

# NBA Calls Boiling Springs New Home

North Carolina will get its NBA franchise after all. But instead of the expected Charlotte location, the team will play its games in Boiling Springs. The small town in Cleveland County edged out such metropolitan areas as Orlando, Minneapolis, Toronto Canada, and Charlotte. Businessman George Shinn said, "he discovered the area while passing through on I 85 to Atlanta." Apparently Mr. Shinn took the wrong exit and ended up in Boiling Springs. Once he saw the potential for growth, he knew this, not Charlotte, was the place for the NBA team.

The Boiling Springs Spirits, as they will be called, will play their games in Paul Porter Arena on the campus of Gardner Webb College. Shinn likes the size of the arena, seating capacity 5 thousand. He said, "the new coliseum in Charlotte was just too large for our needs."

Season tickets went on sale Wednesday. By press time, a total of seven had been sold. Three of these were to Dr. Bob Morgan.

The Spirits will open the 87-88 season by hosting the Boston Celtics at Paul Porter Arena.

NOTE: The Celtics Friday announced they had acquired Michael Jordan from the Chicago Bulls in a trade for Danny Ainge.

## Horsemen Reign: Barracade '87

On the night of February 19, 1987, the LYWA (Lutz-Yelton Wrestling Association) held Barracade '87, the most explosive wrestling event ever. The card was highlighted by the Horsemen: Flounder Pounder, Red Rocker II, Lois "The Nature Boy", and the associate, El Toro. The Horsemen also introduced a new wrestler to the LYWA, Red Rocker III- The Crimson Avenger.

The first match saw the world champion Lois "The Nature Boy" face Jake the Snake in an over-the-top steelcage match. The Nature Boy punished Jake and was in control throughout the match. By the end of the match, Jake was bleeding so profusely that he could not see. Lois won the match by going over the top and

reaching the ground. Before the second match, a special ceremony was held honoring the Stick, who had earlier announced his retirement.

In the main event, a title match, the world tag-team champs, the Red Rockers, took on the White Knights, Chris and Gerald, in a Texas tornado-Mexican hat-Boiling Springs Street Fight-Stretcher match in a 20 foot high cage. The Rockers were managed by J.J. Dumbo and their ringside official observer was El Toro. Guest referee for the battle was Flounder Pounder. In this, the most brutal of all matches, all four wrestlers were severely hurt. In fact, the White Knights were injured so severely that they were forced to submit. The Red Rockers ended

## Girls Get Down & Dirty

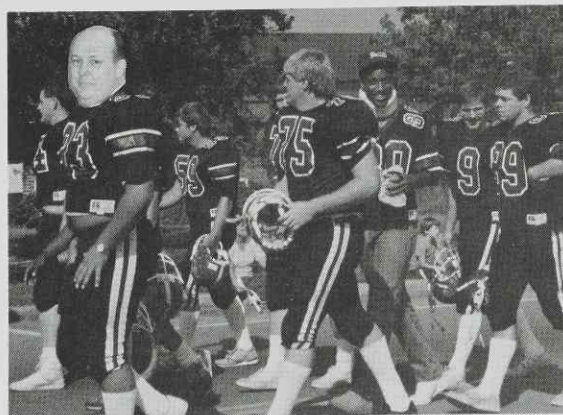
Mrs. Nell Griggs shocked the Health and P.E. department and the rest of Gardner-Webb campus, when she announced the establishment of the newest collegiate sport, women's mud wrestling. Mrs. Griggs made the announcement yesterday during a departmental meeting. There she stated that months of consideration were given to this before the final decision was made.

Department Chairman, Dr. Robert Blackburn, was extremely surprised by the decision, but said he would support the team to the fullest. All other department members were equally surprised but also pledged their support. However, Dr. Jeff Tubbs was very upset because he wasn't allowed to be the new team's coach.

The mud wrestling team still faces one tough problem, though; they have no place to practice or to hold their matches. Griggs would like to be able to get one end zone at the stadium for their matches, but coach Woody Fish says, "NO WAY, LADY!" So, the team which will be chosen soon, will have no place to hold matches unless the college spends some money for a nice mud wrestling arena.

the Horsemen's night by retaining their title.

Barracade '87 was truly a plus in the LYWA's fight for popularity.



Who is #33?

It was discovered late this week that Dr. Bob Morgan was the secret weapon of the Bulldog football team last season. Coach Woody Fish described Morgan as a "maddog, ferocious hitter who turns into a maniac on the field."

### TICKETS

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## Peers Parody A Prominent Player

### Shortball

This month's article on the baseball team will not contain any scores or summaries, it will be short, just like Jeff Spargo. Jeff, one of the leading outfielders on the team, has recently made the transition to third base although shortstop seems more suitable. The reason for Jeff's move into the infield lies within Coach McFarland's inability to see Spargo over the tall grass in the outfield. An example of this happened last Monday against Mount Olive. Our coach called time-out during the game because he couldn't see Jeff. After standing on the top of the dugout, the coach caught a glimpse of Jeff's hat and play resumed. Jeff had one of his most embarrassing and surprising moments against another opponent. While in centerfield, Jeff attempted to field a groundball when it happened. The ball took a bad hop and unbelievably rolled between his legs. Jeff is one of the top hitters in the District. This is a result of a very quick bat, tremendous concentration, unmatched strength, and the world's smallest strike zone. It is not unusual that Jeff had great success in the month of February, since it is the shortest month of the year.

All joking aside, this article was done in good taste because Jeff is one of the most likeable persons at Gardner-Webb. He has a great personality and is truly one of the best baseball players that GW has, or ever will see. Last season Jeff was one of the leading hitters in the league and was an All-District selection. This season, Jeff is currently leading the team in Homeruns and Runs Batted In. At this pace, he will certainly repeat as an All-District player. We hope his anger with this article will be SHORT lived.