All-Conference Team Selected By MEAC

GREENSBORO-North Carolina Howard nose tackle Brian Taltoan, Connell Maynor and Morgan State son and Kevin Little. University defensive end James Dozier were voted 1990 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference offensive and defensive players of the year by the league's head football coaches and sports information directors last week. The two stars also headline this eason's 25-man All-MEAC team.

Maynor, a 6'0", 175-pound junior from Fayetteville, guided the Aggies to a league-best 9-2 record, a secondplace finish in the MEAC with a con-ference mark of 5-1, and a 20th-place ranking in the final NCAA Division I-A ' football poll. Maynor led the nation s . AA quarterbacks in passing efficiency with rating points of 156.3. He completed 123 of 191 passes for 1,699 yards and 16 touchdowns, and suffered just 10 interceptions.

Maynor received seven of the possible first choice votes, outpointing Florida A&M quarterback Antoine Ezell, who had four votes, and Delaware State wide receiver David Jones, who garnered the remaining three. Ezell topped the MEAC with 2,294 passing yards and 20 touchdowns. Jones led the league in receptions per game with 5.3. In addition to his 65 percent passing accuracy, Maynor rushed 145 times for 388 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Dozier, a 6'3", 240-pound senior from Randallstown, Md., was the MEAC's quarterback sack-leader with 13 and was credited with 36 nassisted tackles and 34 assists in the 11 games Morgan State played. Serving as a bright spot in an otherwise tough Bear season, Dozier also blocked seven kicks and recovered six fumbles. In a close count for the MEAC's top defensive honor, Dozier appeared on four of the 14 first-choice otes, nosing out Bethune-Cookman cker Cedric McKinnon, who had three. Linebackers Reggie Kennedy of South Carolina State and Keith Austin of Florida A&M had two each. Receiving one each were

A&T State University quarterback and N.C. A&T linemen Knox Thomp-

In All-MEAC balloting, Jones was the only unanimous pick, receiving all 12 of the first-team votes. The 6'4" 230-pound senior made this team as a tight end last year. This season, he caught 53 passes for 1,049 yards and nine touchdowns in 10 games. His 19.8 yards per catch was also the MEAC's beste. Other top vote-getters on of-fense were Florida A&M senior running back Amir Rasul and Bethune-Cookman junior wide receiver Jeff Parker, both receiving 11 of the 12 possible first-team votes.

Rasul, the 1089 MEAC player of the year, led the league in rushing with 1,012 yards and eight touchdowns on 203 carries. Parker caught 58 passes for 937 yards and six touchdowns in 11 contests. In the I-AA national statistics for receptions per game, he ranked 17th, while Jones ranked 16th. Rasul ranked 21st in rushing among the country's I-AA performers.

Registering 10 votes each were offensive interior linemen Terry Beauford, a senior at Florida A&M. and junior Rod Milstead of Delaware State. Junior Nigel Greene of Howard and senior Robert Frost of FAMU were the other two first-team offensive linemen with five votes each.

Junior center Preston Steward of Delaware State also pulled five votes to earn that spot on the first team. The tight end slot went to N.C. A&T's Craig Thompson, who had eight votes. Thompson, a junior, led the MEAC tight ends in receiving with 39 catches for 600 yards and nine touchdowns. Maynor garnered eight votes to capture the quarterback position. Junior running back Michael Murray of Delaware State, with nine votes, joined Rasul and Maynor in the backfield. Murray, a first-team repeater, was the MEAC's number two rusher this year with 708 yards and five touchdowns on 158 attempts in eight games.



CONNELL MAYNOR

A&T QB Top Vote Getter Maynor Top Offensive Player

GREENSBORO-N.C. A&T's quarterback Connell Maynor was the top vote-getter as the coaches and sports information directors picked their choice for the MEAC offensive playuer of the year. Maynor leads a contingent of eight Aggie players selected to the first and second

Maynor (6'0", 175), a junior from . Fayetteville, got the nod as the top offensive player after leading the Ag-gies (9-2) to their best season ever, a second-place finish in the MEAC (5-1), and a spot at No. 20 in the NCAA Division I-AA final poll.

