Wayne Miller, a pre-season all-CIAA selection, leads a talented backcourt with an average of 6.4 points and 6.1 assists a game.

Tony Adams, a sharpshooting senior guard, added 12.5 points per game last year.

Up front, the Bears return 6-6 forward Raynell Jones (12.8 points, 7.4 rebounds).

A productive recruiting effort netted eight new faces, four of which are 6-6 or better.

Corley was oh so close to a division crown in football and he's expected to be at least that close to the basketball title.

Entering his 39th season (all at the same school), Coach C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines will field possibly his youngest WINSTON-SALEM STATE team ever.

Five of the top eight players are gone from last year's surprising 17-11 squad, which knocked topranked Virginia Union out of the NCAA playoffs.

Part-time starters Alexander Hooper, a 6-4 junior guard who averaged 12.9 ppg., 6-3 senior Oscar Williams (9.9 ppg.) and 6-1 sophomore Steve Hood (5.7 ppg.) return, as do key reserves Charlie Spell and Thomas Faison, a pair of 5-10 sophomore guards, and 6-7 center Gary Cromartie, also a sophomore.

Heading the list of newcomers will be 6-7 Derek Daniels, who many say will be the Rams' best post player since Carlos Terry. Another 6-7 freshman who could make an immediate impact is Maurice Edmonds, who led the Tidewater area with 15 rebounds a game last

"We will be young and green," says Gaines, "but this team could end up better than last year's group if the big kids can develop."

ST. AUGUSTINE'S suffered through one of its leaner years under Harvey Heartley last winter, posting a very un-Heartley-like 11-14 mark. But the 14-year mentor predicts a better showing this time

"We will be a much-improved team over last year," says Heartley, who'll build on a nucleus of four returning players.

Heading the list of veterans will be guard Maurice Champen, a 6-1 senior who averaged seven points and almost five assists last season.

Elsewhere, 6-6 forward Darryl

Johnson is expected to improve on a rookie season that saw him average 10.7 points and 6.6 rebounds an outing, while 6-3 junior Eugene Smith is being counted on to aid Champen in the backcourt.

Six-four forward Desmonde Thomas will be called upon to provide leadership in his junior season.

