

Coaching The Team

Beverly L. Downing serves as head basketball coach at Saint Augustine's College and chairperson of the physical education department.

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On The Conga

Preminent conga player Poncho Canchez performs in Moore Square Park for Jazz & Blues Musical Festival 1991.

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This Week
In 1940, the Pittsburgh Courier had the largest circulation of any black newspaper in the country. In 1978, "Ain't Misbehavin' won three Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Director and Best Featured Actress, Nell Carter.

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Fabulously Rich, Out Of Control

Tyson Loses Title As People's Champ

MIKE TYSON
BY BARRY COOPER
An Analysis

There is an unwritten rule in the black press that is all but religiously followed: We try doggone hard not to criticize our own. The majority press does such a good job of pointing out the ills and shortcomings of black folks that it is understandable why newspapers like the one you are

holding are reluctant to air the dirty laundry. But once in a while, even our own deserve a wakeup call.

And so it is with reluctance today that we must take former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson to task. He is a man fabulously rich and foolishly out of control, a troubled young man in dire need of a mentor who can set him straight.

Sadly for Iron Mike, it appears

there is no one in his corner who is capable of grabbing his ear.

You have heard the stories about Tyson's vulgar behavior around women. An 18-year-old black beauty contestant in Indiana claims Tyson raped her. It's just an allegation, but it follows a pattern of complaints made about Iron Mike. He has been accused of making vulgar remarks to women, of grabbing their buttocks

without permission. And now, he is accused of rape.

Lord knows, the black community could use a few more genuine male role models. Tyson's troubles only further underscore how desperate that need is. Even though Tyson no longer owns the title, he remains the people's champion, and there is no more coveted position in sports than being the heavyweight champion of

the world. Doors open for the champ that are closed to other athletes. The whole world bows when the champ saunters in. But Tyson, with his boorish behavior, is spilling this apple cart. You don't see him on television doing commercials anymore. Remember all the TV ads for Tyson's Nintendo game? They're on the shelf now. Remember the Diet Pepsi commercials? They're a thing of the past.

These days, the only times we see Tyson on TV is on the 6 o'clock news. Most times he is pictured climbing out of a boxing ring. But sometimes he is shown avoiding reporters after having become involved in some controversy.

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SBI Aims Probe At Principal

Gold Sand Middle School Principal Larry Rogers has been suspended pending an SBI investigation into unspecified allegations, Franklin County Schools Superintendent Gene Allen said last Monday.

Rogers, principal of the school for the past five years, was suspended with pay on Aug. 15. GSMS Assistant Principal Novella Brown has been named acting principal, Allen said.

He declined further comment on the nature of the investigation. "I can't even discuss this with the school board," Allen said. "The law is very specific on this. If a career person is under investigation, the board must remain neutral. The board has not

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"Seventh Angel" Jailed

Targets "Graven Images"

Franklin County schools recently had a visit from the "Seventh Angel" who was arrested and jailed following an attempt to rid Bunn Elementary of "graven images."

This is not the first time Franklin County schools have encountered Mildred Louise Johnson McCoy, who calls herself the "Seventh Angel."

This time she has been charged with trespassing, destroying public property, disorderly conduct and carrying a weapon onto school property. This time she was placed under \$800 bond and was in jail prior to a court date on the Aug. 27 calendar.

According to reports, McCoy, carrying a wooden staff and dressed in long, white gown with a white veil and a tall, multicolored headpiece, entered the school on Aug. 19 around noon and smashed athletic trophies to the floor and ripped paper cutouts from a bulletin board.

Teachers, administrators and support staff were on campus at the time. Students returned on Aug. 26.

The Franklin Times last week reported the following incident:

According to school principal Connie Horton, McCoy, who lives across the road from Bunn Elementary in a compound called Mt. Zion House of Prayer, was seen entering the school by teacher Robert Taylor. He followed her to the gym and "That's where she told him that she was here to rid

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M. L. KING EXTENSION UNDERWAY—The new extension is taking place from Rock Quarry Road top S. Blount Street. Boundary and Smithfield Streets along with a segment of Garner Road will be renamed M. L. King Boulevard.

According to Stewart J. Sykes, the city's assistant engineer, the 1.7 mile extension is expected to be completed July 1992 at the approximate cost of \$4.1 million. (Photo by David L. Sawyer)

First-Year Student Enrollment At Shaw Rising Pass Projected Goals

First-year student enrollment at Shaw University has been steadily growing since 1987 when Dr. Talbert O. Shaw became president. Enrollment projections for the 1991-92 academic year represent a substantial leap toward the goal of an optimum student enrollment of 2,000. Moreover, that goal is being realized

sooner than 1992 as projected in the university's long-range plans.

With first-year students arriving this week and returning students next week, 996 housing reservations are firm as on-campus residents, 494 of those first-year students. The school's enrollment has risen from about 1,402 in 1986. In the fall of 1990,

more than 550 first-year students were actually enrolled from about 1,000 applications. If this pattern repeats itself this year, then as many as 600-700 first-year students may be on hand. In the event that happens, university administrators are making arrangements to provide off-campus housing.

Shaw has more than adequate housing space for all first-year students, much of it extensively remodeled during this summer.

