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UMES STAR

Leslie Stanton gets $3,000 assistantship

Leslie N. Stanton, forward for the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Basketball Team, will enter the University's Graduate School of History at College Park in September.

Studying under a $3,000 Teaching Assistantship, Mr. Stanton will major in European History. He hopes eventually to enter politics after completing his graduate education.

Born and raised in Annapolis, Md., Leslie Stanton entered UMES in Sept. 1970 as a history major. He compiled a 3.3 academic average, and in 1974, received an award from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference for having the highest academic average of basketball players participating in the MEAC.

Speaking of his educational career at UMES, Mr. Stanton said, "As I went through the University, my views broadened and I came to realize that there is more to life than basketball. I want to make a major contribution to our society."

Yet, Leslie Stanton still thinks of basketball, and looks back to the past season, when he played in fourteen regular season games, earning 66 points, with a field goal percentage of .492.

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Banks tells why he quit coaching

By Benjamin Dudley

Earl Banks, the former Morgan State football coach who is now the Baltimore College's athletic director, says a new attitude he detected in young football players was a cause for him to stop coaching.

"People get to wanting something for nothing," he explained, referring to the new attitude. "I never thought I'd see the day when a boy didn't want to be captain of his football team and when one of my players turned down a chance to be captain because he was afraid of being labeled a 'Tom'. When this happened, I had to start thinking about getting out."

Banks, who moulded many players for professional ball, also said some people thought his coaching methods were antiquated and admitted this figured in his decision to step down. "Younger people than myself thought that youth and vitality could replace experience so I had to go," he said.

Banks gave his views on his coaching career at a banquet in Richmond which was held in honor of Union's Championship CIAA football team.

While coaching, Banks was one of the winningest college coaches in the country. From 1963 to 1973, his Morgan State teams posted a phenomenal .839 winning percentage and were undefeated during a three-year stretch from 1965-67.

Banks also paid tribute to Union football coach Willard Bailey whose Panthers never faced a Banks-coached team. "You didn't get me then and you sure won't get me now," Banks said jokingly to Bailey.

Banks was not as kind to professional football agents. According to Banks, the agents lull the players to sleep and take advantage of them with promises of fat contracts. "Rip Van Winkle slept 20 years but when he woke up he found that he had slept through three revolutions."

He also blasted football players who use drugs.

Drugs are becoming a part of some players equipment said Banks. "The reefer has become America's favorite pastime, some people think it makes them run better, basketball players think it can make them jump higher, but when you find one black boy turned bad behind it, something is wrong with it."

According to Banks, football is not the cure-all to social ills "but sports are a common denominator that give equal responsibility."

EARL BANKS

"Football teaches responsibility and shows that you must accept a life role and lead," he said. "It doesn't matter what you think of the coaches because the only reason you can do your thing is because we sacrifced ours."

Besides the football team, others honored at the banquet were: Arthur "Stretch" Garner, retired basketball coach at Maggie Walker High School.

Charles Bolden, dean of Columbia S.C. High School football coaches, and high school coach of seven VUU footballers including All-CIAA and Little All-American Larry Roberts; Most Valuable basketball player, Leon Bryd; Most Valuable Tennis player, Douglas Barrett; Most Valuable Track Man, Larry Roberts and Most Valuable Football player, Larry Roberts.

Individual football honors went to Tim Casey who won awards as the "Class Athlete" and most versatile back; Most Valuable Lineman, Herb Scott most valuable defensive lineman Larry Reed and most valuable back, Anthony Leonard.

Elder pars for 13th in 'Champs'

Lee Elder played four consecutive rounds at par to tie for 13th and finish smack dab in the middle of the 25-man field of the Tournament of Champions golf classic at Lacosta, Calif., last weekend.

The diminutive Washington (DC) winner of the Monsanto Open tallied 72 on each 18-hole card for a 293 tourney total, eight strokes off the score of winner Johnny Miller.

For his effort, Lee was handed a check for $5,700, the same as that collected by veteran PGA stars Bobby Nichols and Hale Irwin.

Miller's first place prize was $40,000.

The T of C is an annual event restricted to winners of major tournaments over the year since the last La-Costa competition. Elder won the Monsanto Open at Pensacola, Fla., the previous weekend.

