

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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ALEXANDER OUT AT TENNESSEE STATE; CHANGE AT THE TOP OF WSSU ATHLETICS

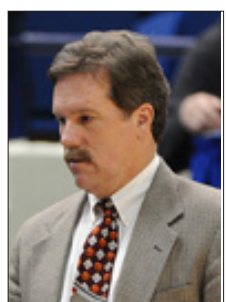
CIAA Tournament Poster
HAPPENING!!!: CIAA prepares for 64th annual throw-down in Charlotte.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NEW DIRECTION AT TSU:

On the heels of losing four consecutive games by an average of 24 points, **Tennessee State** decided Monday to end the six-year tenure of men's head basketball coach **Cy Alexander**.



TSU Sports Photo
PITTMAN: Takes over at Tennessee State after Alexander released.

TSU Director of Athletics **Teresa Phillips** made the announcement. "We thank Coach Alexander for his service to the basketball program as head coach," said Phillips. "The program at this time, however, needs a new direction."

Mark Pittman, one of Alexander's assistants, will serve as interim head coach.

At TSU, Alexander posted an overall record of 67-107 including 48-56 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The recent losing streak dropped his team to 6-17 overall this season and 4-9 in the OVC.

In 24 years as a head coach including 12 successful years at **South Carolina State** where he won five **MEAC** tournament titles and made five NCAA Tournament appearances, Alexander has posted a record of 344-306. Last season, TSU finished 15-17, 10-10 in the OVC, after reaching the championship game of the conference tournament for the first time since the 1998 season.

CALDWELL OUT AT WSSU:

The uncertainty about the direction of the **Winston Salem State** athletic program has apparently cost Athletic Director **Percy "Chico" Caldwell** his job. WSSU Chancellor



WSSU Sports Photo
WALKER: Former CIAA PR chief named interim AD at WSSU.

Donald J. Reaves announced this week that Caldwell, who has been in the position since 2000 and has overseen the three-year transition of the Rams from the **CIAA** and **NCAA Div. II** to the **MEAC** and **Div. I**, is leaving his position.

Effective Monday February 9, **Tonia Walker**, the associate director of athletics became interim athletic director and assumed responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the athletic department and its programs. Walker has been at WSSU since 2000, serving initially as both the head volleyball coach and the assistant athletic director. Currently, she is responsible for the internal operations of the athletic department.

The school said a national search to replace Caldwell has already begun.

The school is reportedly considering a move back to **Div. II** after the **NCAA** recently required it to wait an additional year before officially joining **Div. I**. The additional year means the Rams won't be eligible for **MEAC** championships until the 2011-2012 season. Raising funds to finance the move up has been the biggest hurdle with the school recently requesting a hike in student fees, a proposal that has been opposed by **UNC System** Chancellor **Erskine Bowles**.

Walker, the former public relations director for the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)**, served as Senior Women's Administrator at WSSU and was named the **SWA** of the Year in 2003-04 and 2005-06 while the Rams were still in the **CIAA**. A December 1993 honors graduate from **Hampton University**, Walker played basketball and softball for the Pirates and later earned a **M.S.** in sports management from **Old Dominion University** in 1998.

She has served on numerous committees both nationally and for WSSU and is rapidly becoming one of the most sought-after athletics administrators in the nation.

JONES INTERIM AD AT CAU:

Dr. Tamica Jones has been named interim director of intercollegiate athletics for **Clark Atlanta** effective Jan. 28, announced by President **Dr. Carlton E. Brown**.

Since the departure of **Brenda Edmonds** as athletic director in December 2007, Jones has served as liaison to the office of the President in the management of the Department of Athletics. Since that time, the athletic department has experienced many improvements in day-to-day operations, student welfare, facilities and general ethos.

She is a former head women's volleyball coach at **CAU**.

