women's athletics programs," stated MEAC Commissioner Dr. Dennis Thomas.

Hampton's women provided much of the same from last season when they captured four of the eight MEAC women's championships and one second-place finish. In 2003-04 the Lady Pirates repeated as champions in basketball, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field and tennis.

In the men's race, the Pirates edged out Norfolk State 55.5 to 54. Once again the outdoor track & field championship, the Pirates' only title, would push the Pirates to the top. Hampton finished in the top four in all other championships.

The Mary McLeod Bethune Award, named after the founder of Bethune-Cookman College, is awarded to the top overall women's athletic program during the course of one full academic year.

University. Florida A&M leads all MEAC schools with nine awards from 1993-2000. Hampton and Howard have three each, Delaware State has two and South Carolina State has one.

The men's All-Sports Award is named after the late Talmadge Layman Hill, a former player and coach at Morgan State, and former chairman of the MEAC Steering and Planning Committee, as well as the league's first President.

JSU's Lange tops Diamond Awardees

Jackson State outfielder Bryant Lange leads a list of the top black college baseball performers unveiled this week by BlackCollegeBaseball.com.

Lange, a 5-11, 180-pound junior from Riverdale, Ga., who won both the player of the year and outstanding hitter awards in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, scorched pitchers for a .439 batting average and also stole 29 bases in 31 attempts.

The Coach of the Year Award went to Prairie View A&M head coach Michael Robertson. In his second year at the helm, Robertson guided the Panthers into the BlackCollegeBaseball.com rankings.

The Pitcher of the Year Award, In 94.2 innings pitched, Phillips walked 11 while striking out 92.

Sports information directors and their baseball contacts are the ones that get the information on black college baseball out to the public.

J&W, Benedict, Hampton score at NMCGC

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (PGA.com) - Johnson & Wales University of North Miami Beach, Fla., won the Div. I standings with a team-total of 22-under-par 842 behind the impressive play of sophomore Adam Scrimenti and junior Mike Welch at 2004 National Minority College Golf Championship at the PGA Golf Club (North Course) in Port St. Lucie, Fla.



Scrimenti of Sarasota, Fla., won the Div. I medalist honors by turning in a 6-under-par 66 for a Championship-total of 10-under-par 206. Robert Dinwiddie of Tennessee State shot a final round 7-under-par 65 to finish in second place with a three-day-total of 8-under-par 208.

"I started on the tenth hole and birdied holes Nos. 10, 13 and 14. I bogeyed two, got an eagle on four and then birdied six and seven. On hole No. 4, I hit a driver five wood to about 10 feet and made the putt for eagle," said Scrimenti, who has two other victories this season at the Bethune-Cookman College Coca Cola Classic and Cat Classic.

Tennessee State finished in sec-

ond place with a team-total of 882, and last year's Div. I champions Bethune-Cookman finished in third place with a team-total of 887.

Benedict captured the Div. II title for the first time at the NMCGC with a team-total of 970. The Tigers were led by sophomore Demond Hale of South Bend, Ind., who scored a Championship-total of 15-under-par 231 to capture the Div. II medalist honors.

"I had two strokes going into the final round but shot 1-over on the front nine to fall into a tie with Adam (Hoffman of Lincoln) at the turn. He made some mistakes early and I got five up but then I made some mistakes to fall back to down to one. But it only takes one stroke to win," said Hale, who has never won medalist honors at a tournament before.

He missed and it worked out my way."

Fayetteville State finished in second place with a team-total of 997, while Lincoln (Mo.), was alone in third place with a team-total of 1044.

In the Women's Division, University of Texas-Pan American recaptured the Championship title over the Jaguars of Spelman College by posting a three-day team-total of 955.

Stephanie Maynard, defending NMCGC Champion, led the Lady Broncs after coming from behind and firing a final round score of 2-over par 74.

"I thought the playing conditions were better this round probably because I was playing better and hitting the pin rather than fifty feet from the pin," said Maynard, who is from Pflugerville, Texas.

