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Gardner-Webb Bulldogs Continue Top Ranking

The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs have currently slipped to No. 2 in the nation in the NAIA poll after having held the top position for several weeks. Drury College, currently No. 1, suffered a defeat Saturday night, which will reflect in next week's poll. The Bulldogs are 19-0 overall and 14-0 in district 26 competition.

The mastering of the Bulldog's success is head coach Eddie Holbrook. Coach Holbrook came to GWC in 1964 when it was a junior college. His overall record at GWC is 331 wins and 62 defeats.

What does Coach Holbrook think about his team's ranking? "The ranking is a real honor to the young men, to the program, and to the school. Even more than all those things, I think it says a great deal about the way the people across the country think about our basketball program because the polls, particularly the NAIA, are voted upon by coaches from all over the different parts of the country. So the fact that we have been able to have a pretty good basketball program and have a good tradition helped us a great deal with the polls this year. Since we are undefeated, it's only natural that we are going to get a good deal of attention." (Prophetic, in view of the latest controversy concerning the defeat in Hawaii)

With several other undefeated teams, does Coach Holbrook think his team's top ranking is deserving?

"Yes, I think we are deserving. In pre-season polls we were ranked as high as second. We won the NAIA International Tournament in Kansas City and played real well. We have a difficult schedule and play in one of the toughest regions."

What are Coach Holbrook's basic feelings about his team's progress thus far this year?

"We still do not feel we are playing as well as we can play, but that is, to some extent, by design because we had rather be playing at our peak along in February—certainly by the latter part of February during tournament play. We are satisfied with our team's progress, but we feel like we can play a little better. I hope so anyway."

Could Coach Holbrook cite any particular player who has contributed the most this season?

"No, I could not cite one player. It would not be fair to the other guys because all of them contribute and they contribute in a very significant way. I do not like to get into singling out any one player because it takes more than one player and more than five players to have a good basketball team."

Coach Holbrook was asked how many consecutive games have been won at



GWC's 77-'78 BASKETBALL TEAM

Back row, left to right: Coach Dennis Davis, Curtis Odum, Norman Mukes, Ed Cook, Lewis Young, K.C. Graham, Will Franklin, Charlie Brunson, Oscar Mooney, Phil Cox, Jeff Medford, Carl Martin, Mark Broadway, Manager. Seated, left to right: Coach Eddie Holbrook, David Shuford, Manager, Earl Nesbit, Dennis Smart, John Borders, Louis Crosby, Bruce Price, Steve Mitchell, Terry Shelton, Manager, and Coach Ron Hooper.

GW's Best Gymnasium. "The paper said 74. I do not keep up with streaks like that. We are more concerned with trying to encourage our guys to play as hard as they can every time out. We do not really mention winning streaks."

Has Coach Holbrook had any coaching opportunities from other schools? "Yes, I have had opportunities to make moves to other institutions. One of the latest that everyone knows about, occurred last summer from Austin Peay

State University." We salute Coach Holbrook, his assistants Ron Harper and Dennis Davis, and all the Bulldog's team members.

- RESULTS**
- a-GW 98 Scotland Nat. 70
 - b-GW 119 Portugal Nat. 58
 - b-GW 117 China Nat. 77
 - Czechoslovakia Nat. 87*
 - GW 95 Wofford 70
 - GW 91 Limestone 70
 - GW 68 Mars Hill 47
 - c-GW 109 Livingstone 103OT
 - c-GW 73 Pfeiffer 72
 - c-GW 97 Lenoir-Rhyne 86*

- d-GW 84 N.C. Methodist 60
- d-GW 114 High Point 95
- GW 77 Belmont Abbey 73
- GW 94 Guilford 92
- GW 119 Johnson C. Smith 96
- GW 90 Catawba 86OT
- GW 99 High Point 97OT
- GW 87 Lenoir-Rhyne 86
- GW 126 Morris College 83

- a-International Game
- b-NAIA International Cup
- Tourney
- c-WBTV Carolina Classic
- d-GW Holiday Classic
- *Championship Game

Sports Entertainment Arena Planned For Gardner-Webb

by Tommy Watts

That's right, folks, in about a year from now, there will be a ground-breaking ceremony for the most unique building on the campus of Gardner-Webb College. It will be called the Sports-Entertainment Arena. It will be kind of a hybrid building that will house a performance area for music and drama; the health and physical educational programs will also be housed. It will have a large gym for intercollegiate basketball games, along with activity rooms and class rooms for educational purposes and many small gyms.

"We have all these needs and we think that we will be able to raise the money for one building. So we are going to have to design it so that all these activities will take place," stated Jerry

McGee, who is the Associate Director of Development. The Staff identified the architects they want by travelling through Tennessee, North and South Carolina and finding out which architects had done a similar project before.

The Administrative staff has also added to the list the local architects in the Cleveland County area and some that were referred to the staff by the Board of Trustees. The list has been narrowed down to five firms, who will be interviewed on Feb. 15, when the most qualified will be selected.

Jerry McGee informs us that, "I wouldn't want to hire an architect because of his low price, which probably would mean that he would be less experienced. We would rather go ahead and raise a little extra

money and have a quality project than have someone to come in and not know what he is doing."

The development office as of now doesn't know what the building looks like, but they do know what activities are going to be in it. The staff has had some preliminary sketches of the building thus far but have no definite ideas. Jerry McGee says, "I see it as kind of a twin theatre, where as you go in the door you have a common lobby. As you go to the left you go to one part, maybe for instance the gym; as you go to the right you would go to the theatre, so as you can see it will be kind of a unique building."

As for the fine arts program, it will still be at O. Max Gardner. Mr. McGee feels that the Music Department is fantastic and

"should have a nicer place to display their talents." It will do a great deal for our drama department. There is also a real possibility to expand the drama department by holding classes on drama.

The plans are to start raising funds for the first few months, here on campus through the Office of Development. Then decisions will be made on where to go with the fund-raising campaign, who the prospective leaders of each area will be, and what the potentials are for gifts in the various areas. "We feel very strongly here that it will be a mistake to borrow a lot of money," Mr. McGee informs us.

The ground-breaking ceremony will be held when the Development Office feels that they have sufficient funds and pledges for the arena. Mr. McGee believes

that it would not be this summer, but should be within a year, probably around January, 1979. A building this large will likely take about two years to be fully completed.

The fund-raising campaign will consist of mainly the geographical region surrounding the Boiling Springs area with a 60 to 70 mile radius in each direction. This is because the people nearby are the most likely to benefit from the arena, by coming to performances, basketball games, and to hear speakers. The area will be divided into sections to set up fund-raising organizations. Gifts will be solicited to people who contribute money as a thank-you. There are also plans to hold a radiothon and/or

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