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Simpson, Tibbs to promote bout

The District of Columbia boxing commission has issued promoters license to Dennis Simpson, formerly of Chicago, Ill. Simpson who came to Washington in 1924 to attend Howard University holds the honor of being a four-letter man at Howard.

In baseball he was Howard's star first basemen and batted in the cleanup spot, he played left end on the football team, in basketball he was a star in two positions, forward and center, and track ran in the 1-mile relay, the 100 yard dash and the 220.

In later years he ventured to baltimore to play professional ball with the Baltimore Black Sox and the Baltimore Athenians. Being the athlete he is three months ago he was recommended him for the college hall of fame.

In 1954 Simpson decided to open and operate his own restraunt at 1406 Ninth Capitol St., where he still entertained, helped and encouraged suck kids as Gary Mays, Elgin Baylor, Willie Woods and Willie Jones. His interest also went to the boxing game, watching youngsters, like Gene Smith and Jimmie Cooper. He finally ventured into amatuer bouts where he first saw Roland Pryor.

Simpson feels with the abundance of local talent such as Roland Pryor, Johnny Gant, Buddy Boggs, Sweet Herbie Lee, Teddy Cooper, Adrain Davis and Calvin Woodland to name a few, that Washington is capable of being one of the best fight towns in the country.

Simpson who will co-promote with Paul Tibbs plan a meeting with all fighters and managers to arrange a series of elimination bouts since all D.C. main event fighters are welterweights, then he plans to match the winners with top rated fighters from all over.

On Tuesday, April 18, Simpson and Tibbs will promote their first all star show at the National Arena, 1661 Kalorama Road, NW. 1st bout starting at 8:30 p.m.

In supporting matches simpson and Tibbs have lined up four action packed four rounders of local talent.

Billy Bell local jr. welterweight meets Willie Stevenson Paul Minnoy, local heavyweight meets Billy Howard; Carlos Byrd local middleweight meets Sugar Ray Timmons; Frankie "Blinky" Lewis local lightweight meets Anthony House.

All opponents are from the Gladiator Boxing Stable in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Volunteers sought for Little League

The Metropolitan Police Boys' Club has been awarded the Little League franchise for the District of Columbia.

This is the first time an official Little League team will represent the city. Fifty-six teams will be established to accommodate an expected turnout of 900 District boys.

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To help make this program an unqualified success, the Boys' Club is seeking volunteers from the community.

Interested persons, mothers, and fathers who would like to serve as coaches, umpires, scorers, etc. should contact Donald Wheatley at the Police Boys' Club, 626-2265.

Joe Frazier due at Scout session

Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier is one of the celebrities scheduled to highlight the second annual National Boy Scout Explorer President's Congress, April 12-16 at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

Some 2,500 Explorers from across America were expected for the week-long event that will culminate in the selection of a new national Explorer president.

Paul Watts from Bowie is the metropolitan area's candidate for the position of National Explorer President.

Heading this year's event are President Richard M. Nixon, honorary chairman; Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, and James S. Kemper Jr. president of Kemper Insurance Inc.

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Highlights of the congress was an opening address by Secretary Romney; a rousing campaign and nominating convention headed by a U.S. Congressional leader; and various seminars and discussions with experts in areas of interest to young adults.

In addition, Artie Johnson of Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In; America's Junior Miss; and Miss Teenage America are also scheduled to highlight the program.

Sam Jones to host All-Metro cage stars

Sam Jones, former Boston Celtic great and current athletic director at Federal City College, will host an evening of awards to area schoolboy basketball stars on Tuesday, April 18th, at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 26 (WETA).

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The hour-long special will feature awards presentations to the Metropolitan area's 12 most outstanding basketball players as selected by a WETA panel andSam Jones. There will be a special commendation to "The Player of the Year" during the program.

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Carroll's George Leftwich, St. John's Joe Gallagher, DeMatha's Morgan Wootten, St. Anthony's John Thompson, Springbrook's John Barrett. T. C Williams' Tom Riston and Bell Vocational's Billy Coward are only a few of the coaches on the show who will be vying for the title of "Coach of the Year."

