

# Women's basketball squad clinches consolation victory

By Janie McGann

The women's intercollegiate basketball team, coached this season by Mary Jackson, has been made up of 13 players, one manager and two assistants. The players include seniors Teddy Ireland and Cindy Leach who have played four years for the Golden Girls. Junior basketball players are: Beth Beaty, Joyce Daniel, Tina Ireland, and Sue Henderson. Sophomore players are Sandra Partridge, Candy Fox and Jackie Meyers who are

returning players from last year's team. Freshmen players include Sandy Anstead, Donna Roach, Sandra Lawrie, and Carolyn Smith. Linda Francis is a senior and P.E. major and is in her fourth year as manager. Helping Linda this season are junior Patty Flemming and sophomore Susie Edwards.

The ladies have had a long season. They have played on the average of two games a week since Dec. 4 when the season opened. Many weekends they

have traveled and played, and on Jan. 30 & 31 they hosted the Elon invitational.

The Golden Girls have had several challenging games this season. According to Coach Jackson, the game against East Carolina on Feb. 10 was one of the best played games of the season even though EC won 50-45. The Golden Girls played a good game because the players' morale was high and they were motivated to win. The women have been victorious this season over N.C. Central, Campbell, Duke, Wake Forest and Mars Hill. This past weekend, the girls won the consolation contest in the Carolinas Conference Tournament over Atlantic Christian College by a score of 89-79.



Freshman Donna Roach from Burlington battles to keep the ball away from ASU defenders. (Photo by Joe Chandler)

## College sports for women- . . . . What's the drive?

To many women, sports consists of pulling out their ice skates twice a winter and hitting the tennis courts once a week in the summer. One reason for the new interest is the more pleasing or acceptable picture of the sportswoman. The media exposure of outstanding young women like Chris Evert, Laura Blough and Billie Jean King, has made definite dents in the stereotyped image of a "woman jock."

Attitudes are changing, laws are changing; what of the women themselves? A major factor is that it is now acceptable for women to be strong, to take care of the body, keep it fit. "Feminine" no longer means flabby and frail. And while a woman's body cannot physiologically rival a man's in strength, it can be firmed, trained, and made into a fine-tuned instrument. Most often women involved in sports are those who are simply highly-motivated. They wish to excel in something they do well and have a lot of competition. This love carries them through the odd and often inconvenient hours of daily practice sandwiched between the men's practices. And no matter how good the school's programs,

being an athlete is not easy. "It's still hard to be one, because there are other demands and no big ego-boosting payoffs," says Timi Handelman, coxswain of Yale's women's crew. You have to be devoted to a sport to be willing to drag yourself on the subway every day to practice on the Harlem River, which is the routine for the Barnard College crew, and to take the looks of those who think you're crazy to be getting up at 5 a.m. to practice.

Camaraderie can be another appeal. It makes the winning better, the losing and training less painful. Sisterhood is alive and well in the girl's locker room. But as with any athletes, the biggest pull is not the collective team spirit, but the personal goal, the testing of one's self.

Hard work, and probably little glory await the woman athlete in college. What counts is love of an individual sport. Barbara Doran, who won a field hockey scholarship to Penn State sums it up for all women athletes when she says, "In sports, the first thrill is when you do well yourself; the second when a team functions together; the third, when you win." (from *Mademoiselle* magazine).

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## Intramurals are on for women

By Janie McGann

The women's intramural program has started up again. Last fall the program ran smoothly with football and volleyball being included in the agenda.

The president of the WAA, Kathy Bowman, is excited about the program for this semester. Plans and schedules have been worked out with the help of her assistant, Marie Carson. These schedules have been posted in the gym with times and locations included on them. Each team should check by and get all the information that pertains to them.

Intramurals are for exercise and fellowship and a time to get out of the dorm and away from books. Participation and support are essential for a successful program this spring. Dorm representatives can answer any question students may have about getting involved.

## Cheerleading is a big sport

The 1976 Elon College cheerleading squad has been hard at work at all the basketball contests for the men and have constantly shown experience and quality. Under the direction of advisers Mrs. Janie Council and the Rev. John Graves the cheerleaders have supported the teams loyally. This year's squad has made posters and other pep items to add more school spirit.

On the squad this year are: Eva Donahue, Gwen Crawford, Ann Wooten, Joni Fields, Debbie Vassilopoulos, Karon DeClark, Bunky Womble, Cathy



Rugby is emerging as a competitive sport here at Elon College.



Elon's Teddy Ireland (42) battles to keep in control of the ball in a recent game held at Elon against Appalachian State. (Photo by Joe Chandler)

## Elon wrestlers end season on winning note

By Gary Spitzer

The 1976 wrestling team has been posting more and more wins in the last few weeks. Elon now stands 9-3 and has the tournaments left on their slate for 1976. The NAIA area tournament was held on Feb. 24 and 25 at Pembroke with the winners meeting for the National tournament March 11-13 at Edinboro State in Pennsylvania. Elon won over N.C. A&T 26-20 and the match over Virginia Commonwealth last Saturday was cancelled. The

Christian wrestlers now stand 9-3 to have posted a winning season. Heavyweight Danny Bass was undefeated in 15 matches last year and has not been beaten this season. Danny won the NAIA Regional title last year.

Now that the season is over, any Elon fan seeing the wrestlers in action would have to agree that this year's squad was powerful and seemed to give it their all. This year's team is young, and that has to be a factor in determining the accomplishments of the squad.



This season's cheerleading squad has stacked up to be a big asset to the spirit at all the athletic competitions during football and basketball seasons. (Photo by Joe Chandler)

Watkins, Barry Staton, Bruce Boyd, and the two advisers Mrs. Council and Mr. Graves. Two other special people have added color and excitement in that Buddy Goble is now the "Elon

fighting Christian" and Susan Goble, Elon's mascot. Both are children of Elon's SGA treasurer Phil Goble.

### Reader's Theatre Notice

By Cathy Henley

The first meeting of the Reader's Theater was held Feb. 19 at 3:30. At the informal meeting, the group discussed their interest in acting and poetry reading. Colleen Lowe was present to help break the ice. The group will be cooperating with the English department under the guidance of Dr. Moffett and Dr. Yesulaitis.

Another meeting has been planned for 4 p.m., Feb. 26 in the conference room of Long Student Center.