

Press Box

School Needs Intramural Sports

By JIMMY PRICE

Rumors have been circulating around the campus during this past summer that the University will be adding new sports to the athletic program this year. Some have said that in order for us to remain in the conference, we will have to add a new sport each year.

(This statement has proved erroneous, however, for in the rulebook there is no mention of such a requirement. Even if there is such a requirement, there still remains the problem of how long we will remain in the Dixie Conference as we continue to grow in enrollment.)

We feel that we should not shy away from advancing programs but that an athletic program can only thrive in an institution with facilities and developed physical education programs for all students. Intramural programs may be the answer to developing athletics, and an intramural program would benefit all students rather than the talented few. At present there are two reasons why adding new sports would not be advisable:

- (1) The program has to be financed by fees from the athletic budget;
- (2) The available facilities for such a program are very limited.

It would, therefore, be wiser to continue with, and improve, the sports that we already have.

Looking back into the history of the college, the institution at one time had football, baseball, basketball and some of the minor sports in the intramural athletic program. The students chose, because of a lack of interest in losing teams, to eliminate baseball and football and place a greater emphasis on basketball. The reason was that it was felt that a winner could be produced in basketball while the other sports were not as apt to turn out that way. And winners are necessary to produce the interest required. Since it is necessary to support the sport on its own receipts, this interest becomes a requirement.

On the other hand, if an intramural program were developed and a sound physical education department were instituted, new sports would follow shortly.

Our school cannot afford to wait many years before we have these new programs offered because of the great number of students who will be graduating without their benefits. As the school grows in enrollment, administration, and faculty, certainly we should grow also in extracurricular activities that are so much a part of college life.

Just because the legislators in Raleigh did not appropriate enough money to construct the facilities we hoped for, we cannot give up. This university has come a long way, and things have been done that people said couldn't be done. So may it be with the physical education and sports programs. Let us as students show ever increasing support of the sports that we already have, and also show definite interest in new programs to be developed.

1965-66 BB Schedule Starts With Tourney

This year's 49er basketball schedule begins with a bang in sunny St. Petersburg, Fla., on November 25. The 49ers will compete with Florida Presbyterian College, Harding College, and one other for the Suncoast Classic Tournament trophy they won two years ago and barely lost last year.

In December, the 49ers, still in the Dixie Conference, will again compete with Belmont Abbey, Guilford, St. Andrews, College of Charleston, N.C. Wesleyan, Asheville-Biltmore, and Lynchburg in regular season conference play.

Lynchburg won the Dixie Tournament last year by beating Charlotte after the 49ers had already beaten them in regular season play.

UNC-C will have two new foes this season — Augusta College of Augusta, Ga., and Washington & Lee.

NOVEMBER
Thurs., 25, Fri., 26, Sat., 27 — Suncoast Classic Tournament, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Florida Presbyterian College, Harding College; (Arkansas), one to be named.

DECEMBER
Wed., 1 — Belmont Abbey (here)
Sat., 4 — At Guilford
Tues., 7 — At Augusta College, (Ga.)
Fri., 10 — At St. Andrews
Sat., 11 — At Charleston
Tues., 14 — At Asheville-Biltmore
Thurs., 16 — Methodist (here)
Sat., 18 — Washington & Lee (here)

JANUARY
Wed., 5 — At Methodist
Sat., 8 — At Washington & Lee
Tues., 11 — Florida Pres. (here)
Sat., 15 — Lynchburg (here)
Sat., 22 — At N.C. Wesleyan
Tues., 25 — At Belmont Abbey
Sat., 29 — Augusta College (here)

FEBRUARY
Thurs., 3 — Charleston (here)
Sat., 5 — At Lynchburg
Mon., 7 — St. Andrews (here)
Wed., 9 — Asheville-Biltmore (here)
Sat., 11 — N. C. Wesleyan (here)
Thurs., 17, Fri., 18, Sat., 19 — Dixie Conference Tournament, Lynchburg, Va.



Forty-Niners In Action Last Year. More Of The Same For 1965-66

Murphy Will Coach BB

With the coming of fall semester and many new faces, there will be one that will stand-out from the rest. Mr. Barber F. Murphy of Champaign, Ill., will join the faculty as Director of the Physical Education Department, and will be coaching basketball and other sports this year. The administration is "de-

lighted with him and believes that he is qualified to direct the physical education program and help in planning the future for an expanded athletic program here at the University."

Mr. Murphy is now finishing his Ph. D. in physical education at the University of Illinois. He did his undergraduate work at Troy State College in Alabama and at the Teachers College of Columbia University.

He has been assistant football coach, and head basketball and football coach in high schools. He has been recreational director for the Enterprise (Alabama Recreation Board) and has been employed as director of recreation at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.

He also served there as a professor and assistant basketball and baseball coach for four years and has been in charge of the summer fitness program as a research assistant at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Murphy said his objectives after obtaining his doctorate are to teach physical and health education and will help in the planning of physical education facilities.

UNC-C is the only institution of the Consolidated University that is without an advanced program of physical education, but the administration believes that Mr. Murphy can help develop a first-rate program as soon as possible.

Mr. Murphy wants to begin shortly on softball and tennis teams for girls as well as boys. He is anxious for an intramural program to start this year that would enhance school spirit and would develop athletes to be used on the intercollegiate teams.

New Coach Must Rebuild BB Team

When the '49ers new basketball coach takes over the team in mid-October, he will be faced with the problem of rebuilding a team that saw three of last year's starters graduate.

The only returning starters will be Tommy Gilliam, a 6' 5" forward, and Wally McGinty, a 6' 4" forward. Gilliam was voted Rookie of the Year in the Dixie Conference and averaged 15 points per game last season. He also led the team in rebounding, finishing second in the Conference in the department. McGinty averaged 12 points a game for the 49ers and proved to be a capable rebounder.

This year's 49ers will be the tallest in UNC-C history. Bobby Lemmonds, 6' 7", and Joe Sabatini, 6' 7", will give the 49ers a front court that will compare with anybody in height. Both Lemmonds and Sabatini saw considerable action last year and will definitely be of help again this season.

Also returning from last year's team will be Gene Henderson, 6' 0", Hank Rivers, 6' 2", and Robbie Snipes, 6' 2". Henderson, a 49er veteran of three seasons, will serve as co-captain this season. Ribers and Snipes were freshmen last year and will be returning for their second year of varsity competition.

To make an accurate forecast on the fate of the 49ers this season would be almost an impossibility at the present. The three men that the team lost to graduation accounted for nearly 40 points per game. They will definitely be difficult to replace.

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