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to round out the evening, Jones plays host to a group of subteens and tinie boppers in a basketball clinic, interviews pro players Sidney Wicks and Geoff Petrie of Portland and pays tribute to Washington's No. 1 basketball product, the great Elgin Baylor.

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Baylor attended Spingarn High before going on to the stardom at Seattle University and Los Angeles with the professional Laker basketball team of the NBA.

Wooten, Rutledge vie for basketball win

The second annual Maryland vs. Virginia High School Senior All-Star basketball game will be held Saturday, April 22, at Walt Whitman High School, Bethesda, Md. Game time is at 2 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Sports Club of America, with proceeds going to the Big Brothers of the National Capital Area (an affiliate of Big Brothers of America).

With DeMatha's Morgan Wootten returning to coach the Maryland squad, and Warren Rutledge from Benedictine High of Richmond serving as Coach of the Virginia team, the game will feature the top 20 basketball players from the states of Maryland and Virginia.

Player selections are being made by both coaches and will be announced shortly. Last year (1971), Maryland All-Stars defeated the Virginia All-Stars 97-91

Warren Rutledge of Benedictine High, Richmond, Virginia, has been head coach for 15 years and has an overall record of 331-100. His 1972 squad finished the season with a 30-1 record and won the Virginia State Catholic title for the eighth time.

Morgan Wootten of DeMatha has gained national recognition during his 16 years as head coach. His teams have compiled a record of 445 wins and 63 losses.

Bowie State sculptress has show

An exhibition of five contemporary black artists will be shown through April 26 at the Washington Gallery of Art, 3005 M St., NW.

Among the featured artists is Helen Evans, assistant professor of Art at Bowie State College. Miss Evans will show a collection of sculptures.

Miss Evans received her master of fine arts in sculpture at Ohio State University in 1968. Since that time, she has exhibited in numerous shows including the Ohio Regional Sculpture Show and the Sculptors of Florida Annual Exhibition.

'Rise earlier, retire later' aim of Raveling in new job

SPOKANE, Wash. (UPI) — Washington State University's new head basketball coach, George Raveling, wasted little time his first day (Tuesday) on the job: He personally contacted 40 prospective Cougar basketball players and set meetings with "several top prospects."

Raveling, 33, is the first black head basketball coach in the Pacific-8 Conference, and he comes to WSU from Maryland, where he was chief recruiter for the National Invitational Tournament champions.

A native of Washington, D.C., and former two-time college All-America at Villanova, Raveling succeeds Bob Greenwood, who resigned earlier this year after only one season.

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"This is probably the greatest challenge in my career as a basketball coach," Raveling said. "But being exposed to challenge is nothing new to me."

"I have no illusions of grandeur, this is going to be an awful difficult assignment," he said. "I'll just have to get up a little earlier and go to bed a little later, but I can get the job done at WSU."

The new coach said part of his philosophy is to emulate those who are on top — learn what they do. 'I have studied the philosophy and actions of (UCLA's) John Wooden for the past 10 years," Raveling said. "I have also learned that no team has ever won a national championship playing the zone."

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"I hope to institute at WSU a double post offense, with a one guard front, as successful teams are doing," Raveling said. "So do we would have a point man, two wing men and two pivot meh.

"We're also going to run, but with a sense of intelligence — not just run to be running. Each player will have a specific assignment — a place to go ones the fast break starts developing, and we're going to try and work in the continuity of the game from there."

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Raveling said he hopes to build a team around two key players. "I need a smart play maker who's good on defense, and a big man to protect the basket," he said.

"You have to have that center who can intimidate people and who can get the ball and move it. You also have to have the pace maker and play maker who knows when to run with the ball and when to walk."

Raveling said he has three long range goals for WSU's basketball program — to produce a team that is annually considered for post-season tournaments; one that is nationally ranked; and finally, one that is ultimately self-sustaining.

