

Ennett Speaks At NCCU Athletic Banquet As Athletes Honored

BY EARL MASON

DURHAM - Lawrence Ennett challenged the North Carolina Central University athletes to be "Master of their fates and the captain of their souls" as he dynamically concluded his speech with the words from the poem "Invictus" by William Henley at the annual NCCU athletic banquet last Saturday in the school's cafeteria.

The former tennis star at NCC back in the late 50's and the early 60's told the gathering of about 150 persons to get an education so they can become involved in the economic growth and compete in American life styles.

Ennett, now the director of a Community Development Agency in Long Island, New York, encouraged personal involvement and commitments in community affairs, social and economic revolution and the politics of self-government. To achieve these ends, the 1962 NCC graduate cited a need for intelligence, hope and desire for betterment that comes from within.

The holder of a 1970 juris doctorate degree from NCC stated that "even though all of us can not be champions, we can all champion causes." He cited many champions who have marched on before including many Blacks.

The head coaches of the various athletic teams presented their players with awards, citations and other honors during the awards' ceremonies to the athletes. George Quitt was called on first to present the awards to the members of his football team.

Harvey Clanton was presented the Herman H. Riddick Award for having maintained the highest academic average among the seniors on the football team. Clanton also was given a leadership plaque and cited for his having been named to the All-CIAA team and the District 26 honor squad.

Pete Quinn was honored for having been named to the all-conference team as well as a second team all-American on the Pittsburg Courier unit to go along with his leadership plaque. Quinn signed as a free agent to play defensive back with the Boston Patriots.

Robert Holloway and Ervin Allen were cited for their leadership during the season and singled out for having been named to the All-CIAA team. Holloway was selected to the first unit while Allen has been a second team selection for the past two years.

Redden Leggett walked away with most of the basketball

awards. The senior was the recipient of the Sam Jones Award which is given annually to the most valuable player on the basketball team. In addition to this award, Leggett was also given the best rebounder award as well as the All-CIAA first team plaque. Lewis Ellis received the Captain's Cup.

Tennis awards were given by James Young to the members of his tennis team. No special awards were given to the netters but individual players were awarded according to the number of years they have participated in the net sport.

Awards were also made to the members of the track, swimming, golf and the wrestling teams. Margratha Chambers was honored by the Women's Athletic Association for her excellence in all-round performance while Mary Roman was given the award for being the most cooperative and highly skilled.

Special plaques were presented to three high school coaches for the part they have played in the athletic development at NCCU. Dennis Carter, coach at E. E. Smith in Fayetteville, David Lash, successful athletic mentor at Winston-Salem Atkins and Russell Blunt of Hillside were honored by their former players who are now members of the NCCU football team for the jobs they have done in athletics over a number of years.

