

SPORTS

1995 volleyball season features 12 fresh spikers

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Banner Sports Editor

The volleyball team is back with an all-new team and an all-new attitude.

Fifteen players have returned this season, and although 12 are freshmen, they have really assumed leadership roles.

"The attitude of the team as a whole is positive and I expect them to improve as the season goes on," Coach Joyce Spruill said.

Practices for the team are never the same because with an all new team a lot of things need to be worked on.

"Some days we work on serving and other days its rotation," Spruill said.

"It just really depends on what I feel we need to work on."

Though the season has started, Spruill said that she is still looking. "I didn't run try-outs for any certain time period because I'm still looking at perspective players," Spruill said.

Spruill added that she has set a lot of goals for the Belles this year.

"My main goal is to win and I also want to have good fellowship as a team and be team oriented," she said.

Since the season has begun the Bennett's record is 1-1 after falling short to Barber Scotia College in the first game.

"We have a lot of things to work on including work habits and the ability to think," the coach said.

COMMENTARY

A tough choice: scholastics or sports

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Belle volleyball season opened Sept. 13, at Barber-Scotia College, and it wasn't unusual to see some fresh faces.

With only three players returning from the previous season--Shana Dearing, LaTicia Jolly, and Amanda Pecchioni (all juniors), the team has to make a new beginning.

This year's spiking Belles total 15 players. Minus the three juniors, the rest of the team is made up

of freshmen, you do the math. However, this situation is not unique for this year or for this sports team.

Every year, in every sport at Bennett more than 50 percent of each athletic team is comprised of freshmen.

Some upperclasswomen say that they do not return for a variety of reasons including financial situations, a professors' lack of understanding for an athletes' desire to play, or simply the coach's attitude.

Student athletes say they are pressured each year to choose between their athletics and academics. Many students obviously opt for their education.

It's too bad both can not receive equal attention.

It may be true that what is taught in the classroom is more important than sports.

Nonetheless, versatility is more important than just doing well in class. Part of being a "Phenomenal Bennett Woman" is being able to succeed in any area.

One million hats later Interstellar Propeller turns to gold

NBA Superstar Shaquille O'Neal and Hakeem Olajuwon model the latest fashion trend in Super Cool head-gear, the Interstellar Propeller Flying Beany Cap, in this TV commercial for Taco Bell, directed by Spike Lee.



BELLE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 18	Piedmont Bible College & Johnson Bible College 6:00pm AWAY
Sept. 21	Salem College 6:00pm HOME
Sept. 26	Livingstone College 6:00pm HOME
Sept. 27	Meredith College 6:00pm HOME
Sept. 30	Mary Baldwin & College of Notre Dame 3:00pm AWAY
Oct. 2	Meredith College 6:00pm AWAY
Oct. 4	Salem College 6:00pm AWAY
Oct. 7	Bennett Invitational 10:00am HOME
Oct. 13	Barber Scotia College 6:00pm HOME
Oct. 17	Livingstone College 6:00pm AWAY
Oct. 18	Randolph Macon Women's Invitational 5:00pm AWAY
Oct. 20-21	Women's College Invitational TBA AWAY

Head Coach: Joyce Spruill
Assistant Coach: Jerry Patterson

SEPTEMBER

Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. *The Alienist*, by Caleb Carr. (Bantam, \$6.99.) The hunt for a murderer in turn-of-the-century Manhattan.
2. *The Hot Zone*, by Richard Preston. (Anchor/Doubleday, \$6.99.) Combating a deadly virus.
3. *Debt Of Honor*, by Tom Clancy. (Berkley, \$7.50.) Jack Ryan is back to foil a Japanese plot.
4. *The Stone Diaries*, by Carol Shields. (Penguin, \$10.95.) A woman's life from childhood through old age.
5. *A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup For The Soul*, by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. (Health Communications, \$12.95.)
6. *Apollo 13*, by Jim Lovell and Jeffrey Kluger. (Pocket, \$6.50.) The incredible 1970's moon mission.
7. *The Chamber*, by John Grisham. (Island/Dell, \$7.50.) A lawyer represents a racist on death row.
8. *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, by Steven R. Covey. (Fireside, \$12.00.) Guide to personal fulfillment.
9. *Circle Of Friends*, by Maeve Binchy. (Dell, \$6.50.) Coming of age in an Irish village and in Dublin's academe.
10. *Chicken Soup For The Soul*, by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. (Health Communications, \$12.00.) Stories for heart & spirit.

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