Throughout the season, Maynor led the nation's I-AA quarterbacks in passing efficiency, ending the year with 156.3 rating points. Maynor completed 123 of 191 passes (64 percent) for 1,968 yards and 16 touchdowns. He

was intercepted only 10 times. He also had 145 rushes for 389 yards and 11 TDs. In addition to these duties, Maynor was the league's fifth-best punter with 54 punts for 1,834 yards, an average of 34.0 yards per punt. Maynor received seven first-place

Joining Maynor on the first-team offense is teammate Craig Thompson (6'3", 245), a junior tight end from Hartsville, S.C. Touted as perhaps the best tight-end in I-AA, Thompson was a shoo-in for TE honors, coming away with eight first-place votes.

On the year, Thompson had 39 receptions for 600 yards and nine touchdowns. Thompson was selected MEAC Offensive Player of the Week after catching five passes for 66 yards and two touchdowns against Bethune-Cookman. With his size and speed, Thompson has great potential and a good chance of getting to showcase his talents in the National Football

A&T was represented on the firstteam defense by sophomore Knox Thompson and senior Dee Moye.

Thompson, one of three 300-lb. defensive linemen for the Aggies, is a 6'4" defensive tackle from Lumberton. Thompson tallied 77 total tackles (25 solos), two sacks, one fumble recovery, a forced fumble and a blocked kick. Thompson is one of the mainstays of the Aggies' defense. He is sure to be in the running for top defensive honors next season

Moye (6'1", 200), a junior defensive. back from Winston-Salem, has 50 total tackles (21 solos), a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, five deflected passes, and one interception to round out his year. His experience will be counted on in 1991.

Jamestown, was the only member of the Aggies to make the second team

Three Aggies were on the second team defense. They were Kevin Little, Sam Davis and Lopez Pettis.

Little, a 6'4", 250 defensive end from Charleston, S.C., is perhaps the most consistent player on the Aggie defensive squad. He led the team in tackles, finishing the season with 88 tackles (31 solos).

Little also had 11 sacks (second best in the conference), eight tackles for loss, a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, and a blocked kick. He was picked twice during the season as the MEAC Defensive Player of the

Freshman sensation Sam Davis earned a starting berth on the Agglie squad and never looked back. He finished the season with a team-high seven interceptions (third best in the MEAC). Overall, the 6'0", 179-pounder from Albemarle tallied 51 tackles (21 solos). He also had a forced fumble, one fumble recovery and five deflected passes. With his skills, Sam has a great career ahead of him.

Senior defensive back Lopez Pettis was picked to the second team secondary alongside his freshman teammate. Pettis garnered 48 tackles (27 solos), eight defelected passes, one fumble recovery, a forced fumble and one interception. Pettis was one of two seniors from A&T to make the All-MEAC squad.

Offensive players receiving honorable mention are: Patrick Horne, Richmond, Va.; Richard Lide, Raeford; Kevin Acker, Anderson, S.C.; Barry Turner, Gastonia; Laton Jackson, Washington, D.C.; and Carl Paige, Siler City.

Defensive honorable mentions are Kevin Williams (5'11", 245), a Mike Gilchrist of Raleigh, Chad Armsenior offensive guard from strong of Charlotte, Rodney Edwards Mike Gilchrist of Raleigh, Chad Armof Concord, Reggie Glover of St. Matthews, S.C., Alonzo Barnett of offense. Along with his great blocking Jacksonville, and Tommy McCoy of

NCSO Launches Corporate Torchbearer Campaign Here

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teep up with the expenses from increasing numbers of NCSO is appealing to new ors who will join in the r's annual efforts to provide competition opportunities for people with mental retardation.

"The sponsors who join NCSO's Corporate Torchbearer campaign will become a part of the largest newspecies or outreach campaign that North Carolina has ever embarked on," he said.

Riley Voted MEAC Coach Of The Yr. **By Fellow Coaches**

GREENSBORO-Ken Riley of Florida A&M University was voted 1980 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference othall coach of the year by his allow league head coaches. Riley udded the Rattlers to their first-ever uted MEAC championship with an unblemished 6-0 record, and shed with an overall mark of they finished with an overall mark of 7-4. Florida A&M was especially superb on offense, rolling up 413 yards per game and scoring 31 points per contest. This is Riley's second ne around, having received the aching distinction in 1988 when his ad tied for the MEAC crown.

Riley, a native of Bartow, Fla., was amed FAMU coach in 1986 and he is former Rattler quarterback. ving a brilliant college cam-he went on to stage a spec-r 15-year professional career incinnati as a defensive back. ley retired in 1984 and had 65

career interceptions.