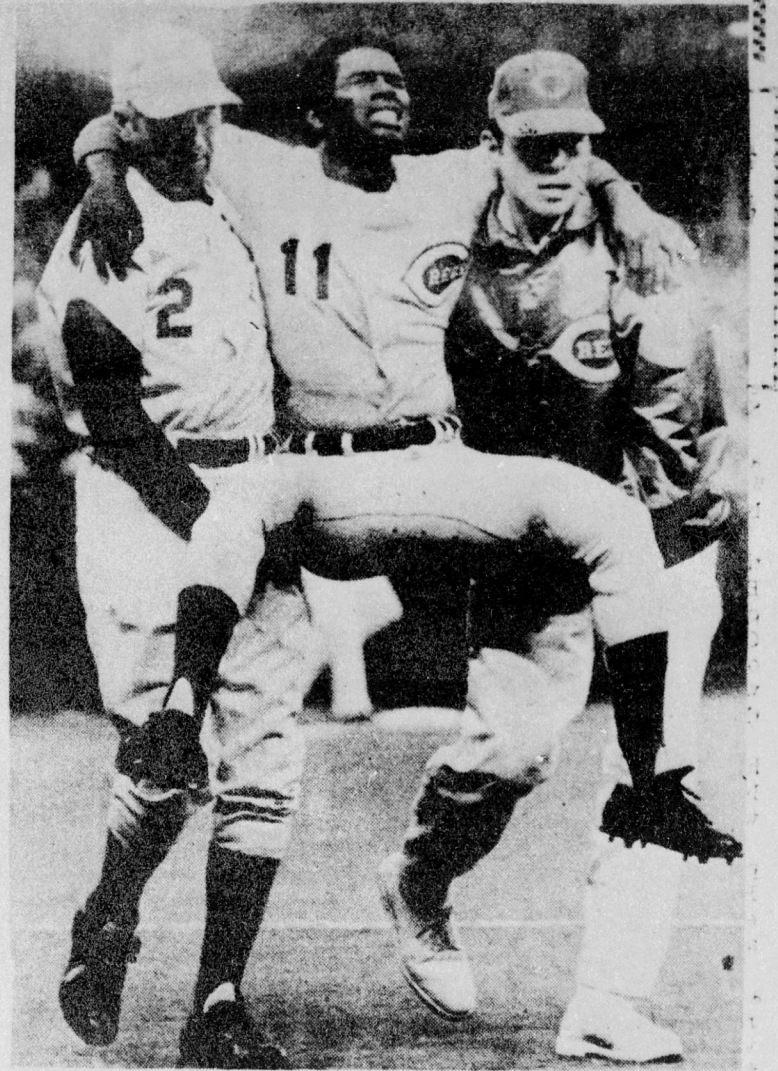
Participating in the program were Dr. Young, who gave the opening remarks and introduced the speaker, Dr. James Brewer, chairman of the athletic committee, acknowledged the honored guests and Dr. Albert N. Whiting, president of the university brought brief greetings from the administrative staff at NCCU.

TSU Ends Last Week Of Drills

NASHVILLE - Tennessee State University Tigers, undefeated in 11 outings last year, will round out their spring drill this week with the traditional White and Blue intra-squad game to be played Saturday night in the Saturday night in the university's W. J. Hale Stadium.

While there have been several injuries during the course of the workouts, most have been of minor nature. A rash of injuries last season during spring drills carried over to the fall drills to threaten the Big Blue's chances of a successful year. However, fine performances by numerous back-up players enabled the team to post its 11-game sweep, climaxed by a 26-26 win over Southwestern Louisiana in the Post-Season Grant-Land Rice Bowl game in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On defense, the Tigers have a magnificent forewalk, which has been dubbed by scouts as the "Million Dollar Line." Of most concern on defense is the secondary where a number of key performers have passed on via the graduation route. But the Tigers have in Clifford Brooks, an experienced performer at the cornerback slot. In fact, Brooks seems to be at home anywhere in the secondary; when the occasion arises, he can step in and turn in a tremendous job on offense as quarterback, a position he has played quite a bit during his tenure with the Big Blue. He was the only two-way performer



GRIMACES IN PAIN - CINCINNATI: Hal McRae grimaces in pain as he is carried from the field here May 15 by Alex Grammas, coach left, and Bill Cooper, trainer. McRae was racing for home on Dave Concepcion's single to right field when Grammas signaled for McRae to "hold up." In doing so, he pulled a thigh muscle and will be lost to the Reds for three or four weeks. (UPI).

on the team last year. With All-American candidate Joe Gilliam, Jr. doing the quarterbacking, the Tiger offense has looked "good in spots," according to the coaches.

"Joe is throwing real well in the drills," commented Tiger headcoach John Merritt, "and too, he seems to be in better physical condition than he has been since he became a member of our team," he added.

