

Graduation Leaves Gap In Simeon's Charging Bison Herd

As the year draws rapidly to a close and the Seniors hang up the old blue and white, so well defended, for the last time, the Pointer says, "Thanks, boys, for a job well done; the best of luck in all future activities."

Big gaps will be left in three Bison squads when David Fagg pulls up stakes and graduates. Coach Simeon had better start searching for another good end for his gridders, and Coach Hayward ought to keep his eyes open for an outfielder. And, by the way, are there any 175-pound underclassmen who think they can win a state wrestling championship?

Coach Simeon will have a mighty hard time finding another quarter-back as good as Sonny Butler, who will also leave a vacancy on the wrestling squad. Good luck in that All-American East-West game, Sonny.

Talley Wright and Eddie Smothers are both hanging their baseball uniforms beside those of a glorious football season, and Charlie "Big Luke" Lucas will hang his golf clubs next to his gridman's jersey.

The Senior class's lone representative on the tennis team, Jerry Sowers, will be placing his racket alongside his basketball gear when he packs to go.

The loss of the basketball stand-

outs, Jimmy Burgess and Harold Gill will probably lower the average height of the team two inches. You boys needn't stop growing, just because you're leaving us.

If the swimming team lost any more men, the loss would break them; and the loss of Bill "Yank" Hayward will surely be felt. Can anybody swim?

Bobby Bayne and Will Byrd who were both a help in winning the third straight wrestling championship for the Bison will each be leaving an empty locker on the grappling team.

With Ray Harris leaving, another co-captain will be needed to steer the Bison in another victorious football year, this time all

the way to the Western Conference State championship, instead of just to second place, we hope.

Some other gridders who will be packing their duffle and leaving empty lockers are Eddie and Vernon Martin, Bill Chniel, Jim Bean, and Dean White. Dean is also putting away wrestling.

Tommy Lewis will leave a space for the '55 cagers to try to fill, and Loy Kennedy is cleaning out lockers for both track and wrestling.

Coach Hayward will be hunting for a pitcher, shortstop, and right fielder for his new squad when Doug McCall, Tommy Hayworth, and Joe Dean hang up their gloves at the end of this season.

Duane (Bobo) Best, Ray Montgomery, and Wallace Stamey will leave several gaps on the track and field squad also.

Although he was not a Senior, the loss of Buddy Boyd, who moved at mid-year to Alabama, will leave, along with the missing Seniors, a big deficit in the back-field of the grid squad and a hole in the '55 basketball quintet.

All in all, the Bison have done an excellent job this year, taking their third straight wrestling championship and tying for the state swimming title. They have also made a marvelous comeback from bottom to next to the top in football. It's a good job, boys.

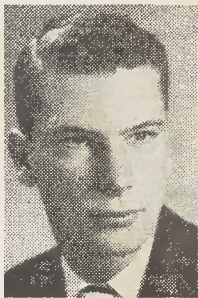
Jerry Sowers Plays Tennis, Basketball

Jerry Sowers is an all around guy. Since he has been quite active around school, you have doubtlessly become acquainted with him.

In his sports activities, Jerry has played tennis for three years, going undefeated his first year, losing one his second year, and this year having an 8-3 won-lost record. He was also on the Varsity basketball team at forward position; and during his Soph. year he played on the Junior Varsity basketball and football teams.

In school activities other than sports, Jerry is in the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Masque and Gavel, Who's Who, Monogram Club, Allied Youth. He was Junior Rotarian in December and in his Junior year, because of his high grades, served as a commencement marshal. He also works in the cafeteria as a cashier.

Jerry reports that he plans to attend the University of North Carolina next year to study business administration.



Bison Golfers Play In Tourney Today

The High Point High School golf team will be participating today in the North Carolina State Golf Tournament being held at Chapel Hill.

Teams from all parts of the state are trying (the tournament started yesterday) for the championship that is now held by Myers Park High School of Charlotte. Those from the western part of the state playing are R. J. Reynolds, Greensboro, Salisbury, Ashboro, Burlington, Tri-City, Charlotte Central, and Gray High School. There are also eastern teams participating.

Four boys from High Point were to go to the tournament; but since tryouts have taken place after press time their names are not included. Boys trying out were Coker McCain, George Setzer, Joe Teague, Bill Bulla, John Gansman, Thomas Sullivan, David Stanton, Jimmy Boyd, Sanders Dallas, John McGahey, and Charles Lucas.

The tournament will close the high school golf season, leaving High Point with a 7-4 won-lost record.

Annual Sports Awards To Be Presented Friday

Friday, May 21, is the date set for the presentation of awards to those who have proved themselves outstanding in the field of sports. The speaker for the assembly will be Dr. Kenneth Goodson.

One of the outstanding trophies to be given is the Sports Service Award which is given by the coaching staff to the student who has rendered the most helpful and outstanding service to the athletic association and team of High Point High School.

The winner of this award does not necessarily have to be an active participant in athletics.

The Douglas Reid-Herbert Hodgkin Memorial Award is presented to the athlete who most nearly exemplifies the American ideals of sportsmanship, Christian character, team spirit, and individual sacrifice.

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