

Globetrotters to visit A&M

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Who can spin a basketball on one finger without looking at it? Who can put on a one-man basketball show to the delight of all? A Harlem Globetrotter, of course.

Hallie Bryant, who played on the Globetrotter team for 11 seasons and is now the advance publicity representative for the team, was here last week promoting the Globetrotter game at G. Rollie White Coliseum on Feb. 1.

In the summer when he's not promoting the team, Bryant has his own one-man Globetrotter show. He performs a comedy act at conventions and malls.

"The one-man show has allowed me to continue to work in the capacity of an entertainer," Bryant said. He said that he wears his uniform now more than ever.

Bryant began his basketball career at Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Ind. He was named "Mr. Basketball" — the top honor for high school players in Indiana. He then went to Indiana University and,

after graduating in 1957, joined the Globetrotters.

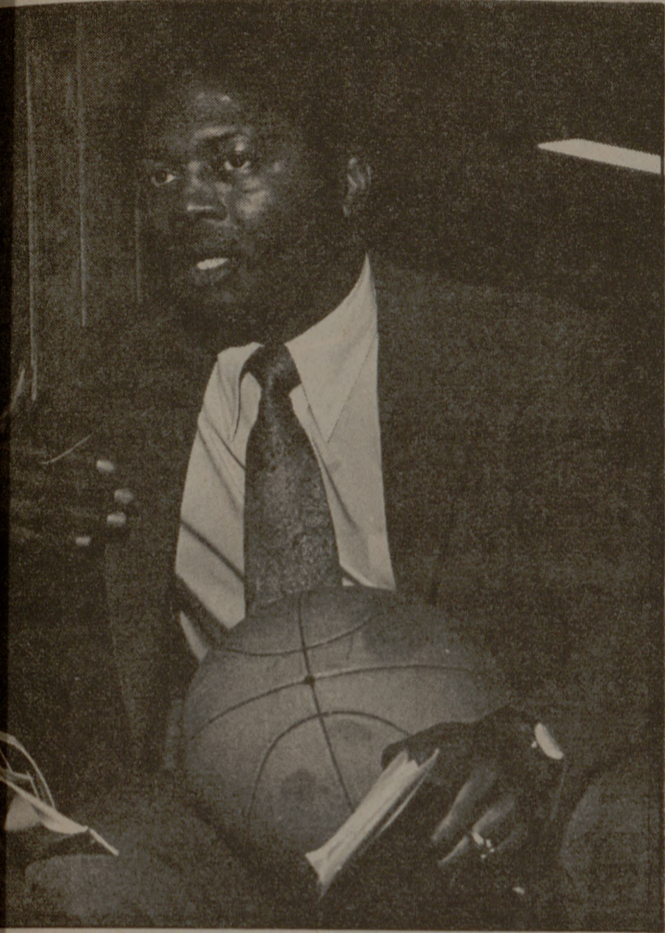
"Being a Globetrotter has helped me grow in so many areas related to people and human nature," Bryant said. He said he takes pride in being able to represent an organization like the Globetrotters.

The reason the Globetrotters are popular after more than 50 years is that they can reach all people and all ages, Bryant said. He said people enjoy the Globetrotters because the team does more than just play basketball. The team incorporates football, baseball, ballet and comedy into their game so people don't have to understand basketball to have fun with the Globetrotters, he said.

"How the Globetrotters make people feel is intangible," he said. "Something like Santa Claus is to a child."

The popularity of the Globetrotters has remained about the same, Bryant said, but media exposure has increased.

"Who doesn't think about the Globetrotters when they hear 'Sweet Georgia Brown' being played?" he asked.



Former Globetrotter Hallie Bryant

Old pavilion becomes new registration center

Registration at Texas A&M is being conducted for the first time in a newly remodeled building that was the center for cultural classes for generations of students.