The Tigers were hit hard in their receiving corp. Adequate replacements must be found for such standouts as David Davis, and Joe Sweet, wide receivers, and Maceo Coleman, tight end, Veteran flanker, Ollie Smith

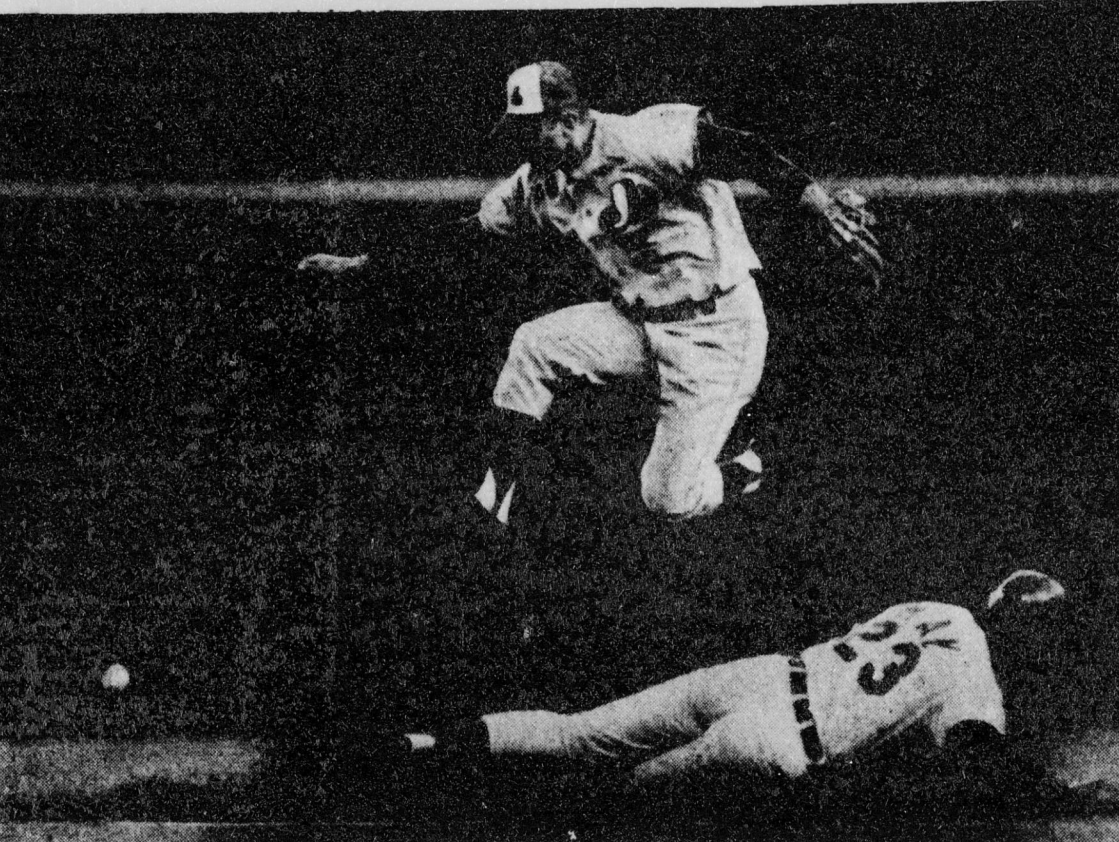
from Jackson, Mississippi and Sophomore Charles Wade from Nashville, have shown well in the drills as wide receivers, along with John Holland, from Middletown, Ohio.

In the running department, Al-fred Reese of New Orleans, the Tigers' leading scorer and ground gainer last year, and Fred Lane of Franklin, Tennessee are two seasoned performers, as well as Charlie Thomas of Houston, Texas.

Tyrone Cooks, a hard-running back from Warren, Ohio, has brought smiles to the coaching staff. Cooks, who stands some 6-2 and weighs in at 210 is expected to see lots of service, come next fall.