Could 'jump and shout' says Gus after trade

Gus Johnson wanted to "jump up and shout" when Bullets coach Gene Shue told him he had been traded to the Phoenix Suns.

At least that is what the all-time favorite of Baltimore basketball implied Wednesday while discussing the deal that actually had been completed two nights earlier.

"I've had nine beautiful years here in Baltimore," Johnson reminisced, "but the last two were pure hell because of the injuries.

"I really expected to be traded, and I wasn't sure how I'd react when it came. No guy wants to be dealt off, especially when it means leaving the many friends I've made here.

"Just the same, I feel like a freeman today, getting away from the pressure that has become more intense intense in each of the last four years of leg problems and operations."

For this chance to go to the Arizona sun valley to become rehabilitated, "I could jump and shout."

In return for Johnson, the Bullets picked up the Suns' prolong his career," Shue said.

Gus Johnson
'like a free man'

The 6-foot-8, 235-pound Gus averaged 17.4 points and 12.7 rebounds during his nine seasons with Baltimore and his spectacular moves earned him the reputation as one of the most colorful players in all of professional basketball.

second round choice in Monday's NBA draft and "other considerations" not yet announced.

Johnson played in only 39 games during the past season, averaging 6.4 points per game as he hobbled on two bad knees that never really recovered from off-season surgery.

Bullet coach Shue said he made the trade for Johnson's own good.

"We felt that under the circumstances we owed it to Gus to give him a chance to play in a place where the climate could be a facet in helping him to

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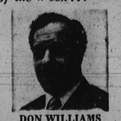

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2nd black coach quits Terps for another post

COLLEGE PARK — Less than 24 hours after his basketball counterpart had resigned, Billy Joe quit Tuesday, as assistant football coach at the University of Maryland.

George Raveling, crack aide to head coach Lefty Driesell, left the Terrapin basketball team to accept the job as head coach at Washington State University.

Like Raveling, Joe quit to take another job. He is to become head football coach at Cheyney (Pa.) State College.

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Joe, a former bruising running back with three professional football teams, was the American Football League's rookie of the year in 1963.

At Cheyney State, he replaces Fred Reed who quit after compiling a 1.26 record over the past three seasons.

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Joe, who starred at Villanova University—as did Raveling in basketball—signed with the Denver Broncos in 1963. He also was an assistant coach at Cheyney in 1970.

Billy Joe
new Cheyney mentor

Joe was named thet op rookie in the AFL with the Broncos but was traded two years later to the Buffalo Bills, who won the AFL championship in 1965.

In 1968, Joe was traded to the New York Jets where he set a league record by scoring three touchdowns in a single quarter.

Nine Morgan athletes make 'outstanding' list

Nine Morgan State College athletes have been chosen to appear in the 1972 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America.

Morgan athletes selected were William Rhoden, football Chicago, Ill.; Maurice Tyler, football and lacrosse, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Alex, football and lacrosse, Baltimore, Md.; John Andrews, football, Detroit, Michigan; Jeff Freland, football, Frederick, Md.; Philip Pugh, basketball, Baltimore, Md.; Paul Sweet, swimming, Baltimore, Md.; Chester Davis, basketball, Newark, N.J.; and Wayne Jackson, lacrosse and football, of Baltimore, Md.

Announcement of their selection was made by the Board of Advisors of OUTSTANDING College Athletes of America, an annual awards volume to honor America's finest athlete

Coaches and athletic directors from individual colleges and universities across the nation nominated the winning athletes on the basis of their displayed abilities noto nly in athletics but also in community service and campus activities.

Other criteria for those selected for Outstanding College Athletes of America included strength of character, leadership both on and off the playing field, and scholarship.

In congratulating the athletes, Embra C. Bowie, athletic director at Morgan said, "We are proud that nine of our athletes have been chosen for this significant honor.

"Their selecion is based on qualities of leadership and character in addition to the competitive drive and determination necessary for being a winner in the arena. These are vital ingredients for success in life after college," he added.

