

## CAGERS OPEN SEASON WITH WIN

By Skip West

Gardner-Webb opened the basketball season with a win over the Erskine JV team 67-53, Nov. 28. The Bulldogs dropped the next three encounters to Furman freshmen, Groves Thread, and Mars Hill.

The Bulldogs came from behind in the second half to beat Erskine. The team was sparked by Jerry Beane, who scored 22 points. He also led the team in rebounding with 14.

The GW lads suffered their first defeat at the hands of a tough Furman team 87-53, Dec. 1.

Groves Thread of Gastonia edged GW 80-73 in the final minutes of a play Dec. 3. Lloyd Wall sparked the cause as he ripped the rebounds for 27 points. He also led in rebounds.

In the first conference game, GW was stopped by Mars Hill 77-62, Dec. 8. Tim Cates was high scorer for Jerry Beane and Paul Brooks. The Bulldogs were held to 13 points. Jerry Beane and Paul Brooks sustained injuries in the third quarter, sidelining them for most of the last half.

## Annual Football Banquet Honors Team

By Skip West

Three Gardner-Webb football players were honored at the annual banquet Nov. 17 in the College cafeteria.

Coley Brannock, co-captain and defensive stand-out, and Kenneth Sanford, hard-running freshman back from Hartwell, Ga. were named "most valuable players" of the team. Coach Harris said that it was the first time in his coaching experience that two players had led for the honor. Each received 18 votes from fellow football players.

Jerry Walker, sticky-fingered end from Lenoir, received the "best sportsmanship" trophy. The team also chose the "most talented" this award. Walker was the leading pass receiver of the team. He is also an honor student, a member of the Marshal Club, and president of the student body.

Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice, former teammate of GW Coach Norman Harris, was the principal speaker. Justice was All-American at the University of North Carolina and played pro-ball for the Washington Redskins.

The banquet was the scene of a reunion for Coach Harris and Justice, teammates on the famous Lee Edwards High School teams of '41 and '42. Their team was undefeated in these years and in '42 scored a point a minute, yielding only six points to their opponents.

Justice covered his many football experiences with UNC and the Washington Redskins. He also discussed his brief coaching experiences.

Thirty-nine awards were presented to players and managers at the banquet. Major awards were presented to Walt Sliard, Ed Godshall, Arthur Crocker, Coley Brannock, Woody Collins, Edgie Cox, Bob Lohr, Sam Craver, Eugene Eramlett, Marshall Long, Calvin White, Ronald Wright, Larry Hyder, Jerry Walker, Smith Nelson, Lionel Brooks, Paul Brooks, Bill Smarr, Lloyd Porter, Larry Hunsucker, Kenneth Sanford, and Roy Crisp.

Minor awards were presented to Jack Gregory, Fred Bonnie, Glenn Myers, Don Horn, Gene Allen, Bill Pruitt, Don Loftis, Bernard Harvey, Cyrus Wells, Bill Suggs, Jerry Greene, John Siskather, Dale Duncan, Billy Lewis, Ezra Mann, Richard Padgham, Don Lowe, Larry Hoskins, and Jim Greene.

Members of the Bulldog Club (individuals and businesses that support the athletic program at the College), faculty members, cheerleaders, and publicity personnel enjoyed a fine steak dinner.

A film of GW's 25-14 triumph over Chowan, the opening game of the season, was screened to climax the program.

## Tennis Team Begins Practice

By Skip West

The fall practice of the GW tennis team officially began Nov. 23. Prof. Allen Burris is coaching the team. He called an unofficial meeting for prospective players Nov. 14. Eighteen individuals were present.

Prof. Burris said that he was very pleased with the turnout, since this is the first time in recent years that GW has had a team. He also said that tennis is an individual sport and that the team will be chosen from those with the best competitive spirit and ability.

The team will practice on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m., at which time the courts will be closed to the public. Anyone who is still interested in playing on the team is welcome to attend one of the practices.

## GRIDDERS LOSE LAST THREE

By Skip West

Gardner-Webb griddeers dropped their last three games of the season to Les McRae, Wingate, and Furman freshmen to end the season with a 3-4-2 record, the worst in many a year for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs dropped their homecoming game to LM 7-0, Oct. 28. The Bobcats scored their only TD when Mickey Deel caught a 34-yard pass from Terry Postell.

Wingate upset the GW griddeers 13-0 to hand them their worst defeat of the season, Nov. 8. The

Wingate eleven was fired up as they stopped GW to earn their first victory of the season. This was the second meeting of the two teams; GW won the first encounter 20-6.