It is considered less than desirable for first-year students to live off-campus because it is believed that they need a transition period between living at home and college experience. In residence halls, the new student is close to classrooms, social life and other out-of-class cultural activities. This factor is reassuring to both students and parents. Some 40 student leaders have been on Shaw's campus for the past week honing their leadership skills in preparation

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Justice At Work

Helping Blacks Achieve The Dream

A wide spectrum of black leaders from around the country issued a strong statement recently calling for an end to the growing management practice of firing workers who go on strike by giving their jobs to "permanent replacements" and calling on Congress to pass the Workplace Fairness Bill, HR 5/S 55, which would outlaw the practice.

Thirty nationally known black leaders signed the statement, "Helping Blacks Achieve the American Dream: Justice at Work," that documents the importance of unions for the economic advancement of black Americans and the greater vulnerability of black workers to being permanently replaced if they go on strike to defend their family's health

care benefits or standard of living.

Black workers critically depend upon union organizing and contracts for economic advancement, proponents stated, adding that blacks are also especially vulnerable to being "permanently replaced" when they exercise their legal right to strike. Since minority workers are disproportionately concentrated in

unskilled and semi-skilled occupations, it is easier for companies to find replacement workers to take their jobs.

Their statement documents the role that unions play in raising wages and providing health care coverage and other benefits for African-American workers. Black workers who are union members increase their wages by 43 percent, or \$135 per week, compared to workers who do not have the benefits of union membership.

The 30 leaders called on civil rights and black community, religious, political and business organizations around the country to contact their congressional representatives and President Bush in support of the bill.

The workplace fairness legislation, which has 211 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 32 cosponsors in the Senate, is expected to be voted on by the full House this month.

Signers of the black leadership statement include seven heads of national civil rights organizations, seven leaders of national religious organizations, three members of Congress, five national union officers, four mayors, and seven other leaders of business, educational, and public interest groups.

Among those signing were David Dinkins, mayor of New York; Dorothy Height, president of the National Negro Women; Benjamin

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Stafford G. Bullock, Jr. Named Chief District Court Judge Here

Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr. of the North Carolina Supreme Court says he will appoint Stafford G. Bullock, Jr. as chief district court judge in the 10th Judicial District which includes Wake County.

Judge Bullock, who has served on the district court bench since April 16, 1974, will succeed George F. Eason, who will retire effective Aug. 31.

"Judge Stafford Bullock has served this state and the 10th Judicial District as a district court judge for 17 years," Judge Exum said. "He is the senior district court judge by several years. The time has come for him to be the chief district court judge."

Chief district court judges have extensive administrative duties, including arranging court sessions,

assigning judges, supervising the calendaring of non-criminal matters and supervising magistrates.

Exum said during his years on the bench, Bullock has shown himself to be an able judge. "He works hard and conscientiously on the bench. He conducts court fairly and efficiently. He is courteous to litigants and lawyers but maintains appropriate control over the proceedings. He knows the needs and problems facing this judicial district and is interested in seeing that the judicial system here continues to operate as fairly and efficiently as it can," said Exum.

"He has the support of those in the legal system who know him and are familiar with his work. His many years of able service far outweigh the one incident, involving an unfor-

tunate confrontation with a lawyer, for which Judge Bullock was censured by the Supreme Court. He learned from this experience and I am confident this kind of thing will not happen again."

Bullock, 49, attended high school and college at Shaw University in Raleigh, where he received a B.A. degree in 1963. Thereafter, he taught high school in Person County until he enrolled at Howard Law School in Washington, D.C., where he was awarded the J.D. degree in 1969. Judge Bullock then served as assistant to the director of public instruction until he accepted a position as assistant district attorney in the 10th Prosecutorial District in 1971. He was appointed a district court judge in 1974.

INSIDE AFRICA

Mayor Dinkins Opposes Bush Sanction Lift

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

President George Bush's lifting of economic sanctions against apartheid South Africa continues to be opposed by most who disagree with the racist and undemocratic system of racial segregation. One of the toughest opponents of President Bush's precipitate action is Mayor David Dinkins of New York City. Mayor Dinkins and 10 New York congressmen have vowed to fight tooth and nail against the Bush administration's decision to lift sanctions against South Africa, and will refuse the president's pressure on New York City to stop its restrictions against South Africa because of its refusal to terminate apartheid and to democratize the country.

President Bush's administration considers New York City's and other local restrictions against South Africa to be opposed to its spirit of lifting the sanctions against that country. The administration would like all local restrictions against South Africa to be repealed. Currently, the U.S. Department of Justice is studying possible methods of repealing those restrictions.

Several New York congressmen, including Charles Rangel, Major Owens, Ted Weiss and others, defended New York City's anti-apartheid stance against the Bush administration's lifting of sanctions as "outrageous." Dr. Benjamin Hooks, head of the NAACP, called the lifting of sanctions a "crime." And ANC's President Nelson Mandela continues to oppose President Bush's move.

In a letter to Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Herman J. Cohen, 10 New York congressmen recently stated that the 140 anti-apartheid state and local laws in effect in the United States against the South African regime are not legally tied to the Bush administration's action.

A New York City delegation to Congress recently expressed its pride in their city's restrictions relating to apartheid. The delegation pointed out that the Bush administration had no legal basis to seek to repeal

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Dr. Holloway Recognized For Community Work

Dr. J. Mills Holloway will be a recipient of the 1991 Wake County volunteer award during the Wake County Board of Commissioners annual ceremony. Four nominees have been selected to represent Wake County at the Governor's Volunteer Awards program.

Mills, vice president of financial affairs at Saint Augustine's College will be recognized in the individual community service category.

The services Dr. Holloway has rendered at Saint Augustine's College range from vice president of financial affairs to

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DR. J. MILLS HOLLOWAY