

Racquetball:

A Growing Sport

By Dr. Jim Taylor

In only a decade, racquetball has emerged as one of the most popular indoor sports in the United States. Conceived as an alternative to handball and played in the same room, racquetball soon attracted a large following of players who felt more comfortable with the short racquet and hollow rubber ball than with the gloves and hard ball of the other sport.

Perhaps the most attractive feature of racquetball is the simplicity of the game itself. It can be played by anyone who possesses sufficient ability to hit the ball around a 20 x 40 x 20 room. Moreover, the game is a relatively inexpensive one and requires no special uniform. Good racquets are durable and require fewer stringings than do tennis racquets, and the balls, much improved over the past five years, gene-

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Student Publishes Paper

large ones like horses and cattle. He hopes to attend a school of veterinary medicine next fall.

Getting a paper published in a national magazine is quite an achievement for a graduate student, and even more so for an undergraduate. Steve is one of the first from Gardner-Webb to have an article in a national magazine.

At present, Steve is working with Professor Ronnie Thomas in an independent study on cattle. This includes writing another paper, "An Enzymatic Method for Determination of Blood Level Pyruvic Acid," which is hoping to get published also. They are trying to develop a way of measuring the pyruvic acid in the blood streams of cattle. The veterinarians Steve works with consider a deficiency of the vitamin thymine to be related to the occurrence of a retained placenta when a calf is born. Steve thinks that there is a correlation between thymine deficiency and concentration of pyruvic acid, because of the high level of pyruvic acid concentration found in the blood samples of cows with retained placentas. Therefore, it may be possible to use the level of pyruvic acid to determine thymine deficiency.

Steve plans to present both of these papers to the North Carolina Academy of Science (Collegiate section) on April 7 and 8. They represent a lot of research on his part, beginning last spring.

College Program

Reviewed

Friday, February 17, was a holiday for many, but for those involved in curriculum review, it was indeed no holiday. For thirty-five students, and for many faculty, administrator, staff, and advisory personnel who participated, the day turned out to be very much like work.

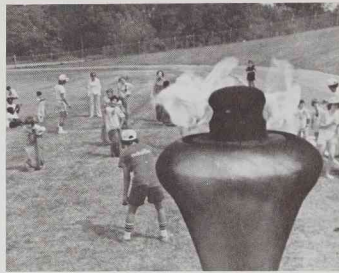
Activities began with a keynote address by Jack Bevan, former dean of Eckerd (Florida Presbyterian) College, who suggested several avenues of thought for the discussions.

Participants then assembled in small groups (15 - 20 each) to discuss six questions relating to the purposes of a college curriculum. These discussions were intentionally philosophical, with little attempt to look at specific problems and/or solutions.

After lunch, and after a second small-group meeting, the body reassembled and heard summary reports of the discussions. These reports, and the discussions themselves, become the basis of a thorough study of the Gardner-Webb curriculum.

As a beginning point in an undertaking of such magnitude, the day was quite productive. Though there was little agreement on the specific issues which did arise, the participants demonstrated a quick and lively interest in the future academic direction of the College.

Most excitingly, cross-sectional groups of students, faculty, administrators, staff, and advisors met together, worked together, and argued together for six hours, and no bones were reported broken. That's progress.



Special Olympics

"Let Me Win,
But If I Cannot Win,
Let Me Be Brave
In The Attempt."

Approximately 175 mentally retarded children will repeat this oath during the Fifth Annual Special Olympics for Cleveland County.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A full day is planned which will include a parade, athletic events, lunch, award presentations, recreational activities and dancing.

Fred Kirby, WBTV personality, will be the Parade Marshal. His famous horse, Calico, will accompany him.

The Special Olympics are presented by the Adapted Physical Education class of Gardner-Webb College. Each member of the class has worked weekly at Northside School providing group and individual physical education activities. The Northside students have traveled to Gardner-Webb for a weekly swimming instruction, also.