2008-09 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Virginia Union	6	0	17	3
Bowie State	3	2	11	11
Virginia State	2	3	10	14
Elizabeth City State	1	4	16	6
St. Paul's	1	4	6	15
WEST				
Johnson C. Smith	4	0	15	7
St. Augustine's	4	2	17	7
Shaw	3	3	9	13
Fayetteville State	1	3	12	10
Livingstone	0	4	10	11

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
ANTHONY HILLIARD, Sr., G/F, ECSU, Fayetteville, NC - Got his 51st and 52nd double-doubles in two games, getting 19 points, 16 rebounds vs. Livingstone, 33 points, 13 boards vs. St. Paul's.

ROOKIE
IBN SAED RASOULL, Fr., G, SPC, Petersburg, VA - Averaged 15.3 points per game in three games. Scored 33 points vs. Chowan.

COACH
CLEO HILL, Shaw - Wins over Bowie State and St. Paul's helped Hill's Bears surpass last year's win total in his first season.

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Morgan State	8	2	14	10
Bethune-Cookman	6	4	12	12
Norfolk State	6	4	8	13
Coppin State	5	5	8	16
Hampton	5	5	11	12
SC State	5	5	10	12
NC A&T State	5	5	11	13
Howard	5	5	7	16
Florida A&M	4	6	6	16
Delaware State	4	6	6	19
Md.-E. Shore	2	8	6	17

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
EUGENE MYATT, Sr., G, HOWARD, Philadelphia, PA - Key scorer during Bison recent 4-game win streak. Had 26 in win over Norfolk State, 22 in win over UMES.

ROOKIE
KEVIN THOMPSON, Fr., F, MSU, Baltimore, MD - 8 points, 10 rebounds in win over DelState, 9 boards, 6 points in win over WSSU.

DEFENSE
JASON JOHNSON, Sr., C/F, SCSU, Bronx, NY - In two wins, averaged 11 rebounds, 2.5 blocks and 1.5 steals. Had 14 boards in win over Coppin State.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Benedict	16	1	18	2
Clifflin	17	2	18	2
Lane	11	5	13	6
Clark Atlanta	10	7	12	8
LeMoyn-Owen	10	8	11	10
Fort Valley State	9	9	9	12
Miles	8	10	8	13
Albany State	7	10	8	12
Paine	6	12	7	14
Tuskegee	5	11	5	14
Kentucky State	5	12	6	13
Stillman	5	12	6	13
Morehouse	3	13	5	14

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYERS
GARRY BEVERLY, Sr., F, CAU, Philadelphia, PA - Averaged 10.6 points, 11 rebounds and 3.0 blocks in 2-1 week. Best game was 13 points, 11 rebounds, 4 blocks vs. Albany State.

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	10	1	13	8
Jackson State	9	2	10	13
Ark. Pine Bluff	7	4	8	14
Prairie View A&M	6	4	10	13
Alabama A&M	5	6	7	12
Southern	5	6	5	18
Grambling State	4	7	6	16
Miss. Valley St.	3	8	3	21
Alcorn State	3	8	5	19
Texas Southern	2	8	2	21

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
GRANT MAXEY, Jr., F, JSU, Toledo, OH - Threw in 21 points on 9 of 13 shooting in win over Alcorn State and came back to tally 18 in win over Southern. Averaged 19.5 in the two games and also averaged 6 rebounds while shooting 18 of 31 (58%) from the field.

INDEPENDENTS	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
W. Va. State	17	4		
Central State	15	7		
Cheyney	13	6		
Savannah State	12	12		
Edward Waters	11	12		
UDC	9	14		
Lincoln (Pa.)	7	14		
Tennessee State	7	17		
Winston-Salem State	6	16		
Florida Memorial	5	15		
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	16		
N. C. Central	2	23		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
TED SCOTT, Sr., G, WVU, - Helped Yellow Jackets run win streak to 11 with 28-point performance vs. Pitt-Johnstown. Moved into 2nd place on WVU's all-time scoring list with 2,173 career points. Scored 33 in 96-95 win over West Liberty that ran the win streak to 10.

TIM ELLISON, So., G, UDC, Alexandria, VA - Tallied 27 points and had 7 rebounds in win over Apprentice.

More in store at '09 CIAA Tournament

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

With the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** now down to a ten-team configuration, there are a few changes in the line-up for the conference's ultra-successful basketball tournament which runs from Feb. 24-28 at the Charlotte Bobcats' NBA facility, the Time Warner Cable Arena.