Among the big names finishing behind Elder were Lee Trevino, Dave Stockton, Tom Weiskopf and Miller Barber ... LACY.

Soccer Comets to debut tonight

The Baltimore Comets will open Memorial Stadium to area professional soccer buffs tonight (Friday) when they meet the Rochester Lancers at 8:05 p.m. A portion of game proceeds will be presented to the March of Dimes organization.

It'll be a first for the comets, who will begin their initial season against the defunct 1970 NASL champs and 1971 Northern Division victors.

Included in the Comets' roster are: former Howard University All-Americans, Keith Aqui and Alvin Henderson; Dennis Wilt, and "Have-Boots-Will-Travel" Frank Large.

CCC to host sports study Saturday

Catonsville Community College will host the annual Ramsay B. Thomas Symposium on the Medical Aspects of Sports tomorrow (Saturday) in the Physical Development Center.

Formerly titled the Medical Aspects of Sports Seminar the seventh edition was renamed for the late Dr. Thomas, a leading member of the Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Faculty and CC's team physician who died last winter.

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The meeting will open with registration, 8 a.m., followed by talks by John Kahnert, Ph. D., and former Olympic discus competitor; Captain Charles Brodine, MC, USN director of Research Division Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Also speaking will be Joseph Torg, M.D., team physician of the Philadelphia 76's basketball team; Charles M. Henderson, M.D., president of the Neurosurgical Society of the State of Maryland and Mike McVean, Baltimore Colts equipment manager.

6 Balimore kids in Fla. contest

ORLANDO, Fla. — Six Baltimore youngsters — three boys and three girls — are here this wekend to try their hands at basketball shooting.

Barry Scott, Eddie Kasoff and Scott Thornton, and Susan Sommersgill, Marie Kloury and Wendy Wieczorkowski are the kids representing Baltimore in the national finals of Gino's Supershooter contest at Disney World.

They won the regional titles and were flown here with their parents to engage in the national competition tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

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A NEW LOOK in football is promised at Howard University as recently-appointed head coach Douglas T. Porter (standing) outlines his winning philosophy. The former Grambling College aide was introduced to his listeners by athletic director Leo Miles (seated).

Pro cage brass scored by NAACP

The NAACP formed a front with the United Negro College Fund and an established children's charity organization to blast the two professional basketball leagues this week.

The three groups figure to suffer if the proposed All-Star Game, May 18 at Providence, R.I., is blocked as the National Basketball Association and the American Basketball Association are attempting to do.

Players of the NBA would meet a select team from the ABA in the exhibition contest.

"It would appear that commissioners (Walter) Kennedy and (Mike) Storen do not equate the value of our organizations with the charities which have been supported in the past," said Herman Flowers, executive director of Edwin Gould Services for Children.

Spokesmen for the NAACP and United Negro College Fund also were shocked to learn that efforts were being made through the courts to stop the competition.

"Its difficult for me to understand why the management of the NBA and ABA would be opposed to this event when, in fact, two previous games have been held for charities without significant opposition from the basketball associations," said Flowers.

Stars from the two leagues met in Houston three years ago and in Uniondale, N.Y., in 1972 despite owner threats against the players if they showed up for the games. There was no game last year.

NAACP assistant director Dr. John Morsell said he was disappointed that for reasons unknown to him, "certain interests of the NBA and ABA would be placed before the needs of the thousands of youth for which funds from this game will be used."

The United Negro College Fund said it depended upon outside support to operate 41 black colleges and universities, where 70 per cent of the enrolled students come from families earning under $5,000 annually.

All three organizations said they would support the pro basketball players efforts to field the game with all available resources and "pursue the matter until a positive reaction from the NBA and ABA is received."

Lee Elder 15th

Lee Elder of Washington, D.C., is 15th among the leading money winners on the pro golf tour, having earned $49,728 thus far this season.

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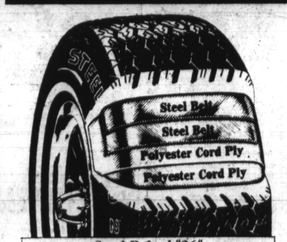

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