

Bethea And Phillips Get Top Sports Honors

GREENSBORO -- Elvin Bethea and Melvin Phillips, two star athletes at A&T College, last week took the lion's share of awards at the annual athletic dinner.

The affair, a buffet and dance combination, at which the athletes in all sports and their guests attended, was held at the Charles Moore Gymnasium.

Bethea, who has been making headlines this spring in the track and field world in the shot put and discus events, and who last fall starred as tackle on the football team, was presented three top awards. He took the Golden Helmet Award, as the football player who contributed most to his team and who also excelled in scholarship and "the most versatile athlete plaque" and "Most Valuable Player" plaque for track and field.

Phillips, easily the star performer with the Aggie football

team last season, has earned varsity letters also in baseball and swimming. He received the Philadelphia Alumni Trophy, which goes to the best all-round athlete in the senior class, and the "Most Valuable Player Trophy" in football.

Edward Anderson of Charlotte, a varsity member of the tennis team received the Gullford Dairy Trophy, which goes to the athlete who has the highest academic average.

Heyward McKie, star end on the football team, was awarded the plaque which goes to the "Most Congenial Athlete."

Those receiving "Most Valuable Player" trophies in other sports included: Robert Saunders, Lynchburg, Va., basketball; Henry Fleming, Charleston, S. C., baseball; William Calloway, Richmond, Va., swimming; Orson Kirk, Durham, tennis, and Odis Rousseau, Charlotte, riflery.



WINNER AND STILL CHAMP - New York: Light heavyweight champion Jose Torres is congratulated in the ring at Shea Stadium by his father, Andres Torres, after he defeated Wayne Thornton here May 21st. Torres retained his title via a unanimous decision in 15-rounders. (UPI PHOTO).

Jackson's New Coach Reports A Successful First Season

JACKSON, Miss. -- It has been a successful first season for Walter Reed, head coach of the Jackson State College Baseball Tigers. Building his squad around several young and inexperienced (as far as college baseball goes) lads, he molded until he came up with a finished product that won 12 of its 20 games this season.

In his team's first game of the campaign, a three game set with Wiley College, his boys broke even-winning one, losing one, and tying the last one. Next, he faced his toughest tests of the season: Southern University, last year's South West Athletic Conference champions. The Tigers played valiantly but came out on the short end of the stick, as they managed to win only one of the three games played in Baton Rouge. The scores were 5 to 3 and 11 to 0 in favor of the Jaguars, and 10 to 7 for JSC.

Smarting from the two defeats handed them by Southern, the Tigers hit the road the next weekend to Texas with blood in their eyes and thirsting to make amends. Against Texas Southern 2/3 of a measure of revenge was obtained, as they emerged victorious in two of three games. That same weekend Coach Reed's charges broke even with Prairie View -- winning 4 to 0, and losing 1 to 0.

Then in a home stand against Grambling College the Blue and White played their hearts out, but Lady Luck just wouldn't give them any breaks. They lost by heartbreaking scores of 4 to 2 and 4 to 3, but broke the ice in the last game and bombed the Grambling squad 10-3.

Interstate rivals Alcorn A&M College and Mississippi Valley State College provided the competition for Jackson State in its final six games of the year. JSC breezed through all six games, knocking down Alcorn 5 to 2, and 11 to 3. Like the Braves, the Delta Devils could not stand the torrid temperatures thrown out by the Tigers as they wilted 5 to 2, 1 to 0, 8 to 4, and 11 to 3. Thus the Tigers ended the season red hot with a seven game winning streak.

Left fielder Freddie Jordan, a 210 lb. junior from Mobile, Alabama was the team's leading hitter with a respectable .318 average. Followed by Perry Doss, the minutes second baseman from Hattiesburg, with a .250; Donald Harris, the freshman shortstop flash who hails from Tuscaloosa, Ala., with a .238; and right fielder Tommie Campbell, the strong-armed boy from Yazoo City,

with .236.

The mound corps was led by the perfect records of freshman Willie Wilson (3-0) and Cleophus Jackson (2-0), from Hattiesburg and Greenville, respectively. Bennie Tillman, yet another one of the many fine freshman Coach Reed built his team around, posted a 2-2 record for the year. Another lad from Hattiesburg, not with a

perfect record, but who must be considered as Jackson State's top gun from the hill, Willie Sanders, not only won 5 games while losing 2, but also played "fireman" on numerous occasions to save games.

All of these boys will be back next year to form the core of a possible pennant-contending club for Jackson State.

Entertainment HUES and CRIES

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL DECAPMENT

NEW YORK -- "Too many Negro performers have been brain-washed into believing that only whites can handle their affairs," charged John Levy, well-known business manager of top-flight Negro stars, as Ramsey Lewis became the fourth to depart from the Levy management. Others who have left are Ahmad Jamal, Nancy Wilson and Dakota Staton.

LESS BIAS PHILADELPHIA -- "Mr. Entertainment," Sammy Davis, Jr., has revealed that he faces less prejudice now than he used to, as a result of becoming a Jew. "It took years before anyone would believe that I have found a religion that satisfied me. They took my conversion as a joke."

SNUBBED LONDON -- Racial prejudice has been blamed by friends of British Guiana-born conductor Rudolph Dunbar for his failure to make an American appearance since World War II. In addition, personal rivalry and failure of Americans to remember his services to the country are blamed.

