

A&T Homecoming, Not Just Football But Festivities, Fashion And Food

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GREENSBORO—If there is one thing that I've discovered about an A&T State University homecoming, it is that the celebration is more than just football, festivities, and fashions. It's also food!

When kinfolk and friends "drop in" before and after the game on Homecoming Day, they expect a royal spread and as my good friend, Annie B. Herbin, says, "Something good to wash it down with."

I'm not just talking about routine eating like they do out in Sedgefield and Irving Park. I'm talking about scrumptious, tantalizing, and mouth-watering soul victuals, like mounds of Eula Whitley's lemon chicken and famous deep dish apple pie, Irma Phillips' sho' nuff good chitterlings, Herbin's cornbread with sharp cheese and grated onion, and Earline Boston's sweet potato supreme casserole.

That is just for starters. This reporter took his annual survey of homecoming food favorites for this year's celebrations, and the list is a real gourmet's delight.

What kept coming to the top of the list were potato salad, green beans, pinto beans, collard and turnip greens, barbecued ribs, candied yams, cole slaw, ham, country pies, including sweet potato, coconut and pound cake, barbecued pig feet, and for the sophisticates, sirloin tip roast.

Ms. Whitley of 1903 Belcrest Drive is known to feed upwards of 50 folks at her homecoming gatherings. "I prepare much of my food ahead and freeze it," she said almost as if giving advice to newcomers to cooking. She swears by her "famous deep dish apple pie," as she calls it. I begged her for details, but she stuck to it that the delicacy "is a secret, and I can't tell you my secret." But she did say that I could ask Percy Jones (Dr. Percy Jones, the eminent Greensboro dieting specialist) about it and that he would verify the pie's goodness.

Ms. Herbin, a retired A&T English professor, also loves to entertain during homecoming. If she has a favorite homecoming dish, it is her pinto beans. "Cook them down until the low gravy," is the way she describes them. "Cook them all day until there is a rich gravy." She indicated that the spices and seasonings like red pepper, oregano, chili powder, celery

and onion, and of course ham hocks, are what make this dish outstanding.

My favorite of this year's survey turned out to be Ms. Earline Boston of 1512 Willow Road in Greensboro, whom my friend, Otis Hairston, Jr., had already called "one of the 10 best cooks in Greensboro." Ms. Boston said she planned to cook the regular soul food for homecoming, but added that one of her specialties is an Oriental string bean casserole and a sweet potato supreme casserole.

She gladly volunteered her way of cooking chitterlings: "Clean them real good and start cooking them slowly in water with an onion and three pods of celery. When they start boiling, dip out some of the water, but don't throw the water away because you may need it when the water gets down. Sprinkle a little garlic salt and let them go their own way."

Ms. Boston gave some parting advice about the art of soul cooking. "It's the seasoning that makes it," she said, "and I don't use margarine, but butter. I go way out and cook a variety of things."

One Greensboro resident who won't be in the cooking action this year because of failing health is beloved Aunt Serlena Boulware out on Asheboro Street. Because of her nephew, Richard Moore, she had the inside track for her annual "sellings" of chitterlings and sweet potato pies for the gentlemen in the club room down at Aggie Stadium. There are rumors that one member of the Aggie Club would rather hang around the clubroom and eat chitlin's than to attend the football game.

Just for the record, the forecast for being able to obtain chitterlings in Greensboro for homecoming is good. Robert Vernon, meat manager at the Winn-Dixie store on Phillips Avenue, estimates that his store will sell upwards of 300 cases (19,800 pounds) between now and homecoming. The East Market Street Food Lion isn't far behind, and is expected to top the 9,000 pounds it sold two years ago.



MOVING FOR A TACKLE—N. C. Central running back Tim Coffield (26) looks for daylight as N. C. A&T linebacker Demetrius Harrison moves in for the tackle. The players were recently profiled at N. C. Central's season-opener with the A&T Aggies. (Photo by Joe Daniels, ANSS)

Football Conferences Begin Food Drive For Hurricane Hugo Victims

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Kicking off a massive food drive throughout the Southern United States to aid victims of Hurricane Hugo, Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) last week announced a cooperative effort with the Atlantic Coast and Southeastern athletic conferences to collect canned goods at as many as 10 college football games over the weekend in six states.

Thurmond, who originated the idea and coordinated the massive relief effort, will be working directly with the commissioners of the SEC and ACC, the Citadel and South Carolina State and the other 18 colleges and universities expected to participate.

