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UNDER THE BANNER

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.º Ernest McNealey, president of Stillman College. "Coach Douglas understands the history, uniqueness and excitement of the program DOUGLAS: Alabama and brings thirty years of experience to this program. You can't top that when it comes to finding

and NBA star takes the reins at Stillman.

a coach that can motivate and turn things around." McNealey said. Douglas has had a stellar career. He is a four-time All-SEC selection from the University of Alabama, the first Alabama player to achieve that distinction. He played in the NBA for seven years where he was a first round NBA draft pick, fourth overall, for the Detroit Pistons from 1976-80. then later for the Kansas City Kings. "My emphasis is on student athletes to assist and help them grow both athletically and academically," said Douglas. "People can expect our basketball program to be high-scoring and fast-paced. There is a rich tradition at this school and I look forward to connecting with the players, staff and the community," Douglas said. "I made a commitment to Alabama and I am here to reestablish my roots. I have been all over the world for thirty years and now I'm back," Douglas responded on why he came back to his home state. Douglas played for the Alabama Crimson Tide where he served as team captain in 1975-1976. His active career allowed him to be selected as a member of the Intercontinental Cup Team and selected SEC Player of the Year in 1975 and 1976. He also continued expanding his career in the Italian Basketball League for eight years. Before accepting the head coaching position at Stillman, Douglas was employed by Oakland Intermediate School District in Bloomfield, Michigan.

OWENS COMES TO ECSU: The Elizabeth City State Athletic Department has named Tara



played under former Lady Trojans' Coach Bertha

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. At Cheyney, she also held the title of Senior Woman Administrator and Project Administrator/Activity Director Cheyney Sports Photo for the National Youth Sports OWENS: From Cheyney Program (NYSP). A 1993 graduto Elizabeth City State. ate of Virginia State. Owens

BCSP Notes

Hampton sweeps MEAC

--- Hampton GREENSBORO, N.C. University captured both the men's and women's 2004 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference All-Sports Awards, the league announced on Wednesday. The Lady Pirates won their third consecutive Mary McLeod Bethune Award, while the men picked up their second straight Talmadge Layman Hill Award. The University will receive a \$25,000 check for each award. Hampton has won six overall All-Sports Trophies since joining the MEAC in 1996.

The Mary McLeod Bethune and Talmadge Lavman Hill Awards аге emblematic of the overall strength of the MEAC institutions men's and

women's athletics programs," stated MEAC Commissioner Dr. Dennis Thomas. "I commend Hampton University for achieving excellence in both their men's and women's programs and winning both awards for the 2003-04 academic year."

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, while taking second place in cross country. They finished with 69.5 total points. Howard was second in the women's race with 62.5 points and Florida A&M finished third with 50.5 points.

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. Florida A&M, who missed the cross country championships due to a bus accident and did not earn points for football, finished third with 46 points.

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. The first Mary McLcod Bethune Award was given in 1987 to Delaware State

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. Howard University was the recipient of the first Talmadge Layman Hill Award in 1972. South Carolina State has won a leagueleading 11 Hill Awards (1974-1984), followed by Florida A&M with 10. Delaware State, Hampton and Howard have three each, North Carolina A&T has two and Morgan State and Norfolk State have one each.

JSU's Lange tops **Diamond Awardees**

Jackson State outfielder Bryant Lange leads a list of the top black college baseball perby formers unveiled this week 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. He leads a list of awardees selected from nineteen Division I programs which included the SWAC, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Chicago State of the Mid-Continent and Savannah State.

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 Panthers improved by leaps and bounds from a 2003 record of 10-45 to a 2004 record of 30-26.

Delaware State junior hurler Shawn Phillips compiled an 8-2 record with a 2.19 ERA to earn the Pitcher of the Year Award. In 94.2 innings pitched, Phillilps walked 11 while strikng out 92.

Sports information directors and their baseball contacts are the ones that get the information on black college baseball out to the public. Stan Bradley of Maryland-Eastern Shore got out timely press releases for every UMES game and earned the site's SID of the year award.

BlackCollegeBaseball.com is billed as the home of black college baseball and was started by founder Ruffin Bell, III because " there was

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 web- LANGE site



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. He also started this fall. The much publicized debate over blacks earning a chance to coach in NCAA football is worse in baseball, says Bell.

The site only covers Division 1 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.