The Furman freshmen ripped through the GW line for three TDs as they handed GW their third consecutive loss 20-6, Nov. 10. Bill Smarr's punting was outstanding as he kicked six times for an average of 43 yards. Lionel Brooks scored the only GW touchdown when he caught a 30-yard pass from Paul Brooks.

## Coley Brannock Named To All-America Football Squad

Coley Brannock was recently named to the National Junior College All-America All-Star football squad for 1960. His selection automatically placed his name on the eligible list to play in the JUNC ALL-AMERICA ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME played in Albuquerque, N. M., on Dec. 10.

Brannock was unanimously named to the WCJC all-conference squad. Coach Harris deems Brannock one of the best defensive line-backers he has seen in his twelve year of coaching.

He was named "player of the week" for his performance in the first Maz Hill encounter. He played guard on offense and opened large holes in the line for Kenneth Sanford, Lionel Brooks, and Roy Crisp to scamper through.

Brannock was co-captain of the team and the defensive quarterback. His calling the right signals and being in on most of the tackles often made the difference between a win and a loss.

## Intramural Sports Program Begins

Intramural sports for men and women began recently. The girls' volleyball tournament was staged in November, with "second floor east" of Stoupe Doren emerging victors. Seven teams were involved in the tournament: first floor, second floor east, second floor west, third floor east, third floor west, west wing, and day students.

Janet Keller, captain for second east, led her team to victory. Her team went undefeated in the six games that were played.

Mrs. Patricia Miller, director of the intramural program will continue with basketball for the winter season, with softball planned for the spring.

Men's intramurals began Dec. 1. Decker Hall fielded five teams (first east, first west, second east, second west, and the basement) and HAPY three (east wing and first and second floors). The day students also competed for the intramural basketball championship.

Coach Harris indicated that intramural sports in volleyball and softball will be played.

## THE BULLDOG'S GROWL

By Barton "Skip" West



A NEW SEASON: Basketball has replaced football in the sports world. That's true for GW sports fans too. Home basketball games will be played on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights. Many a thrill is in store for basketball fans.

SEASON PROSPECTS: As we go to press, the Bulldogs have won one and lost three. But the prospects for the season are good, nonetheless. Coach Blackburn has five returning lettermen, two of whom were all-conference last season. Last year's team lost only two players from the starting five. Blackburn has indicated that he has found some pretty good replacements for those losses. Although he usually doesn't like to go out on a limb with a comment about the season, Blackburn thinks the season holds "great promise." Indeed, the prospects are good for a championship.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: The five returning lettermen are Jerry Beane, Lloyd Wall, Ernie Wall, Jerry Walker, and Paul Brooks. Beane and Lloyd Wall were all-conference selections last season. Beane was the leading scorer with 419 points, averaging 19 points per game. He hit 42% of his field-goal attempts. He also led the team in rebounding with 246. Wall was second on the team in scoring, averaging 16 points a game. Bro the Ernie Wall led the team in assists last season with 79. He missed the first several games because of an ankle injury but should be back in shape soon for the rest of the season.

NEWCOMERS: Fourteen freshmen are out for the Bulldog cause. Of these, Tim Cates, six five center, seems to be the most promising. He has already earned himself a berth on the starting five. Others who are out are Lionel Brooks, Larry Hunsucker, Hubert Thrower, Roger King, Pay McSwain, Ray Stanley, Ed Goshall, Dale Duncan, and Steve Davis.

OTHER CONFERENCE TEAMS: GW will be playing 14 conference games this season. Of these teams Les McRae appears to be the team to beat. The Bobcats will have eight returning lettermen from a team that tied the Bulldogs for fourth position last season. Mickey Deel, Albeille Cornall, and all-conference Joe Francis will be back.

Brevard will also be in the running for the conference crown. Bill Barber, second leading conference scorer last year, will be returning, along with lettermen Glover Coggins and Paul Eller.

North Greenville, always a tough contender, will have a top freshman team, backed up by Ricky Duncan, all-conference.

Wingate, defending champs, lost four players from that team. Bob Frank, leading scorer, was among those graduating.

Mars Hill is said to have a better team than the one that finished at the bottom of the heap last year. Spartanburg JC and Asheville-Biltmore are expecting good seasons. AB will have returning all-conference Phil McKinney to add punch to their attack.

BLACKBURN'S SCROLL: Coach Bob Blackburn joined the GW coaching staff in 1958. In that year his record stood at 9-11. However, in 1959 the worm turned and GW finished with a 12-9 record. The championship is the goal this year.



Jerry Walker, Ken Sanford, and Coley Brannock, honored at the annual football banquet, pose with All-American Charlie Justice, speaker for the occasion. Jerry was voted "best sportsman," Coley and Ken were voted "most valuable players." Ironically enough, these three were also named to the all-conference squad. Calvin White received honorable mention.

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