All five ACC universities having home football games during the weekend agreed to collect canned goods during their games. These are the home games at Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Wake Forest and Virginia. The Citadel and South Carolina State football game

scheduled for Columbia, S.C. also agreed to serve as a donor game, as well as the Auburn-Tennessee game in Knoxville. SEC officials said they believe the other three SEC home games—at Vanderbilt, Georgia and Louisiana State—would participate in the program.

Each spectator attending any of the donor games on Saturday participating in the program was asked to consider making a donation of canned goods. The food was to be collected by volunteers at stadium gates at each of the games, and then trucked to the disaster areas. The trucks and drivers were donated by several trucking firms in the Southeast.

"We all know and understand the extent of this natural disaster and the very urgent need to help the hundreds of thousands of victims," said Thurmond, who is coordinating the effort from his Washington office. "It is my hope that we can combine two of the

South's traditions—college football and a desire to help our fellow man. I am asking each of the estimated 500,000 spectators that attend these sporting events on Saturday to consider bringing canned goods for donation."

The Salvation Army was working with Thurmond's office on the project and will determine which locations hardest hit by Hurricane Hugo should receive the food. Thurmond said it was hoped the first shipments of food could begin arriving by Sunday.

Thurmond said he wanted to thank the hundreds of volunteers from the 20 colleges who worked on the relief program. He said he particularly wanted to thank ACC Commissioner Eugene Corrigan and SEC Commissioner Harvey Schiller.

"Since the hurricane affected, so many people in the natural geographic region of the Atlantic Coast Conference, our member institutions felt compelled to become a part of the relief effort," said ACC Commissioner Corrigan. "I can truly say that each school was more than willing to assist with this project. We sincerely hope our efforts will help the disaster victims in some way."

"This is an excellent cooperative effort by some of the finest schools in the Southeast," Thurmond said. "This type of commitment and compassion for others is remarkable and inspiring, and I am proud of everyone involved. I urge all people planning to attend these football games to bring donations. The victims of Hugo need our help."

Sacred Heart Church Holds Golf Tourney

PINEHURST—The seventh annual Sacred Heart Church Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 8 at Midland Country Club.

An Oktoberfest will follow featuring a buffet meal, beverages and entertainment.

The format for the tournament will be a nine-hole mixed (men and women) with an entry fee of \$20 per person. The fee covers green fee, riding cart and Oktoberfest activities. There is a limit of 72 players and entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Those not wishing to play golf may attend the festival for \$8 for adults and \$2 for children. Advance reservations are required.

For information or to register, call Charles Manger at 1-295-2990.

Willie Buckley Heads Players For CIAA Week

Following are CIAA players of the week for games played Sept. 24.

Offensive lineman—Willie Buckley, N.C. Central, senior, offensive guard, 6'1", 282 lbs., Florida City, Fla.

The Eagles racked up 451 yards' total offense (330 rush, 121 pass) largely due to Buckley's blocking. They scored on runs of 42 and 14 yards. N.C. Central defeated Kentucky State 40-6.

Offensive back—Brian Harris, N.C. Central, sophomore, tailback, 5'10", 176 lbs., Teaneck, N.J.

Brian led the NCCU offensive effort with 121 yards on 23 carries. The Eagles had 330 rushing yards and four rushing TDs.

Defensive lineman—Rodney Edmonds, N.C. Central, junior, linebacker, 5'9", 210 lbs., Charlotte.

Rodney had 14 tackles (6 solo, 3 tackles for 20-yard loss). He was the Eagles' defensive leader. N.C. Central held the Thorobreds to 91 yards total offense (56 rush, 35 pass).

Defensive back—No nominations submitted.

Newcomer—Willie Holmes, N.C. Central, sophomore, defensive tackle, 6'0", 256 lbs., Galveston, Texas.

Holmes is in first season as a starter and making important contributions. Against Kentucky State he had four quarterback sacks and 35 lost yards and one fumble recovery.

Coach—Sanders Shiver, Bowie State University.

The Bulldogs won a big Northern Division game at Virginia State. They overcame a 7-10 deficit to defeat the Trojans 17-10.

THINK SAFETY!



MAKING HISTORY—Toronto manager Cito Gaston and Baltimore's Frank Robinson test their faith and bid for niche in baseball history as the Blue Jays and Orioles settle the American League East dispute. No matter who wins, a black manager will be in the playoffs for the first time.



