Former Falcons Excel
Two former Southeastern Illinois College Falcons are attracting national and international attention for themselves and for the college.

Donta Smith, former SIC men’s basketball standout and former member of the NBA Atlanta Hawks, spent the 2007 season playing for Lukoil Academic, the Professional Basketball Conference A1 team in Bulgaria. Lukoil won the European A1 championship for the fifth straight season.

In game one of the series, Smith led his team with 24 points. Game 2 again saw Smith leading his team with 29 points and 8 rebounds. Smith had a double-double in the third and decisive game with 17 points and 14 rebounds. Smith’s performance in the championship series brought international attention to Southeastern Illinois College in the European press.

Smith is now home in Kentucky as he gears up for the NBA practice season. While his contract with Lukoil has been picked up for the 2008 season, he holds an out-clause should an NBA team pick him up for next season.

Amber Holt, All-American standout for the SIC women’s basketball team, is now playing basketball for Middle Tennessee. She helped lead her team into the 2007 NCAA women’s basketball tournament this past season.

In May, Holt was one of 45 women invited to the 2007 USA Basketball Women’s National Team Trials at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. She is the first Lady Falcon to ever be invited – and only the third Middle Tennessee player.

Holt was named one of 14 finalists for the USA Pan-American women’s basketball team. The finalists met July 6th in Washington, DC where the list was narrowed to a 12-woman squad. Holt was unfortunately not one of them.

Holt continues to bring positive national press to Southeastern, Middle Tennessee, and herself.