

## Sports With Walter Moore

### Tigers Defeat WSSU

Kurvin Curry passed for 154 yards and two touchdowns to help Savannah State beat Winston-Salem State 16-13 at Bowman Gray Stadium before a crowd of 5,112 fans. It was the first road win and first victory over a Division I opponent since 2004 for the Tigers. WSSU took a 7-0 early in the second quarter but Curry threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Armond Denson with 3:52 left in the second quarter. The PAT was missed and SSU trailed 7-6 at the half. The Tigers took a 9-7 lead on Derek Williams 30-yard field goal with 6:23 remaining in the third. The Rams (0-2) pulled ahead 13-9 with 2:37 left in the third on a 23-yard run by Nic Cooper, who finished with 144 yards on 21 carries. SSU answered on Curry's 19-yard touchdown pass to Chris Bush put Savannah State 16-13 with 13:24 remaining in the game. WSSU had a chance to tie by missed a 27 yard field goal with 23 seconds left. for a Justin Babb led the Tigers with 76 yards rushing on 15 carries and one touchdown. Javorris Jackson had 12 tackles and an interception for the SSU defense. The Tigers will play at Bethune-Cookman on September 20 at 4:00 p.m.

### Former SSU Assistant Dies

Former Savannah State football assistant George James has passed away. James was the Tigers defensive coordinator during the 1992 season when SSU made the Division II playoffs. James, 74, was the head coach at Alabama State from 1976-82 and at Kentucky State from 1990-91. James graduated from Alabama State in 1956.

### Sharpton's... *Continued from page 1*

with the NNPA News Service. "On top of that, we've never been this close. As African-Americans we've never been this close to a qualified African-American who represents the right thing. If he didn't represent the right thing and he's wasn't qualified, there wouldn't be anything to be excited about. But, we will never have this opportunity again in our lifetime and we can't flow with being complacent."

Sharpton, representing his non-partisan National Action Network, took that message on a bus tour this week, campaigning for voter turnout in Black communities of key swing and battleground states; including Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina.

In North Carolina alone, more than a half million qualified Blacks are not registered to vote, Sharpton says.

"I think we could lose it. When you see 600,000 unregistered in North Carolina and when you look at about the same in Georgia, the amount of those voters registered and turning out could turn those states," he says.

In America's Electoral College system, whichever candidate gets the most votes in a state, wins that state and how ever many electoral votes assigned to that state. Therefore, although it is not a one-person-one-vote system, every vote counts toward who will ultimately win the most electoral votes.

"We could, by not coming out, cause the electoral



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### Tigers Begin Fall Baseball Workouts

The Savannah State baseball team began its preparation for the upcoming season on September 8 with the traditional fall practice of new and returning players at Tiger Field. The Tigers will practice for 45 days until mid-October. Carlton Hardy will begin his fourth season as head coach at SSU and will be looking to improve on last season's 20-25 record. It was the first losing record for Hardy since he has been at SSU and the first losing record for the program since 1996. Hardy signed 13 players during the off-season.

### SSU Finishes Second In Golf Tourney

The Savannah State men's golf team opened their 2008 fall season with a second-place finish in the Alabama State Fall Classic. Jamie Montgomery led SSU with a 147 followed by Riley Baxter and Corey Brown who shot a 148. Brennan Davis shot 150 for the Tigers. The SSU women finished placed fifth and were led by Vanetta Epps' 196 and Lauren Daniels' 212.

### Ford Leads Bulldogs Past

votes to go to McCain and he could become the next president," says Sharpton. Perhaps the best example of this was the fight over Florida's 25 electoral votes in election 2000. Al Gore had more popular votes. But, with the Supreme Court's decision to give Bush the win in Florida, he took the presidency with more electoral votes.

Sharpton, calling his tour the "Not This Time" voter education and registration campaign, says his effort is also to eliminate voter fraud.

Going into the Democratic Convention, Sen. Obama was running well ahead of Sen. McCain.

Some polls showed him fluctuating between 5-7 percentage points ahead of McCain. However, McCain's nomination of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, a charismatic speaker, has added fire to his once dry campaign. The Obama camp appeared stunned to near-silence for the first few days after her rousing speech at the Republican convention. His numbers have recently declined, sometimes neck-in-neck with McCain; sometimes dropping as much as four percentage points below the campaign.

"I think that the dynamics of the campaign has changed and there needs to be a lot more of a grassroots effort. A lot of the excitement seems to have waned," says Sharpton. "And I think that there must be some real efforts from the bottom up to energize the base and bring the base out."

### Bethune

William Ford rushed for 175 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries to lead South Carolina State in a 28-19 victory against Bethune-Cookman on Sept. 13 in the Low country Classic III in Charleston before 12,495 fans. Quarterback Malcolm Long added 211 passing yards on 16 of 24 attempts, including a touchdown and an interception, for the Bulldogs (2-1) in the win. Matt Johnson was 11 of 15 passing for 122 yards and two scores for the Wildcats (1-1). SCSU out gained Bethune 486-197.

### Morehouse Rallies Past Lane

Savannah native James Steadman caught three touchdown passes to help Morehouse (2-1) defeat Lane 28-24 before 5,123 at B. T. Harvey Stadium in Atlanta. Steadman ended the night with eight receptions for 88 yards. He had touchdown catches of 2, 8 and 35 yards. Lane jumped out to a 9-0 lead but Morehouse rallied back with two touchdowns and led 14-9 at the half. Lane (1-2) pulled within 14-12 early in the third but could get no closer.

## "Mama Turn the Radio On" a Big Hit

The reviews are in, Donald Lovette and Love-It Production's presentation of "Mama Turn the Radio On," a live stage play written and produced by Donald Lovette was the cultural arts highlight of the year for Liberty County and the Hinesville area communities. Hinesville Mayor James Thomas said "the play is inspirational, thought provoking, a must see." Margaret Hendrix, a writer for the Closeups and the Bryan County Now said "Donald Lovette's new show has everything it needs to be a hit - comedy, drama, sparkling wit, universality and a bit of theology thrown into the mix." Tom Hickey, interim president of the Hinesville Area Arts Council commented "the presentation is a modern take on the prodigal son. Donald Lovette presents the message in a format that is both realistic and entertaining."

The great enthusiasm for this event was three fold. First the production was written and produced by a local playwright, Donald Lovette. Secondly, those starring in the play: Charolette Lovette-Norman, Rodney Jackson, Vonn Jackson, Minister



Mama and the Radio

Anthony Johnson, Ann Kirkwood, Larry Baker,

Kenneth Howard, Randy Knox, Bernard Rose, Neomi Ford, and the Baconton Baptist Church Adult Choir are local persons who performed superbly. Lastly, the performance was performed at home - in Hinesville.

By popular demand the play will be presented again on October 4 in Jesup, Georgia and on October 24, 7:00 p.m. at Club Stewart, Ft. Stewart, Ga. For booking information call Andrew Williams, Events Coordinator at (912) 977-3293.

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