CIAA Accepting Proposal For Basketball Tourney

HAMPTON, Va.—The CIAA Board of Directors has accepted a bid proposal from the City of Richmond, Va., to host the annual basketball tournament for 1991-93. In a Raleigh, N.C. meeting the board reviewed bids from Richmond and Norfolk, Va. and Landover, Md. Winston-Salem and Charlotte, N.C. had initially expressed an interest but did not submit proposals. Richmond was selected based on the strength of their bid.

Richmond hosted the event in 1986 and 1987, before losing out to Norfolk for 1988-90.

In a press conference held at the Richmond Coliseum, city officials expressed elation at winning the bid. "We never gave up," says City Councilman Walter Kenny. "We are delighted to return the largest Afro-American sporting event to Richmond."

Small Businesses Play Role In United Way Day

More than 200 volunteers will visit 1,000 small businesses on Oct. 11 for a special United Way one-day fundraising project called "Your Business Counts."

For the first time, these small businesses in Wake County will receive a personal visit from United Way volunteers, including representatives from more than 65 companies within the Triangle area.

Polly Miller, coordinator for "Your Business Counts," says the program will help the United Way reach beyond their traditional donor base of large businesses and corporations to seek support from small businesses in the area.

"Small business owners should know that we need their support and that every donation is important," Miller says. "This program will increase volunteer participation within our community while helping the United Way broaden its donor base. Our goal this year is to give 1,000 small businesses the opportunity to be part of the campaign."

Johnel Bracey, assistant to city manager, feels that "This is a fantastic thing for the community and beyond the economic implications it will provide a showcase for both parties." Bracey says, "It is back where it belongs."

The senior vice president of the Metro Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ron Davis, believes that this event gives Richmond a "four star" rating. "The return of the CIAA tournament is a community effort for the success of which belongs to Virginia Union University, Virginia State University and St. Paul's College together," said Dr. S. Dallas Simmons, president, Virginia Union University.

Dates for the three-year tenure are set for Feb. 19-23, 1991; Feb. 25-29, 1992 and Feb. 23-27, 1993.

Orioles & Blue Jays To Settle AL East Race

TORONTO, Canada (AP)—Toronto manager Cito Gaston and Baltimore's Frank Robinson both were early believers.

Now they get to test their faith as the Blue Jays and Orioles settle the American League East in weekend showdowns at the Toronto Skydome.

Toronto, leading by one game, is trying to defy its own history while Baltimore hope one of the greatest turnarounds in baseball history will be enough to win the division.

Seven months of work, down to three games and maybe a fourth if a playoff is necessary Monday in Baltimore.

"You know I feel good for all of us," said Gaston, who took over with a 12-24 record when Jimmy Williams was fired. "Coming out of spring training, I thought we had a good ballclub but we didn't play well. But I just had a thought that they would."

The Blue Jays are 73-48 since Gaston took over, the best in baseball. But how will they do when it counts?

In 1987, Toronto lost its last seven games and the division in Detroit. The Blue Jays blew the final three in Tiger Stadium.

In 1985, with a three-game lead in the AL playoffs, Toronto lost to Kansas City.

"We don't talk about that, but it never goes away," Toronto's Lloyd Moseley said. "You're always aware that happened, but you don't dwell on it."

The Orioles went into this season determined not to dwell on their recent past. Robinson also got a good feeling in spring training, despite the fact that Baltimore had lost 107 games, 101 under Robinson, the year before.

"I liked the direction the ballclub was headed," Robinson said. "We made some positive moves and I was excited about coming back. Last year wasn't as bad as it seemed. The players tried and the effort was there."

This year, the Orioles quickly made it from worst to first. They already have won 32 more games than they did last year, one short of the major league record. Baltimore has won six of 10 against Toronto this season.

No matter who wins, some history is assured. A black manager will be in the playoffs for the first time.

City Accepting Applications For Landfill Program

The City of Raleigh is now accepting applications for its new Landfill Diversion Credit Program. Applications must be submitted by Oct. 6.

The new program is open to all non-profit organizations operating public drop-off recycling sites in the city limits for glass, newspapers and metal beer or soft drink cans.

Under the new program, approved organizations will receive a \$30 credit for each ton of recycled materials. The credit will be paid in check to the organizations monthly. The City of Raleigh has set aside \$30,000 for the diversion credit program this fiscal year.

Applications for the diversion credit program will be accepted twice a year—in June and December. For this first six-month period, tonnage reimbursements will be retroactive to July 1.

Nonprofit organizations wishing applications or more information should contact Contract Programs Supervisor Linda Leighton at the City of Raleigh Sanitation Division, 755-6890.

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