COACH

Michael Robertson, Prairie View A&M PLAYER Bryant Lange, OF, Jackson State

PITCHER vn Phillips, RHP, Delaware State

SID Stan Bradley, Maryland-Eastern Shore

FIRST TEAM

FIRST TEAM 1B, Juan Figueroa, Bethune Cookman College 2B, Juan Serrano, Norfolk State University 3B, Carlos Garcia, Bethune Cookman College SS, Justin Riggs, Coppin State University C, Ralph Johnson, Jackson State University OF, Bryant Lange, Jackson State University OF, Sebastian Boucher, Bethune Cookman College OF, Stephen Washington, Prairie View A&M University PTICHERS

PITCHERS TCHERS , Francisco Gomez, Bethune Cookman College , Shawn Phillips, Delaware State University , Michael Haufi, North Carolina A&T University , Jose Pena, Southern University , Nick Bitter, Delaware State University

RP, A.J. Corbin, Norfolk State University

SECOND TEAM

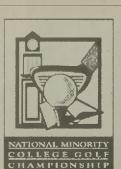
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PITCHENS SP, Jarred Vaughn, Jackson State University SP, Ian Digiorgio, North Carolina A&T University SP, Jermaine Shack, Mississippi Valley State Univ. SP, Steve Acuna, Mississippi Valley State Univ. RP, Colin Irvine, Berhune Cookman College RP, Andrew Cunha, Mississippi Valley State Univ.

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 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 8under-par 208. Scrimenti's teammate Welch of Quincy, Mass., who had led the first two rounds, ended the Championship in third place with a three-day-total of 7-under-par 209. "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. "The first day I putted well, the second day I hit the ball well and finally I put everything together."



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 cored a Championship-total of 15-

be in a playoff, but 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. Sophomore Stepanie Maynard, defending NMCGC Champion, led the Lady Broncs after coming from behind and firing a final round score of 2over 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. "I was super nervous going into the final round but everything came back and

More than 100 contestants from

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

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DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL

70-70-66-206 (-10) 72-71-65-208 (-8) 64-69-76-209 (-7) 71-71-70-212 (-4) 72-68-74-214 (-2) 72-69-73-214 (-2) Michael Welch, J&W Diego Besga, J&W Rudy Celedon, UTPA Shaun McEwen, FAMU

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DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL

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INDEPENDENT Men's Division

Cummings from 1988-1991. She received her BS from VSU in Physical Education/Health and completed her Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision at Cheyney in 1998. She will officially assume her new post at ECSU on August 1. Coach Owens inherits a Lady Viking program that finished last season with a 13-14 overall record, good for third place in the CIAA Eastern Division.

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. Gregory's departure is part of a plan by DSU President Allen Sessoms to expand the efforts of the athletic department. Sessoms told the Delaware State News that he had met with Gregory in February about athletic department activities. "We're looking for someone with a broad vision who will spend more time on organizing, raising funds and working on gender-equity issues," Sessoms said. Sessoms has often said that he wants athletics to be a focal point of the university. Part of that effort includes the desire for the school's football team to jump from NCAA Division 1-AA to I-A classification. A few days prior Gregory's departure, university officials appeared before the state legislature requesting a contribution of \$40 million to a \$92.1 million sports and entertainment complex that will be shared with the City of Dover. Plans include a 14,500-seat football stadium and 7.500-seat civic center.

Tennessee State finished in sec-

Spring Sports Round-Up

Southern, Alabama State take SWAC Track titles

Southern's women literally ran away with the vomen'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. ASU coach Horace Crump was named the out-

I am very happy over-par 231 to capture the Div. II Sharah Davis of Hampton medalist honors.

standing coach while Grambling's Anthony Dale

Mississippi Valley State and Texas Southern

MVSU got a 3-2 win over Southern Saturday to

took home first-ever SWAC championships respec

tively in softball and baseball in conference spring

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

sports competition over the weekend in Houston

(2nd, Javelin - 4th, Shot Put) won the field award.

Firsts for Miss. Valley

and Texas Southern

won the Women's Independent "I had two strokes going into the Division with a three-day-total of final round but shot 1-over on the 252, while Greg Banks II of front nine to fall into a tie with Alcorn State won the Men's Adam (Hoffman of Lincoln) at the Independent Division with a threeturn. He made some mistakes early day-total of 10-over-par 226. and I got five up but then I made some mistakes to fall back to down 24 colleges and universities comto one. But it only takes one stroke to prised the field for the 18th National win," said Hale, who has never won medalist honors at a tournament before. "If Adam had made that

Minority College Golf Championship. The NMCG birdie putt on the final hole we would Championship is co-sponsored by

Doug Smith, L'ville Ron Thomas, B-CC Jason Still, FAMU 77-80-75-232 (+16) 72-84-79-235 (+19) 77-78-81-236 (+20) Durin Williams, ASU 80-78-79-237 (+21)

WOMEN'S DIVISION

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WOMEN'S DIVISION INDIVIDUAL

Stefanie Maynard, UTPA Nicole Boychuk, UTPA Daniela Cortes, UTPA 79-79-74-232 (+16) 75-82-77-234 (+18) 81-83-79-243 (+27) Eliz. Rodriguez, UTPA Itziar Unanue, UTPA 81-84-82-247 (+31 85-86-81-252 (+36

INDEPENDENT WOMEN

Sharah Davis, Hampton 83-86-83-252 Georgette Rolle, Alab. St. 85-90-83-258 Andia Winslow, Yale 92-82-84-258

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 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. TSU manager Candy Robinson was named the top coach.

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