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Aggie Basketball: Goin' To The Promised Land

By Cureton Lee Johnson

As usual the North Carolina A&T Aggies have a lot to live up to as the 1971 basketball season approaches. Attitudes among players and coaches are optimistic and nothing less than high hopes is expected from one of the nation's best college coaches, Cal Irvin.

A&T patched together a rainbow of talented ball players last season to record a creditable 24-8 season record. Most of those team participants will be back to help Coach Irvin find the gold at the end of the long season.

"Naturally I'd rather be ranked seventh in the nation at the end of the season more than now," he said contemplating his squad's top ten preseason rankings in several sports magazines. "But nevertheless, I do feel very optimistic about our chances this year."

Those returning who will make coaching less of a chore and more of an art include guard William "June" Harris. Labeled "quick as a cat" and real tough in one-on-one situations. Harris was the team's second leading scorer last year averaging 16.3 points per outing.

A&T can also count on the services of senior Elmer Austin. The 6-4 forward cracked the Aggie starting lineup his freshman year and came on to account for 19.1 markers each game and lead the team's scoring.

But the playmaker will be 5-11 guard Al Carter who averaged 12.9 points. Although an excellent shot, Carter has sacrificed himself as a playmaker in learning to move excellently without the ball in only two seasons of play.

Other key players include senior Melvin Evans, an excellent shooter (9.2 pt. average), senior Bobby Parks, a 6-3 forward and tough under the basket (9.8 pt. avg.), and Walter Anderson, 6-7½ senior (10 pt. avg.)

With all this talent, plus the return of high school All-American James Outaw, Irvin has a right to be looking for something like a national championship.

He will be fielding one of the shortest teams under his guidance at A&T "but size doesn't mean everything," the coach said

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Throng Gathers At Opening Of Black Bank

Among the crowd attending the opening of the black-owned Greensboro National Bank were founders (in front row left to right) James E. Burnett, Ernest Canada, Dr. J. E. Smith and Dr. D. G. Long. Behind Dr. Long is Jim Melvin, the mayor of Greensboro.

(Photo by Moore)

NEW BLACK-OWNED BANK NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Greensboro National Bank is now open for business at the corner of East Market St. at 100 S. Edward R. Murrow Blvd.

The bank is offering a full and complete line of banking services.

Services provided are as follows: personal loans, automobile loans, business loans, mortgage loans, ready reserve checking accounts, savings accounts and certificate of deposits. The bank

is a member of FDIC, which insures each deposit up to \$20,000.

While the permanent bank building is under construction, Greensboro National Bank will be operating out of a trailer; however, the bank intends to extend courteous and efficient service to its customers.

If there are any questions, call Bill Pickens or Ralph Jones at 274-3238, or 273-0802.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTER, NATIVE OF CITY SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Freddie (Curly) Neal, 28, the Greensboro native and long-time Harlem Globetrotters dribbling master, was showing "continued improvement" Monday night in Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso, Ind.

Neal was stricken with a heart attack the previous Monday while playing basketball at Val-

pariso University, where he collapsed while giving one of the dribbling exhibitions which have thrilled cage fans all over the world.

Neal's heart attack was kept secret by the Globetrotters and hospital officials until his condition improved.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FIGHTS DRUG ABUSE

The formal opening of a drug abuse treatment center at Brooklyn Veterans Administration hospital, recently, brought the number of drug rehabilitation centers operated by VA to 32.

Brooklyn was the 27th drug treatment unit opened since June when VA announced plans for a six-fold increase in its specialized units for veteran drug abusers. Five units were operating in June 1971, at the time President Nixon called for a government wide effort to deal with drug abuse.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson noted that as a part of his total attack on drug abuse, the President in his message asked Congress to increase the VA budget by \$14,000,000 "to permit the immediate initiation of this (VA) program." With the extra money, Johnson said, VA has available in its current budget \$17,162,000 for its drug rehabilitation programs in Fiscal Year 1972.

"This money will be used exclusively for VA drug treatment programs, and the highest priority has been assigned to the staffing for these programs, and their maximum possible utilization by veterans," Johnson added.

In another step to help veteran drug users, VA has classified drug dependence as a medical emergency for purposes of admission to VA hospitals. Administrator Johnson has directed all 165 VA hospitals to admit all eligible applicants for hospitalization and to encourage those who inquire about treatment to accept hospitalization.

"If a patient, after admission, requires services not available at the admitting hospital, prompt arrangements will be made for transfer to a VA station that can provide the needed care," Johnson directed.

Three additional moves in the stepped up VA program to help

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