

Cheerleaders complain of harassment

By CECILIA CASEY

Every Sunday night from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., the North Carolina Wesleyan College cheerleaders have a practice session in the Everett Gymnasium.

They have had the gym reserved for them on Sundays since the start of last semester and will continue to meet there throughout this semester, and, as a legitimate athletic team, they should not have to worry about being harassed, bugged, or rushed out of the gym by other people there just to play basketball or fool around.

However, many students on Wesleyan's campus are doing just that, showing up on Sunday night and trying to rush the cheerleaders out of the gym.

Both basketball teams split in opening conference play

The North Carolina Wesleyan men's basketball team earlier this month opened Dixie conference play at home against Greensboro College. The Bishops started slow and never really found a groove on their way to a 71-62 loss. Shawn Mobley led the team on the night with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

"Our loss to Greensboro was very disappointing," said head coach Bill Chambers. "We came out flat and didn't do anything well all night."

The team then traveled to conference foe Averett College on Saturday and came away with a 83-55 win. Mobley and senior James Condery shared the scoring honors with 12 points each. Mobley hit the boards hard again as he came up with six on the night. The win pushed the team to 1-1 in the conference and 6-6 overall.

"I was glad to see the team bounce back at Averett," said coach Chambers. "We played excellent defense and kept them off the boards."

The North Carolina Wesleyan women's basketball team started conference play earlier this month by hosting Greensboro College. The Lady Bishops played well throughout the game, but came up short in the last minute of play for a 66-61 loss. Junior Lisa Tyson led the team in scoring with 21 points.

"We played our most consistent game of the year," said head

coach John Brackett. "But we didn't hit the shots we needed to at the end of the game. It was a tough loss, especially when it was our conference opener."

The women then traveled to Averett College on a Saturday and won their first conference game of the year, 54-44. Tyson played impressively again, scoring 17 points and collecting 12 rebounds on the night.

Lynda Calhoun, who is coach-

ing the cheerleaders, spoke with Mike Fox who in turn spoke with the coaches about the problem. For the moment the situation is a bit better. Whether people will continue to stay out of the gym on Sunday nights remains to be seen.

One problem may be that people do not see the cheerlead-

ers as a "real" sports team, which they are. Another problem might be that some people do not feel the cheerleaders have a valid right to the gym at that time, which they do. Perhaps people do not understand that the cheerleaders need the whole gym, not just part of it, so that they can have the silence they need to concentrate

and the height they need to perform their jumps and construct their stunts.

Whatever the cause, the cheerleaders have asked that the members of the Wesleyan community give them the respect they deserve as well as the time and facilities they need to become a better athletic team.

Wesleyan has shot at title behind talents of nucleus

By BRAD BARNES

In order for the Battling Bishops to bring the Dixie Conference championship home to Everett Gymnasium and meet President Les Garner in the Rose Gardner (well, maybe the parking lot would be more realistic), they must set a few goals for themselves.

First, they must forget about the players they lost over the break. Second, they must play with a little bit of an attitude. Who cares what everyone else is saying, "You gotta believe, baby!"

Third, they must support that terrific nucleus they have in James Condery, Robert Bland, and Shawn Mobley.

Talk about style, James Condery has it. I watched him play at Southwest High School in North Carolina. He was good then; he is even better now. James, Mr. Condery to you, brings a lot of class to the floor. He can outlet

A Bishop Prayer

As the Bishops' fans lay down to sleep, how they pray the men's basketball team wins this week. And if a loss should come their way, it will not be because Robert Bland, James Condery, and Shawn Mobley didn't come to play. Amen.

and push the ball on any team — and he loves to dunk in your face.

Shawn Mobley can really be nasty if you upset him. He is averaging almost 15 points a game while taking six rebounds a contest.

Forward Robert Bland is the shy one. This guy leads the team

in steals, blocked shots, and rebounds. Just name the category, and he will be in the stats.

Take all of this, add some good role players like 6-4 forward Jeremiah Matthews along with sound bench play, and these guys can challenge for the Dixie crown.

This is crunch time for the Blue and Gold. They have a record of 7-6 overall and 2-1 in the conference. Who is the team to beat in the conference? Defending Dixie champions Christopher Newport College.

Some have already written off the Bishops as far as beating these guys, but remember, just because it smells does not mean it stinks — and to walk to Dixie, you have to come through Bishops' Row.

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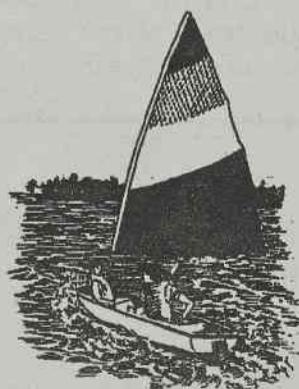
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