SUMMAR STARS PHILADELPHIA -- Marian Anderson will be the narrator of a "20th Century Program" to be presented by the Philadelphia orchestra on Aug. 20 at the Saratoga Performing Arts center. On Aug. 12, Leontyne Price, soprano, will be featured in an "American-Italian Program."

"MOJO WORKIN'" CHICAGO - Jimmy Smith's new Verve album, "The Incredible Jimmy Smith - Got My Mojo Workin'," is following in the footsteps of its predecessor -- "Crazy Baby."

in making sales Records. He is currently appearing at the Plugger Nickel, with Bill Hart on drums and Quentin Warren on guitar.

NIPSEY'S FRENCH NEW YORK - Comedian Nipsey Russell's knowledge of French not only helped build his popularity but integrated the Baby Grand night club in Harlem. Learning that members of the crew of the French liner Liberte were in the audience, he delivered part of his routine in French. As a result, the night club has been attracting a sizable number of white patrons.

*** If the telephone rings precisely on the hour or half hour, you know that the caller, having been watching the clock, means business and has something to say that can't be postponed another minute.



TRACK WINNERS - Edwin Roberts, center, was the winner of the 220-yard dash in the WTVU Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships at Duke University Wednesday in being times at 21.4. After Roberts was his teammate, Charles Copeland, right, second place contender. Running third was Hopkins, left, of Fayetteville. Roberts was named the meet's most valuable performer.

NCC Eagles Take Second In Statewide Track Meet

DURHAM -- Trailing by two points as it entered the last event of the WTVU Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships, the mile relay, North Carolina College lost the race and the meet Wednesday as Duke University racked up 47 points to the Eagles' 45.

Coach LeRoy Walker's charges got off to a sluggish start in the mile, and by the time the baton reached Edwin Roberts, NCC's anchor man, the team was too far behind to catch up despite a herculean effort by the Trinidad-born speedster.

Johnson C. Smith University won the mile at 3:19.0, but Duke's third place finish over NCC fourth was enough to give the Blue Devils the victory. The Eagles, however, won first place in the following: 100-yard dash, Roberts, 9.5; 220-yard dash, Roberts, 21.4;

440-yard relay (Crisp, Watson, Copeland, Roberts), 42.0; high jump, Thomas Norman, six feet, five inches.

The two-day track meet at Duke University Tuesday and Wednesday was the first competition in North Carolina enabling all four-year colleges in the state to compete against each other for authentic state titles.

The University of North Carolina finished third in the championships with 36 1/2 points, and North Carolina State University, Raleigh, was fourth with 28 1/2. Among other teams scoring were A&T College, 20, Johnson C. Smith University, 19, Winston-Salem State College, 18, Wake Forest College, 13, East Carolina College and Fayetteville State College 11 each.

In Tuesday's freshman competitions NCC also emerged in second place. UNC was tops with 50 1/2 points while the



A KISS FOR CASSIUS - Cairo, Egypt: World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Cassius Marcellous Clay, Jr., also known as Mohammed Ali, wears a broad grin as he is kissed by an unidentified Moslem upon his arrival here from London late last Tuesday night. Clay, who successfully defended his title against Britain's Henry Cooper May 21, was invited to visit the U. A. R. (UPI PHOTO).

AMONG THE STARS

NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Bob Gallo is the fantastic engineer who mastered the new Dee Dee Warwick Hurd recording of "I, Who Have Nothing," and it's a real gas! Gallo also did some work on Johnny Nash's "Somewhere."

Walter Jackson's newie, "An Uphill Climb to the Bottom" seems to have faded in favor of the flip side, something about "Tear for Tear." This Okeh recording wonder has a lot of summer things lined up and I will be reporting on this later.

Chubby Checker and Cameo-Parkway records have ceased feuding about money matters and are now contemplating Chub's first recorded release in over nine months. Spokesmen for the company state that "an amicable agreement has been reached." Chub, however, could not be reached for comment.

The thing that really irritates Jerry Butler most is seeing copies of his old photographs circulated around the country now that his recording contract with Mercury has been firm up. Said he: "I stopped wearing a process months ago, but these are the only photos that I ever see printed." Needless to say, the Bad Butler has lined up a series of photo sessions with numerous photographers for new photos to project his new natural image. On him, it looks super-duper.

*** If anyone sees Barbra Bill-

Eagles racked up 46 1/2. NCC's Lionel Urgan won the freshman 100 at 9.4 and came in third in the 220 in being timed at 21.9. The fleet-footed native of New York City also placed third in the broad jump at 22 feet, 7 1/2 inches and was a member of the Eagles' winning 440-yard relay team. Others on the 440 team, which tied with A&T College at 42.5, were Lee Reedes, Dave Roderick, and Harding Kirkley.

ups, tell her to send me that \$50 she owes me for the fabulous work done in the Prekniness by Stupidous! When he came in fourth in the Derby, I knew he would come in the money in the second leg of racing's triumvirate.

Sure, I'm preparing complete exposed articles on Maxine Brown and Mary Wells. Neither of them have called me to tell me they love me and my ego is crushed. I extended the deadline to June 30. If I don't

hear from them, you'll be hearing from me about them!

Johnny Nash and I have missed each other again. He opened the weekend I split Chicago at The Club and while he's in town, I'll be in his. Oh, well, he doesn't owe me any money, so everything's cool. Come to think of it, I don't owe him any, either.

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STAR-- Miss Ann Mitchell, Greensboro, a junior at A&T College, last week starred in the title role of the drama, "Medea," produced by the A&T College Richard B. Harrison Players. The production was staged out of doors on the steps of Dudley Building.

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