"It's a great honor to be named MEAC coach of the year, especially when your peers vote you in," Riley said. "It feels good to gain a certain respect from the people you work with all year. This season has been a pleasure because we started so slow, had our backs against the wall, and were forced to win four back-to-back conference games by mid-season. I'm appreciative to my assistant coaches and my players because appreciative to my ches and my players because the people helped make the honor tible. The MEAC is a tough connec, has great coaching, and it's my to get tougher."

Riley accumulated four of the seven first-place votes and 430 total points in the poll of MEAC coaches. Bill Hayes of N.C. A&T placed second with three firsts and 321 points, while Delaware State's William Collick finished third with 23 points.

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gold for donations beginning at \$5,000. Among the benefits of being a Torchbearer corporation is the positive statewide publicity received in being associated with Special Olympics as porate Torchbearer Sponsor Display Board at the NCSO chapter office and have it for public recognition at all chapter-level competitions and special events.

In addition, the Torchbearer sponsors will be recognized through news releases, features in NCSO's quarter-ly newsletter Discover, and through the NCSO Annual Report.

"The recognition received through Discover alone is tremendous because more than 20,000 copies are distributed not only statewide but all across the country," Lenox added. "When you factor in that more than

one person reads each copy, you can see that the recognition and publicity is very significant to every sponso listed in an issue. In our office alone, about eight people read every publication that comes in."

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Boxer Takes Swing At Auto Dealership Barriers

BY BARRY COOPER

New heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield is doing more than paying lip service to promises about giving something back to the com-

Holyfield, who knocked out Buster Douglas to win the heavyweight crown, now is taking aim at another target: the barriers black businessmen face in successfully operating auto dealerships.

Holyfield has begun promoting minority entrepreneurship through an innovative two-year training program at his Evander Holyfield Buick/Subaru dealership near Atlan-

Black car dealers certainly need help, because they tend to fall as quickly as a heavyweight contender. Thirty-three percent of all the black dealerships with GM and Chrysler failed last year.

Those are staggering failure totals, and Holyfield is looking to reverse the

He has set up his own training program, even though the dealerships already have programs in place.

But Holyfield said, "The other

training programs don't work because they aren't long enough. You can't teach someone how to run a dealership in only six months.

"We're offering on-the-job training-from how to detail cars to how to act as a general manager. By the time they finish, our trainees will master every phase of management."

It used to be that the heavyweight champion would only worry about matters inside the ring. But Sugar Ray Leonard began reversing that trend, and now Holyfield is determined to build a fortune outside boxing,

"I have to live after boxing," Holyfield said, explaining why he

opened his dealership. "I intend to work with kids after I retire [from boxing) and I needed a business to maintain my lifestyle."

If Holyfield becomes successful

outside the ring, he could be one of the few heavyweight champs to do that. Leonard, a middleweight, is an accomplished businessman. But heavyweight champion Joe Louis died broke, and former champion Muhammad Ali squandered untold millions on one bad venture after

Holyfield is even trying to make money on other boxers. He and business partner Herb Newton are comanaging two boxers: 1988 Olympian Romallis Ellis, who has a 14-0 record, and Homer Gibbons of Atlanta, who is



DRUNK DRIVING SIMULATOR—Students at four Raisigh area high schools stepped outside the lecture hall for a lesson in the dangers of drinking driving when they were behind the wheel of the Dodge Drunk Driving Simulator this

week. The vehicle allows students to experience the dangers of driving drunk without actually consuming alcohol. Apex, Ravenscroft, Fuquay Varina and Garner Senior high schools participated.

Las Vegas Top Tourist Haunt Gambler's Dream Offers Affordable Fun

BY BARRY COOPER LAS VEGAS, Nev.-The city that \$1.95.

never sleeps certainly isn't only for the rich and famous. Las Vegas, known the world over for its fabulous casinos and hotels, is a top tourist destination, drawing millions of tourists each year.

Although no figures are available, a large number of those tourists are African-Americans. I travel a great deal on business, taking about two or three flights a week during my busiest months. On most flights, I'm the only African-American on the plane. But flying into Las Vegas is a different story.

On a recent trip to Vegas with my wife and another couple I counted 51 other African-Americans on a Dallasto-Vegas connection that must have seated around 200.

Once we arrived in Vegas, it was easy to see why folks of all races are so eager to arrive at this gambling mecca. Take away the gambling and it's a cheap trip. We stayed at the Aladdin Hotel and Casino, which was bragging at the time about a \$30

Unfortunately, the remodeling had not yet reached our room. The carpeting was old, the furniture worn. But the price was right: \$24 a night for a more-than-adequate room that would easily rent for \$150 a night in New York City or \$100 in Washington, D.C.