Frazier needles Ali: 'just fighting reruns'

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI) — Joe Frazier expects to defend his heavyweight boxing title at least two or three times more this year against promising new fighters — a move be contends sets him above Muhammad Ali, who is fighting "nothing but reruns."

Frazier's next challenger is Ron Stander, a burley former Council Bluffs, Iowa butcher who will seek the heavyweight crown May 25 in Nebraska's first title match in history.

Stander was training for the soon-to-be-sellout fight in Boston under veteran Johnny Dunn when Frazier arrived in Omaha Monday for a quick tour prior to returning to his Philadelphia fight headquarters.

In addition ti Stander, nicknamed the "Bluffs Butcher," Frazier and he expects "two or three" more fights this year, preferring to give promising newcomers to the ring a shot at the crown.

The 28-year-old champ said Monday former titleholder Ali is fighting so much because "he's short on bread. The guys he fights are nothing but reruns."

Frazier denied that Stander, who holds a 23-1-1 record, including 15 knockouts, will be a pushover.

"Stander's not a bum of the month. If a man doesn't have confidence in himself, he's no man and he shouldn't be in the ring," Frazier said. "I never play people cheap."

Stander, a 27-year-old two-fisted brawl type slugger, has predicated he will knock Frazier out, but the champ shrugged off that forecast.

Shaw U. products among choices in NBA draft

NEW YORK — Two members of the Shaw University basketball team of Raleigh, are among 12 players chosen from predominately-black colleges in the National Basketball Association draft for 1972.

They are Jim Floyd, taken on the seventh round by the Baltimore Bullet's, and Wardell Dayson, who was the sixth pick by the Phoenix Suns.

Others selected from schools of the Shaw category were:

Larry Stozer, Morehouse (Atlanta); Marvin Brown, Jackson State (Baltimore); Sam Siebert, Kentucky State (Cincinnati); Travis Grant, Kentucky State (Los Angeles), and Greg Northington. Alabama State (Los Angeles).

Also Joe Byrnes, Arkansas AM and N (Philadelphia); John Glover, Wiley (Philadelphia); Curtis Prehett, St. Augustine's (Philadelphia).

And Russell Golden, Jackson State (Phoenix), and Lloyd Neal, Tennessee State (Portland).

Baltimore's selections, in addition to Floyd and Brown, were:

Tom Patterson, Quachita Baptist; Kevin Porter, St. Francis (Pa.); Al Sanders, Louisiana State; Walter Jones, Long Island University; Wayne Dillard, Eastern Michigan; Rupert Breedlove, Oglethorpe; and Wilburt Loftin, Southwest Louisiana.

attributed to their changing attitude towards society and society's changing attitude towards them, the report continued.

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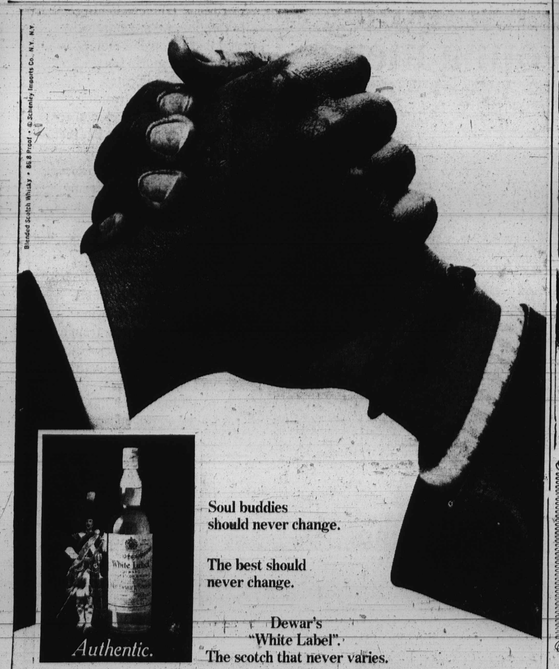

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