

LION CAGERS BEGIN SPRING PRACTICE

by Scotty Miller

On Wednesday, April 7, Coach Lytton led the basketball team back out on the courts to begin spring drills. It was a short break for the athletes, whose season ended a few short weeks before spring break.

Spring practice is usually a time of enjoyment for the ball-players. The team, if past years are any indication, spends most of the time in half and full court scrimmaging. Transfers and recruits come in to be looked

at by the coaching staff. Weight lifting and a little bit of running are mixed in to keep the players from getting out of shape. Ball handling drills are techniques greatly emphasized by Coach Lytton, and he spends a good bit of time teaching these to the team.

Many coaches and teams look to spring practice as being a necessary evil, but this is not so for Lytton and the Lions. It is a time when many fundamentals are taught individually to the players, and weaknesses are worked

on. Plays and strategies are usually introduced for the athletes to think about over the summer. After spring practice, the coaching staff gives each player some idea of what is expected of him next year and what he needs to work on. The person who thinks that basketball season starts in November and ends in February could not be more wrong. It is a year round job for any dedicated person, but one which brings enjoyment and satisfaction to each participant.



Tom Fisher gets away a good punt in the first quarter just before the rain begins photo: Campbell

alumni game

Still smarting from a 22-6 defeat in last year's annual Varsity vs. Alumni game, Coach Claude Gibson's '76 varsity played inspired football in the spring contest March 20, in Meares Stadium, blasting out a 35-0 victory.

From the opening moments of the play it was apparent that the varsity players had been chafin all year under the stigma of having been beaten in the first annual match-up and were determined to redeem themselves. The offense scored four touch-downs in the first 16 minutes; and the defense thwarted the best efforts of the alumni offense, which featured Danny Robinson '75 at quar-

terback and running backs Jeff Davis '74, Tim McDonald '76, Jerome Durham '76 and Randal Phillips '72.

Heavy rain, which set in at the end of the first quarter, slowed both teams and sent the sparse crowd scurrying for cover.

The alumni team was composed of a dozen or so current students who played on the '75 varsity but have now completed their eligibility plus two dozen other former varsity players who played at Mars Hill prior to the 1975 season. Most of this latter group have only been out of school two or three years, but a few are from a much earlier era. In fact, two of them---Bill Clegg

'57 and David Rutherford '60---received "Most Courageous" awards after the game for their participation against much younger performers.

The alumni squad was coached by Danny Shook '68 of Canton, whose Pisgah High School Bears won the 1975 North Carolina 3-A high school championship. Dennis Stoakes '73 served as an assistant coach.

Davis, the former Lion triple threat who played in the World Football League, tallied 122 yards of offense for the alumni squad and was cited afterward as the "Most Valuable Player." Sharing offensive honors with him was wide receiver Ronnie Capps '76, who snagged five passes for 126 yard. Durable Lane Parson '73 was voted the "Out-

standing Lineman" for the alumni.

Tremendous interest in the game, which marked the close of spring practice, had been generated within the student body as well as among the varsity players. President Bentley, who competed for the alumni last year but watched from the stands this time, commented that the air of the campus before the game was "like a big fraternity party."

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the swimmers are just waiting to be used. Or will Harrell Pool just become a barren waste and all the swimmers dry up???

Sincerely and Urgently,

Tina Pippin

Dear Editor,

Presently, I am a sophomore at Mars Hill College. Since I have been here, there have been improvements made which have been useful. I am writing to express my gratitude for these improvements.

First of all, the new steps that were built near Myers Dorm in the summer, of 1975 have been an enormous help when it rains. I remember well the times that I slid from top to bottom being covered with mud. Those dry cleaning bills got to be expensive after a while. Secondly, that messy construction in front of Moore Auditorium which seemed to be everlasting, resulted in a wider highway and new sidewalks. Parking spaces have recently been added which aides in parking for commuters. Thirdly, new smoke detectors have been added in the dorm I live in for the prevention of fires.

Also, new evergreen trees and shrubs have added beauty to the town of Mars Hill. It almost slipped my

mind. There has been a new entrance to MHC This aids by allowing the students to leave Mars Hill very quickly to hit interstate and head for home. I feel that the majority of students do not realize the importance of the things I have mentioned. That is why I am writing to you. I would like everyone to become more aware.

Yours truly,
Greg Cannon

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is. The main thrust of his speech was that people should become involved in, interested, and concerned about their role in the government.

Reagan praised the returning veterans of the Vietnam war as examples of the strength of the American people. In closing, he remarked that people could change their government and should be a part of it.

All in all, Reagan said a lot to the apathetic, uninterested people and the whole evening was well-received by the gathered Republicans.

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total offered to B.A. candidates and 15% of the number offered to master's degree candidates.

The bad job news for college seniors this year is only the latest chapter in a continuing bleak economic story. By the end of this academic year about 1.3 million people will receive bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, according to Harvard Economist Richard Freeman. This is nearly double the number of degrees doled out ten years ago.

Yet during the same time, says Freeman, the number of professional, technical and managerial jobs in the U. S. has grown by barely more than a third.

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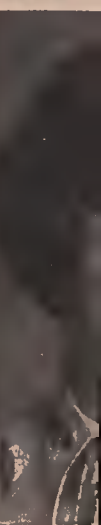
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