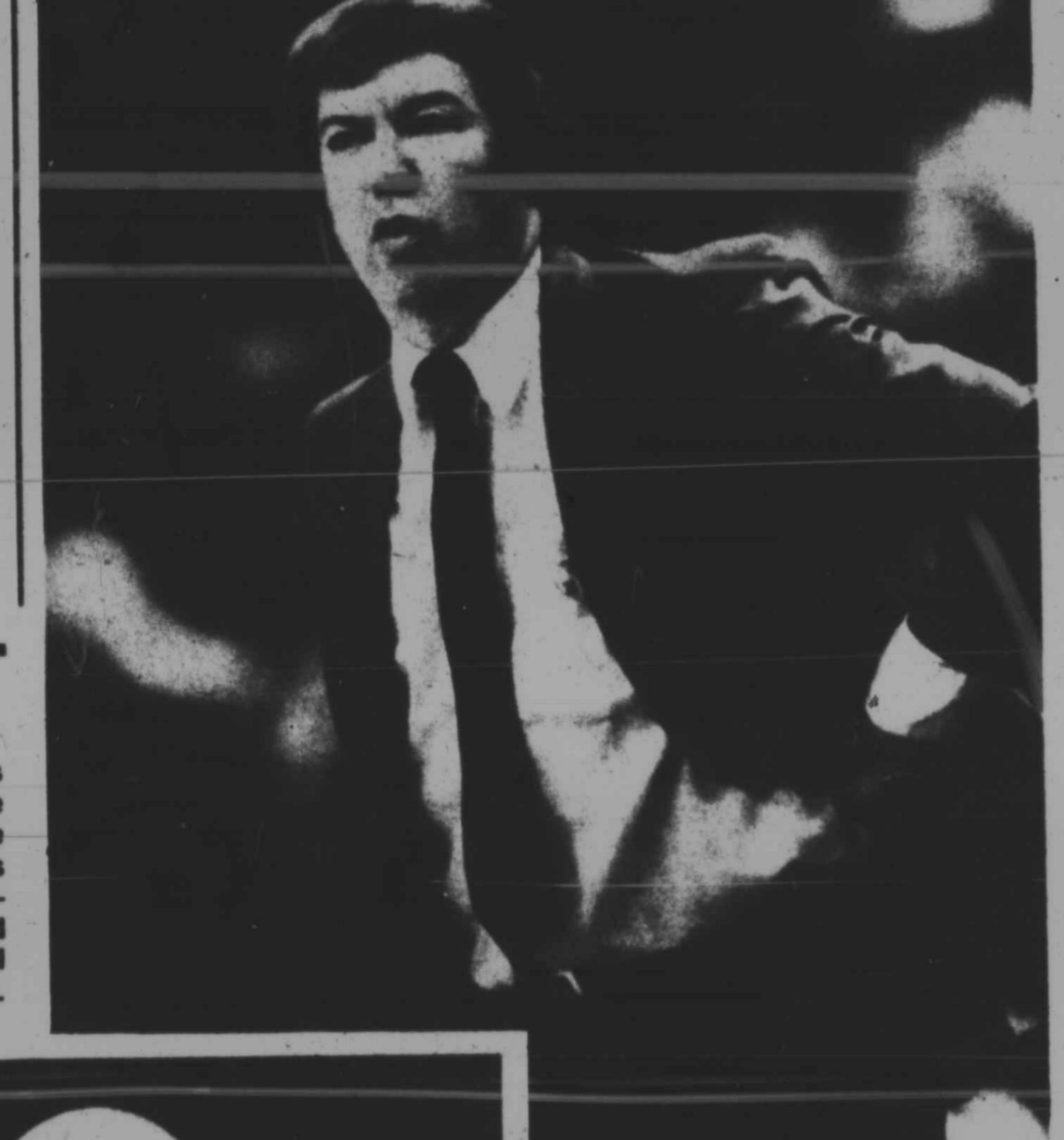
Joining the veterans will be JUCO transfer Randell Mounts, a 6-6 Miami native who is expected to provide immediate help at forward. Other frontcourt performers who should add strength inside are 6-6 Bryant Boykins and 6-9 Chris Lee.

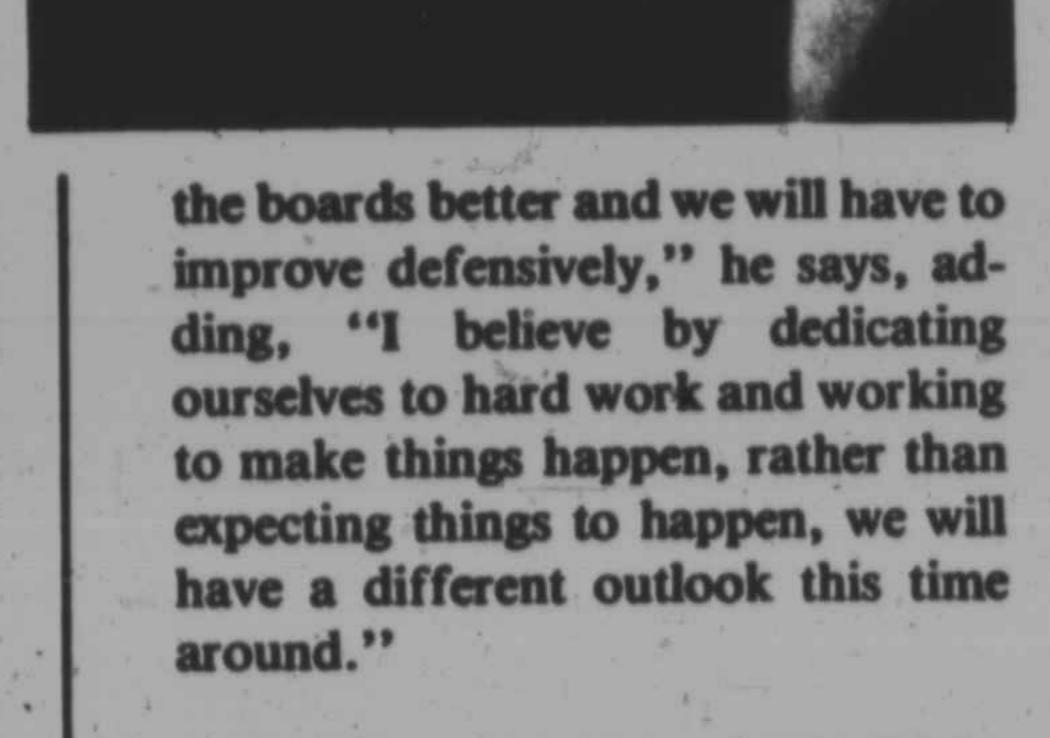
Still, Heartley concedes that the Falcons have a lot to work on.