Once you arrive in Vegas you learn ery quickly that what the hotels

very quickly that what the hotels really care about is luring you to the gambling tables. Everything else, such as rooms and meals, it so cheap it is almost as if it is on the house.

We enjoyed full-course steak dinners at Bally's Grand Hotel for \$4.95 (no kidding). Just down the street was a place that served up shrimp cocktails around the clock for

There was cheap entertainment, too. The couple we were with didn't seem interested, so we passed up a chance to see Gladys Knight in concert at Bally's for \$34. Instead, we hung out at one of the lounges at the Aladdin, and for the cost of a few drinks, we were entertained by one of the best live bands I have ever heard.

That combination of inexpensive hotel rooms, inexpensive meals and sometimes inexpensive entertainment makes Las Vegas a best buy.

Of course, no one can resist visiting the famous gambling tables at Vegas.
The Las Vegas Strip is a five-mile boulevard that cuts through the heart of the world's gambling empire. If you are of legal age, you can walk right in and gamble to your heart's

Tip: Save your gambling activity for the last day or two of your stay. You will be surprised how fast your money goes once you get a taste of gambler's fever. I'm sad to say that we didn't do a very good job of pacing

We arrived in Vegas at about midnight from the East Coast, which meant our body clocks were registering 3 a.m. But we charged ahead for a night of gambling. Four hours later, we trudged back to our rooms, dog-tired and with pocketbooks and wallets that were

decidedly lighter.

The slot machines had whipped us, and by nightfall the next day, we were all but broke, with almost two days left to go before we were to

return home.

Tip: Take only what you can afford to gamble and leave all credit cards and household money alone. Stay within your budget. A good way to

99 cents and complete rib dinners for harmlessly gamble is at the nickel at the casinos. All the casino folks are slot machines. You can't get into much trouble playing a few nickels at a time. The only problem is that it may not be long before you're eager to play the 25 cent and \$1 machines. Vegas definitely isn't for the undisciplined.

With all the inexpensive food and great enteretainment on the strip, few African-American visitors bother looking into the black cultural experience in Las Vegas. Sadly, no African-American investors have stakes in any of the major hotels or casinos. Some residents were hoping that Sammy Davis, Jr., who recently passed away, would someday be the catalyst for a major black-owned casino and hotel, but the dream never came to life, and you'll really have to get off the beaten path to find blackowned nightclubs and restaurants.

If you are feeling adventurous and want to give that a try, your best bet for advice is to approach one of the casino workers who happens to work

friendly, and its likely the person you ask will steer you in the direction of a great soul food meal. But don't expect the prices to be the same as they are in the casinos. No privately-owned restaurant can compete with the big gambling houses.

More tips: The taxi ride from the airport to any of the strip hotels is about \$8, but there are some van services at the airport that will carry you for a few dollars less. ... All the major hotels have their own toll-free numbers, so shop around for the best hotel rates. Depending on the time of year, you should easily get nice accommodations for \$40 or so. ... The biggest, grandest hotels are Excalibur (800-634-6661). Even if you don't stay at one of those hotels, by all means stop by to walk through the casino, have a meal, or just people watch in the lobby. It's quite a show. Less expensive hotels include the Aladdin, Sahara, Bally's and Circus

St. Aug's Falcons Look To Rebound From 8-15 Season Mark

After a disappointing 8-15 season last year and finishing fifth in the Southern Division of the CIAA, the Falcons are looking to be on the re-

Four veterans will be returning to Four veterans will be returning to Falcon lineup for the 1990-91 season and they are being led by forward Gary Mattison, who is also the team captain. Last year Mattison ranked fifth in the CIAA in scoring with 21.1 points per game and ranked ninth in three count and an annual ranked ninth in three-point percentage with .436. Also returning will be 6'3" forward Micheal Dearman whose 8.8 rebounds per game ranked him ninth in the CIAA in rebounding.

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Along with these forwards, 6'5" Darius Giles will also play a vital role

as backup forward. 6'9" Anthony Beedie, who saw limited playing time last scason, should get the nod as startiong center with newcomer 6'10" Gary Lewis as probable backup

Two top newcomers to the Falcon squad, 6'3" Jeffery Robinson and 6'2" Keith Perkins, are also expected to be a factor this season at the guard position. 6'4" lantham Alleyne, who sat out due to a knee injury, will add strength to the Falcons' rebounding team.