

Seven inducted to McClendon Hall of Fame

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Winston-Salem State's Al Roseboro is among seven inductees to the John B. McClendon Jr. Hall of Fame on March 2.

The ceremony will be held at The Westin Hotel, in Charlotte as part of the CIAA basketball tournament activities. The



Roseboro

other inductees are Joe Gilliam, Joseph Howell, Leroy Banks, Shelia Baxter, Bill Hayes and A.B. Whitfield. Roseboro, a Charlotte native and West Charlotte High graduate, has been the voice of the CIAA over four decades and has announced over 30 CIAA championship games in football and basketball.

A football player at WSSU, Roseboro was recruited by legendary basketball coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines and later became the Rams' tennis and volleyball coach. In 1991, Roseboro was named athletic director, a position he



Banks



Baxter

held for six years.

Gilliam played on Indiana's national football team before joining the military. He returned to college at West Virginia State, where he played basketball and football, where he was an all-America quarterback. From 1963-1981, Gilliam was assistant head football coach and defensive coordinator at Tennessee State., where the Tigers won nine black college national championships. His career record of 254-93-15 included coaching five undefeated teams and five others that lost-only one game.

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Banks was the 1947 CIAA basketball tournament MVP at Virginia State. After graduating from VSU, Banks was drafted and played for the Utica Pros of the American Basketball Association.

Baxter, of Virginia State, was named to the all-conference from 1973-1977. In 1976, she was tournament most valuable player. She has served over 27 years as a medical logistician and in June of 2003, Baxter was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. She is the first woman in the history of the Medical Service Corps to achieve that rank.

Hayes, a North Carolina Central graduate, played center on the football team, was a

three-time all-America. During his 27 year career as head coach at Winston-Salem State and N.C. A&T, Hayes went a 195-104-2 and is the winningest coach at both schools.


Whitfield was a four-year starter on the Elizabeth City State football team, captain of the wrestling team, and a

member of the track and field team. As a junior, Whitfield received All-CIAA honors in all three sports.

After graduating, Whitfield played professional football with Dallas in 1967 and Denver in 1969.

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This Bad Boy's a Pirate at heart

Hampton's Rick Mahorn influenced by tournament

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For most people the experience of attending and being part of the CIAA experience is a special one, even a memorable one, but for former Hampton Institute (now University) player Derrick Allen Mahorn, it was one of the most influential experiences.

Rick Mahorn, is known most notably as the baddest of the Motor City Bad Boys, that played on the two time NBA Championship Detroit Pistons in the late 1980's. But before his days on the NBA hardwood, Mahorn wore his trademark #44 as a Pirate at Hampton from 1976 to 1980.

Though he joked at first, saying it was so long ago he couldn't remember, his first time at the CIAA was quite a clear memory for Mahorn.

"It was great experience," said Mahorn. "It taught me what it meant to be a part of a historically black institution. I didn't even realize at first that Hampton was a black school," con-

fessed Mahorn. "Being from Connecticut back then, I only knew about Tuskegee and Howard."

Mahorn admitted he attended Hampton University, mostly to get away from the streets of Hartford, but got his first taste of what it meant to be at an HBCU from his days as a Pirate and especially from the CIAA tournament.

"Being a ghetto kid from the streets of Hartford, I wanted to get away from Connecticut," said Mahorn. "Some guys went to schools like 30 and 45 minutes away, but I really wanted to get away...so that if it got to be too challenging, I couldn't just go back. Plus, my mother went on a visit with me, and one of the things they preached is how I would get a good education," he added.

Mahorn got the education and then some. A graduate of the Class of 1980, Mahorn has a degree in business administration and was drafted that year in the second round by the Washington Bullets, the first player to get draft-

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