But, as CIAA Commissioner **Leon Kerry** made clear in an interview at a press conference in Charlotte last week tipping off this year's 64th annual event, even in the midst of staggering economic times, the tournament continues to grow.

Added to this year's corporate line-up is **Nationwide Insurance** who joins the conference and the tournament as a major sponsor.

"It says something about our viability and growth when we can bring in a Fortune 500 company in the midst of bad economic times," said Kerry.

Indeed, **Nationwide** says it's glad to join in the event that brought over 181,000 fans to Charlotte a year ago and generated nearly \$31 million for the local economy.

"We decided in middle of 2008 that a long-term, larger relationship with the CIAA made a great deal of sense to us," said John Amon, associate vice president of strategic sponsorships for **Nationwide**. "To be able to work with all the universities from a retrieval standpoint and a business standpoint made a lot of sense. Being able to engage ourselves in the passion that happens at the basketball tournament is pretty exciting. It became kind of an easy decision."

Kerry said there has been no rise in ticket prices for the tournament in three years. Additionally, the tournament week has been shortened with no pre-tournament week banquets and no games on Monday.

The Tournament begins with two women's



KERRY

games on Tuesday (Feb. 24) and continues with four women's quarterfinal games and two men's opening round games on Wed., Feb. 25.

Ticket sales, Kerry said, are off a little from last year but not significantly off.

Kerry said he's also looking forward to next year when **Lincoln** and **Chowan** join the conference and the tournament. "We're pleased to be back

at 12," he said. As to the possibility of **Winston-Salem State** returning to the CIAA and **Div. II**, Kerry said the CIAA would be "always home" to those with historic ties to the conference. "We have open arms," he said.

Nationwide joins a list of corporate partners that includes **Alltel**, **Coca Cola**, **Bank of America**, **Food Lion**, **Russell Athletic** and **Ford**. They all will have presence throughout the tournament including prominent displays in the arena, on telecasts and as anchors of the **CIAA Ford Fan Experience**, the second largest Fan Experience in college sports that takes up 175,000 square feet of space and drew over 35,000 fans last year to the **Charlotte Convention Center**.

This year's celebrity and performance line-up includes gospel stars **Yolanda Adams** and **Smokie Norful** on Thursday, the **Steve Harvey Show** from 6 to 10 am on Friday followed by **Mo'Nique** and her show from 3 to 7 p.m., **Hill Harper**, **Christette Michelle**, **Step and Fashion Shows**, **Health and Wellness symposiums**, cooking shows with **G. Garvin** and **B. Smith**, interactive displays and product giveaways. All the fun and entertainment is free from **Thur. (Feb. 26) thru Saturday (Feb. 28)**.

The **CIAA McDonald's Super Saturday**, also free at the arena, includes a cheerleading exhibition, a **Battle of the Pep Bands**, the **Miss CIAA Pageant**, a **Navy Slam Dunk Contest** and a classic high school basketball game pitting **Oak Hill Academy** against **Charlotte Christian**.

