By Moorman's own admission, it was a situation that occurred before he thought it would. That's not to say that he felt he was on the way out. He had been pondering retirement for the last few months. But even he didn't feel he would make such an abrupt exit.

There was little or no reason for CIAA insiders to believe that Moorman would call it quits at this time. After all, since he took over the helm in '76, he fashioned the league into one of the most respected and progressive in the NCAA Division II -- black college or white col-

Under Moorman, the CIAA expanded its appeal to corporate sponsorship and the media. The CIAA Basketball Tournament has blossomed into a prime-time showcase. For the last four years, the conference tournament has been a sellout. Media coverage has increased by leaps and bounds. And even at this part of the year, the tournament has already received committments for \$300,000 worth of ticket receipts for the '90 tournament next February.

To demonstrate how far the CIAA has come under Moorman's guiding hand, consider these items:

• In '88, the conference sent three teams to the Division II football playoffs.

· North Carolina Central won the Division II men's basketball title this sea-

• Hampton won the Division II wom- in the nation. en's basketball title in '88.

showings in tennis and track and field at "But I didn't think I would make the the national level.

· Without question, the CIAA is the most publicized Division II black conference in the country. The ABC television

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burr, Charles Johnson, Duane Johnson and

cons were second at 3:16.55 with Broken- time of 7.45.

Moorman steps down as CIAA commissioner

File Photo

Under Moorman's administration, the CIAA has become one of the most successful Division II conferences

• The conference has had strong for a while," said Moorman, who is 65. es along the way. move as soon as I did."

So why the sudden decision?

plished with Moorman being the top guy. of administrator, they added, it was cering a lot in all of college sports." "I had been thinking about retiring tain that there would be personality clash-

St. Aug's dominance in track and field,

say some observers, is due to the fact that

Some observers go as far as saying that Moorman was pressured into resigning.

Moorman hints that his effectiveness Speculation has it that Moorman had as commissioner was hindered by the col-don't have to pay as much for dues as his differences of opinion with the lege presidents wanting to take more conthey used to. We've even gotten to the network did a piece on the conference. league's Board of Directors, which is trol over running the CIAA. "When point where the conference can pay half The conference's schools are a part of headed by the presidents and chancellors you're trying to build something, it's hard of the referees' fees for officiating the BET's regular coverage of black college of the conference member schools. Those to get people involved," Moorman said, games and that takes a lot of financial football and basketball. And Ebony Mag- differences, sources claim, center around referring to when he first took the CIAA pressure off of some of our schools." azine recently published a feature article who has control in running the confer- helm. "But now, the presidents want to on the league and what it has accom- ence. Since Moorman is a hands-on type control the conference and that's happen-

"I feel that I've done about as much

as I can do. The CIAA has more TV coverage than it ever has. We've been able to generate a lot more funds than in the past. Because of that, the member schools

Moorman resigned on April 30. The CIAA Board of Directors is expected to name his successor by June 1.

-Rolando Simmons

observation seems valid. open 400 (48.37) and Antonio Carter placed because they don't have a football team. with what the Falcons have become in track away from the track." third in the 55-meter high hurdles with a Given the enormous amount of money it circles. "Even if we had a football team,

takes to field a team for the gridiron, that we'd still be doing as well as we are," the coach said. "We're able to work with these Williams, however, doesn't feel foot- kids where we help them reach their poten-Duane Johnson placed second in the they can put more emphasis on that sport ball, or the lack of it, has anything to do tial as track athletes and as individuals

-Lawrence Curry

When the dust finally settled, Delaware State's Hornets proved to be the top gun in the MEAC by totally destroying Howard, 17-2 to win their first ever conference baseball title in Tallahassee, Fla. at the conference's spring sports championships.

MEAC BASEBALL

At presstime, Del State's record was

In the title game, the Hornets scored in six of the nine innings in dismantling the Bison. This blowout came as a bit of a shocker to the guys from D.C. because they had lost a tough 6-5 decision to Del State earlier during the double elimination playoffs.

## Gass 'em out

However, the championship final was quite a different story. Pitcher Eric Gass put on a dazzling performance, striking out 14 batters to set a new MEAC tournament record. Gass, who was named the tournament MVP, limited the Bison to just three hits.

He gave up one run in the first inning and didn't allow another score until the Bison half of the eighth. Both of HU's runs were unearned.

But the pitcher didn't stop there. He helped his own cause with three hits, including a triple, to go with three RBIs and he scored three times himself. The Hornets went undefeated in three games. Before they lowered the boom on Howard, they handled North Carolina A & T (19-2), Florida A & M (9-3).

The Hornets went on a hitting spree, which has been their strong suit all season long. DSC touched Bison pitching for 17 hits to go along with the same number of runs.

## Steady Briggs

Elmore Briggs carried the hot bat for DSC, going four for five, Gass was three for six, Jeff Greenly went two for four, and both of the Probst brothers (Ron and Don) had two hits in five at bats.

The championship victory gave Hornets coach Harry VanSant some personal satisfaction. He recorded his 100th win at Del State. VanSant completes his fifth year at the helm for the Hornets.

Throughout the year, the Hornets had addition, he had 32 RBIs and led the team shown themselves to be extremely potent at the plate. As a team, they carried a .395 batting average into the tournament. And judging by the number of runs they scored during the tournament, they simply continued what they had started during the regular season. The team averaged 10 runs a game and scored in double figures 13 times during the season.

in doubles with 14.

Solid rookie

homers, and 38 RBIs. It seems that VanSant had a dugout full of heavy hitters. Briggs was the team's top batsman and his numbers are impressive when you consider how well pulled his weight as a freshman. He hit this team hit opposing pitching. Briggs, a

senior first baseman, sizzled at the plate .450 to go along with five home runs action, posting a .402 average along with for the title. Don Probst combined consistent hitthree homers and 29 RBIs.

ting with speed for the Hornets this sea-Entering the season, everyone knew point VanSant. son. The senior shortstop is an anchor for that the Hornets were a dangerous bunch DSC's infield, but he added more offense at the plate. They seldom had problems than was initially expected of him. On the putting the ball in play and scoring runs. year, he hit .457 and stole 25 bases. Greenly also put up some hefty and the team lost just one player to gradnumbers of his own -- .453 average, four uation. Given those facts along with the Gass, of course, is the guy who brought the Hornets were viewed as major con-

Still, there were questions surround- the season. Freshman Pedro Swann more than ing this offensive minded bunch.

If they were to be serious contenders, with a .467 average to lead the team. In (second highest on the team). His 44 they had to have the pitching to stop the RBIs topped all Hornets. Second base- opposition. With help from the mound, man Tony Alston also got in on the the team was able to make a serious run

DSC's pitching staff didn't' disap-

## Smooth Chris

Sophomore Chris Megee, was the In '88, they finished the year at 25-11-1, squad's winningest hurler in '89, posting seven victories and carrying a 3.45 ERA. addition of some promising newcomers, smoke on every pitch and challenged hitters with his speed. He was the team's top strike-out pitcher, fanning 41 batters on

-Ronald Kirk

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Donovan Callum.

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Two of the reasons why Delaware State reigned supreme in MEAC baseball give the customary "we're No. 1 sign." Chris Megee, left, was the Hornets ace pitcher and Elmore Briggs, right, led the offense as the team's premier hitter. DSC victory over Howard in the finals produced their first-ever MEAC baseball title.