Special Olympics is the climax of this physical education program. Parents of the special athletes have said that their children look forward to participating in Special Olympics more than Christmas.

Each athlete chooses to enter three events from the following list: 50 yard dash, 200 Walk-Run, High Jump, Standing Broad Jump, Softball Throw, Basketball Throw, Football Throw, Hula Hoop, Frisbee Throw, and Shot Put. The multihandicapped children begin the competition with a wheelchair race.

Every Northside student receives a Participation Ribbon and ribbons are given to the first eight places. Medals are awarded to the winners of each event. Participation has grown from an initial 70% in 1973 to 100% of the Northside students in 1977.

Special Olympics is truly a county-wide event. The adapted class members have petitioned the County Commissioners to proclaim April 18 as "Special Olympics Day" throughout Cleveland County. During February and March the class members have visited civic clubs to tell the story of Special Olympics. Attendance at the event has increased from two hundred spectators to six hundred interested citizens.

Different groups help with the expenses of the day. The Shelby Civitan Club has taken the responsibility of buying a Special Olympics tee shirt for each participant. The Association for Retarded Citizens has donated the ribbons and the medals. Industries, banks, and numerous other organizations have given added support to this event.

The Crest High School band is to be involved in this year's Olympics by providing music throughout the morning. Sixty psychology students from Crest High School are to assist in the athletic events. The adapted class voted to involve the local high school students in the 1978 Special Olympics to acquaint them with the mentally retarded students.

"The Gardner-Webb College family has taken this event to its heart and has given full support to this special day. Speaking for this year's Adapted Physical Education class, I want to invite all students, faculty, administration, and friends of the College to be a part of Special Olympics, April 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m.," stated Lonnie Proctor, adapted physical education class teacher.

Ministry to Spanish Speaking People

Two GW students, Evan Johnson and Robert Cooke, are currently involved in a ministry to the Spanish-speaking people of Cleveland and Rutherford counties. They are aided by Winnie Schutt, Linda Worsham, and Dave Mengzoua, in an attempt to involve all the people in different aspects of their Christian life.

There is a time of singing, fellowship, and food at each gathering.

Evan is the originator of the idea and hopes that more people will be involved. So far the group has about 10-15 regular Spanish-speaking people attending each meeting. The meetings are held twice a month in different people's homes.



Steve Migioia, a Senior Biology major from New Jersey, has been notified that his paper, "Cryosurgical Treatment of Equine Cutaneous Habronemiasis," will be published in *The Journal of Veterinary Medicine and Small Animal Clinician*, a national magazine.

This paper deals with the treating of parasitic infection of horses by cryosurgery, which is infected tissue. Often, the sores on the skin of horses become infected with parasites. This freezing process kills the parasite and promote rapid healing, and has proven to be more effective than other current methods.

Steve did his work in collaboration with the Los Dorcas veterinary hospital near Shelby. He enjoys working with animals, especially



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many other improvements under consideration for the next school year, which will be defined at a later date.

For this school year, it has been estimated that the upkeep of the cafeteria will

cost approximately \$617,000.00, with a projected income of \$613,000.00. Each year the projected operational costs and the projected student revenue will fluctuate, one

year offsetting the other. The following breakdown of expenses is not an actual figure but a projection of the total operations cost for the fiscal school year and Summer School 1978.

Expenses:	
Dining Service Operational Budget	\$426,500
Other Supplies (indirectly related)	9,500
Electricity	75,000
Water and Sewer	8,200
Heat	16,000
Small Equipment	2,500
Building Depreciation	33,000
Major Repairs	30,000
Overhead	3,500
Maintenance and Housekeeping	22,000
*Administrative	50,800
TOTAL COST	\$617,000
Administrative costs reflect the cafeteria's share in the cost of operating the total college program (approx. 10%).	

Announcement of Auditions for Music Scholarships Auditions On April 1 \$300.00 To Be Awarded \$350.00 is the Minimum to be Awarded