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, FEB. 14	
CIAA	
Bowie State vs. St. Paul's in Bowie, MD	CIAA Network 5:30
Fayetteville State vs. Livingstone in Fayetteville, NC	J. C. Smith vs. Shaw in Charlotte, NC 7:30
Lincoln (PA) vs. Virginia Union in Lincoln, PA	7:30
Virginia State vs. Elizabeth City State in Ettrick, VA	7:30
MEAC	
Coppin State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Baltimore, MD	4
Delaware State vs. Norfolk State in Dover, DE	4
UMES vs. NC A&T in Princess Anne, MD	4
Morgan State vs. Florida A&M in Baltimore, MD	4
SC State vs. Hampton in Orangeburg, SC	4
WSSU vs. Howard in Winston-Salem, NC	4
SIAC	
Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta in Atlanta, GA	3
Stillman vs. Benedict in Tuscaloosa, AL	3
Paine vs. Clifflin in Augusta, GA	3:30
Albany State vs. Fort Valley State in Albany, GA	5
Lane vs. LeMoyn-Owen in Jackson, TN	7:30
SWAC	
Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M in Montgomery, AL	5
Jackson State vs. Texas Southern in Jackson, MS	5:30
Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Southern in Pine Bluff, AR	7
Grambling State vs. Prairie View A&M in Grambling, LA	7:30
Miss Valley State vs. Alcorn State in Itta Bena, MS	7:30
MONDAY, FEB. 16	
CIAA	
Lincoln (PA) vs. St. Paul's in Lincoln, PA	7:30
MEAC	
Delaware State vs. NC A&T in Dover, DE	ESPNU 7
Morgan State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Baltimore, MD	7:30
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SIAC	
LeMoyn-Owen vs. Clark Atlanta in Memphis, TN	7:30
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Tuskegee vs. Morehouse in Tuskegee, AL	7:30
SWAC	
Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Alcorn State in Pine Bluff, AR	7
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Miss Valley State vs. Southern in Itta Bena, MS	7:30
Grambling vs. Texas Southern in Grambling, LA	ESPNU 8
INDEPENDENTS	
Morris College vs. Livingstone in Sumter, SC	7:30
TUESDAY, FEB. 17	
SIAC	
Benedict vs. Albany State in Columbia, SC	7:30
Paine vs. Fort Valley State in Augusta, GA	7:30
CIAA	
Eliz. City State vs. Bowie State in Eliz. City, NC	7:30
Fayetteville State vs. J. C. Smith in Fayetteville, NC	7:30
Livingstone vs. St. Augustine's in Salisbury, NC	7:30
Virginia State vs. Shaw in Ettrick, VA	7:30

BCSP Notes

Athletes, SIDs among MEAC HOF inductees

The **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** will enshrine five members into its '2009 Hall of Fame Class on Thursday, March 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the **M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention Center** in **Winston-Salem, North Carolina**.

The 2009 MEAC Hall of Fame Class will be honored in conjunction with the 2009 MEAC Basketball Tournament, which is held March 9-14 at the **Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum (LJVM)** in **Winston-Salem**.

The 2009 MEAC Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Gene Lake of **Delaware State** who led all collegiate players with a MEAC and school record 1,722 rushing yards during his junior year at **Delaware State**. He earned All-MEAC first-team accolades two times (1983-84) and was named the **MEAC Offensive Player of the Year** in 1984;

Chris Brown of **Norfolk State** a two-time track and field Division I All-American at **Norfolk State (2000-2001)**. Brown holds school records in the 400 meters, 500 meters, 4x400 meter and sprint medley relay events. He earned All-MEAC honors four times during the 2000-2001 indoor and outdoor track and field seasons in the 200 meter and 400 meter events. He won a silver medal at the 2001 World Championships and placed fourth in 2005 and 2007. Brown, a three-time Olympian, ran the anchor leg of the 4x400 meter Bahamian relay team that captured the silver medal at the 2008 summer games in **Beijing, China**;

William Hamilton of **South Carolina State** has served as the Sports



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Information Director at **South Carolina State** for over three decades (1973-present). The veteran publicist is a talented writer who has provided features articles and game stories for various newspapers and magazines in an effort to bring awareness to the achievements and accomplishments of **SCSU's** athletics program;

Joseph McIver of **Morgan State** spent over 25 years in the sports information profession and served as the media director for the first college football game ever played in the eastern hemisphere, when **Morgan State** and **Grambling State** played in **Tokyo, Japan** in 1976. He currently serves as the Assistant Athletics Director at **Morgan State**, a position he has held since 2000;

Charlie Neal, veteran broadcaster began his career over 30 years ago as a radio disc jockey before moving into television as a sportscaster for several affiliates in the **Detroit, New York, Philadelphia** and **Washington, D.C.** markets. He handled the play-by-play and broadcasting duties for all major sporting events for **Black Entertainment Television (BET)**, including televised **MEAC** football games. He has been instrumental in providing exposure for **MEAC** institutions, while using radio and television to feature and profile student-athletes, coaches and administrators.

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