Sharah Davis of Hampton won the Women's Independent Division with a three-day-total of 252, while Greg Banks II of Alcorn State won the Men's Independent Division with a three-day-total of 10-over-par 226.

More than 100 contestants from 24 colleges and universities comprised the field for the 18th National Minority College Golf Championship. The NMCG Championship is co-sponsored by

The PGA of America and the National Minority College Golf Scholarship Fund of Cleveland.

Table with 2 columns: Division and Scores. Includes Johnson & Wales, Tennessee State, Bethune-Cookman, Tex. Pan American, Florida A&M.

Table with 2 columns: Division I Individual and Scores. Includes Adam Scrimenti, Robert Dinwiddie, Michael Welch, Diego Besga, Rudy Celedon, Shaun McEwen.

Table with 2 columns: Division II and Scores. Includes Benedict, Fayetteville St., Lincoln, N. C. Central, J. C. Smith, St. Augustine's.

Table with 2 columns: Division II Individual and Scores. Includes Demond Hale, Adam Hoffman, T.J. Ralston, Chris Parker, Jon DeCarlo.

Table with 2 columns: Independent Men's Division and Scores. Includes Greg Banks, Doug Smith, Ron Thomas, Jason Still, Durin Williams.

Table with 2 columns: Women's Division and Scores. Includes Texas-Pan American, Spelman College.

Table with 2 columns: Women's Division Individual and Scores. Includes Stephanie Maynard, Nicole Boychuk, Daniela Cortes, Eliz. Rodriguez, Itziar Unanue.

Table with 2 columns: Independent Women and Scores. Includes Sharah Davis, Georgette Rolle, Andia Winstow.



LANGE

no central media outlet available to Division I HBCU baseball teams. It lets me tackle or disseminate issues about Black College Baseball," he says on the website.

Bell explains that outside of the MEAC and SWAC, there is one black head coach at the over 160 NCAA Div. I institutions. That one head coach, former Major League batting star Tony Gwynn at San Diego State, donated the money for the school's Tony Gwynn Stadium and his son plays there.

The site only covers Division I black college teams for now and includes a message board for discussion and dialogue on related issues and events. Plans are to expand the site as scores and articles from other conferences are forwarded.

Spring Sports Round-Up

Southern, Alabama State take SWAC Track titles

Southern's women literally ran away with the women's title but Alabama State's men nipped Southern to prevent a Jaguar sweep at the SWAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships staged over the weekend in Houston.

Alabama State won the men's title 131.5 to 122 over Southern, getting more than half its points on the strength of its sprinters. Jeremy Bateman, who was named the outstanding track performer, led finishes of 1-2-4 in the 100 meters, 1-2-3 in the 200 meters and a 4x100 relay first to pave the way for the Hornets' victory.

standing coach while Grambling's Anthony Dale (2nd, Javelin - 4th, Shot Put) won the field award.

Firsts for Miss. Valley and Texas Southern

Mississippi Valley State and Texas Southern took home first-ever SWAC championships respectively in softball and baseball in conference spring sports competition over the weekend in Houston.

MVSU got a 3-2 win over Southern Saturday to claim the first-ever softball title for the Lady Delta Devils. The win, the second over Southern in the three-day tournament, secured the championship for MVSU head coach Lee Smith, named the tourney's

outstanding coach. Hitting star Balencia Young was named Most Valuable Player while Alabama A&M's Tasha Sloan earned the outstanding pitcher award.

The baseball championship Saturday was a showdown between Texas Southern and Mississippi Valley State, who both got wins Friday over Southern to eliminate the three-time champion.

MVSU beat TSU 7-6 early Saturday to force a deciding championship game but TSU erased any doubts by running away with an 18-1 victory. TSU's Mario DeLeon won both the outstanding hitter and most valuable player awards while teammate Isaac Daniels was selected as the outstanding pitcher.