ELATION AND DEJECTION - GIANTS-DODGERS - SAN FRANCISCO: San Francisco Giants pitcher Juan Marichal at left is congratulated by teammate Hal Lanier after winning his sixth of the season against the Los Angeles Dodgers here May 15. At right Dodgers manager Walter Alston leads his Dodgers off the field after falling victim to the high flying Giants for the 2nd straight game. The Dodgers are now 10 games behind the Giants in the standings. (UPI).



HUNT LOSES CONTROL OF BALL - CINCINNATI: Ron Hunt leaps over the sliding Lee May and loses control of the ball in the seventh inning as he seeks to start a double play when Hal McRae hit to the third baseman. May was ruled out at second base while McRae gained first on the fielder's choice. The Reds won 5-2. (UPI).

Howard Baseball Team Collapse Causes Coach McKnight To Resign His Position

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Finishing fifth in CIAA tennis, second in golf and pushed out of the baseball play-offs by absorbing five consecutive defeats - after owning a 6-1 CIAA diamond card, as of April 20 - only the track and cricket teams of Howard University are still active at this time.

Coach Arnold McKnight, almost a shoo-in for titular play in 1971 CIAA baseball, was so miffed by the sudden descent of his nine, at season's end, that he promptly submitted his resignation from a two-year stint, as head baseball coach.

It was his expressed opinion, to friends, that something "went out of the ball club." It

had no desire, apparently, to cash the fine, early season that it had put together.

While admitting that he has been busily engaged in recruiting future stars, to mend an awful defense problem, "down the middle," Coach McKnight paid high tribute to several of his players, who, in his opinion, "never quit."

Captain Steve Powell, last season's fire-balling sensation, won praise for pitching a twin-bill against Virginia State. "Think of it," recalled the coach, "Powell was ruined, 4-3, by the nine errors we committed as a team."

A feature of the team was the brilliant catching and hitting of

Clenn Harris, whose 24 run-batted-in and long ball hitting, especially in the clutch, was supported by an overall .334 batting average. "Harris is easily the finest college catcher in the East," commented Coach McKnight.

Other standouts were Rock Newman, a .321 stroking third baseman, and major league draftee Bob Woodland, whose shoulder injury helped create the descent. ***

Jerry Mills, the aggressive little freshman from Hamlet who played second base for the baseball Wolfpack, wound up as the team leader in both doubles and triples despite his size.

Holland Signs A Grid Pact

BY LUTHER CARMICHAEL

NASHVILLE - Vernon Holland, Tennessee State's All-American offensive tackle, signed a contract to play professional football with the Cincinnati Bengals, it was announced during the past week.

Holland, who made a number of All-American selections as a standout with the Big Blue Tigers of Tennessee State University, played in three post season games with All-Star college performers from all sections of the country.

The games included the North-South Shrine game at Miami, the East-West Shrine game at San Francisco, and the Senior Bowl game at Mobile, Alabama. He also received an invitation to play in the Blue-Gray contest at Montgomery, Alabama, but due to a full schedule at the time of the game, he refused the invitation.

Holland was the first player from a predominantly black college to be invited to participate in the East-West tilt. Holland is also slated to play with the College All-Stars in August against the Baltimore Colts, National Professional Football Champions. The game will be played in Chicago's Soldier Field.

Famed Coach Paul Brown of the Bengals is very high on Tennessee Stater, who was the Cincinnati team's first round choice in the annual professional football draft.

*** Three men were selected unanimously to the Wolfpack's all-ACC opponent team this spring, with Maryland's Dave Sauve at second base, and Clemson's outfielder Craig White and pitcher Rusty Gerhardt also named by all the State players. Virginia short-stop Mike Cabbage missed by one vote of being a unanimous choice, as was South Carolina's Buddy Caldwell at first base. ***

Al Heartley, N. C. State's first Negro basketball captain from Clayton, was voted the top all-around senior athlete by a vote of the Wolfpack student body. Heartley, who came to State without an athletic grant and earned one with his determined play, was presented a silver loving cup at the annual Alumni Weekend luncheon on last Saturday.

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