"We will have to get the ball off

Changes

Gone is muscleman Charles Oakley, but Union Coach Dave Robbins, above, still has ample firepower. Below, among the faces who won't play again for Winston-Salem State is guard Haywood Workman, who transferred to Oral Roberts (photos by James Parker).





NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL will begin a new era when it takes the court under new Coach Mike Bernard, who left powerful Norfolk State to assume the reins of a floundering program.

He'll have his work cut out for him. Taking over at a school that has seen only one winning season since 1969, Bernard should see his Eagles again hold up the rest of the Southern Division.

Still, Bernard will have eight players who have previous experience in the maroon and gray, and three starters return from last

going to play against it. We will play a are apt to struggle this season. The last season, and 6-4 James Frazier, a Albany State earlier this month before

MOREHOUSE'S prospects of im- . Coach James Brown has nine freshmen players on the squad. proving on last season's 10-15 record - most of them walk-ons - and not a As far as talent goes, freshman walk- Earnest Reese is a sports writer for the have diminished considerably, since single starter returning. Of course, ons Timothy Moody (6-0) at the point Atlanta Journal and Constitution. three key players have been declared academically ineligible. They include Brian Russell, Darren Morris and Ernest Glover, the Tigers' leading rebounder the past two seasons.

at Morehouse, is counting on such You're the man in charge. And you dollars worth of sophisticated A solid starting salary of \$17,700, players as Rahn Bailey (6-4), Marcus Lee (6-3) and Fleeks Hazel (6-3) to help the Tigers move toward respectability. Junior Tarey Thompson (6-6) and freshman Ryan Jones (6-10) must help.

Division II, did not return for his junior season. To fill the void, Coach James Patrick will turn to senior Tony Hall and three sophomores and three junior college transfers.

All three of the second-year players -- 6-3 Sam Ridley, 6-0 Earl Mason and 6-6 Edgar McKibben -- got an appreciable amount of playing time last

The Wildcats, also hoping to get help from Shardon Pittman (6-7), Mark Person (6-2), Stanley Powell (6-3) and freshman Melvin Weems (6-5) of Atlanta, will probably be one of the middle teams in the SIAC.

When the Harlem Globetrotters made him an offer he couldn't refuse a few weeks before basketball practice was to start, Coach Russell Ellington left the SAVANNAH STATE Tigers high and dry. Jimmy Wesley, an assistant to Ellington for four years, has the task of trying to shape the team into a

To his advantage, Wesley has four starters to work with, including senior Greg Hillman (6-3), Willie Jones (6-3), Richard Summers (6-5) and Calvin Laing (6-6). The four accounted for 45 points a game last year, when the Tigers were 17-11 (11-5) and finished runner-up in the SIAC Tournament.

With the addition of freshman Keith Fields (6-8), the Tigers should be respectable, despite their height defi-

This will be PAINE'S first year in the SIAC, after finishing 24-9 under six-year Coach Ron Spry as a member of NAIA District 25 last season. Unfortunately for Spry, however, not a single starter is back from that group, and only Denard Martin (6-4), Tim Gilliam (5-11) and Micheal Jones (6-7) have any experience.

Along with Morehouse, Fort Valley

only four of 25 games and was 1415 in be the top players. the SIAC, that may not be all bad.

Pendergrass (6-3), who averaged 12 to surprise some people," said Brown, the competition is like, or how we're and Paine, the Tigers of BENEDICT points and six rebounds as a back-up whose teams surprised highly touted reason is blatantly obvious. First-year junior, are the most experienced losing 117-113 in double OT.

considering the fact that Benedict won and swingman Roger Martin (6-1) may

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