The old animal science pavilion was built about 1917 and had a dirt floor arena with animal stalls. It has been transformed into a modern facility that in-

cludes space for registration offices and a snack bar. The facility will be known as the pavilion until the Board of Regents formally names it.

The cost of the remodeling project was about \$2.1 million, said Bob Evans, assistant manager for the Texas A&M System facilities construction division. Construction included adding a second floor and installing new

windows and a new roof.

The registration center will occupy the first floor of the building and the Student Financial Aid Office and the Student Activities Office will move to the second floor later this semester. Fee payment and distribution of grants and scholarships will continue in the Rudder Tower Exhibit Hall.

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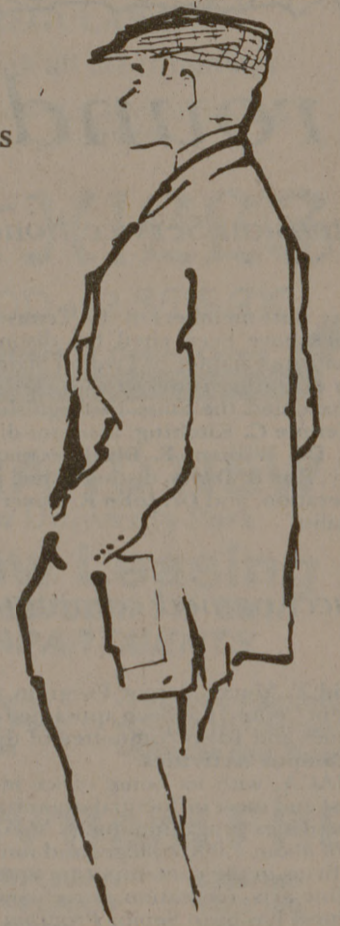
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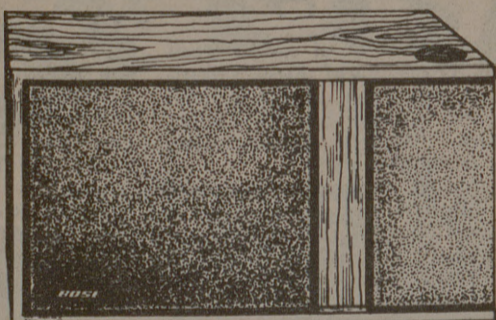
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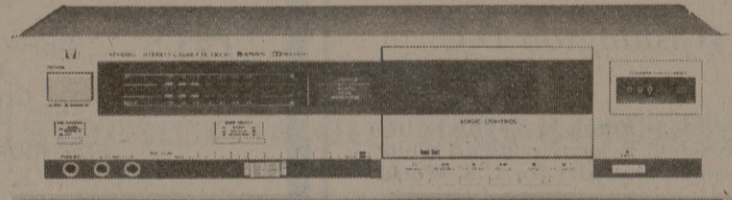
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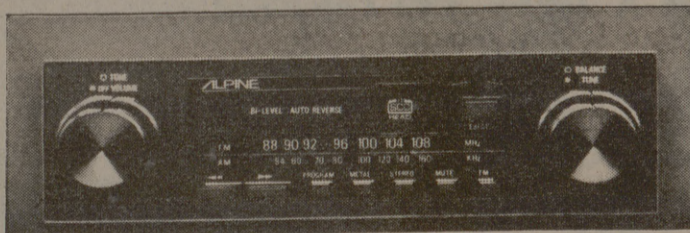
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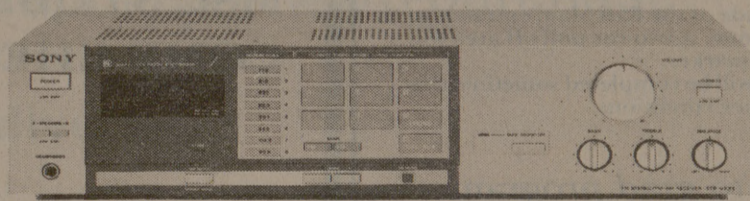
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