

## Fans Looking Forward To Senior Program

It would take an area football fan with little curiosity to miss the Gardner-Webb College football games this fall. For years fans have discussed the prospects of senior college football from the area and in 1969 they will get their first look at Cleveland County's own representative in this sport. Fast games have been with freshman units and junior college teams. Scheduling has been difficult, travel long and football continued because of the loyalty of fans, coaches, Bulldog Club members and a feeling on the part of the college administration that it had a vital place in the educational set-up.

Although the nation's top junior college team, Ferrum at Virginia and Southwestern Independent, Gordon Military, remain on the schedule there is every reason to believe that those units can test the Bulldogs. Contracts with Chowan Junior College and Newport News Apprentice School must be played out in 1969.

Gardner-Webb players, after spring practice games, felt that generally Ferrum was the equal of the senior college foes faced by Gordon each year. Senior colleges and with some good results as they use players loaned for Georgia Tech and Miami.

Except for being "tired up" against their old and now bigger foe, Chowan and Newport News are not expected to trouble the Bulldogs.

## Baseball Footnotes

Unknown to many Gardner-Webb students, the baseball team for this past season was a very impressive organization. The team, with strong hitting and superb pitching, fought their way to the Western Carolinas Conference crown, Eastern Regional title, and to sixth place in the nation in national tournament action at Grand Junction, Colorado.

Pacing this team was a first team Junior College All American, an Honorable Mention to All American status, and one player named to the All-National Junior College Tournament team.

Respectively these team leaders were Joe Brown, Roger McSwain, and Gary Wiley. Joe Brown, a native of Salisbury and now living with his wife, Laura in Shelby, is the college's first baseball player to make the first team All American.

Roger McSwain, a local lad from nearby Swainsville, was a very prominent punch in the batting lineup and also a very sure-gloved fielder.

Gary Wiley, who hails from Charlotte, played high school ball for East Mecklenburg, Wiley's selection for tournament play came on the basis of his four for eight at the plate, collecting three singles, a double, and four R.B.I.'s.



'69 FOOTBALL SQUAD (From L. to R.) 1st Row: David Hart, Alton White, Terry Purvis, Bill Howell, Ronald Belue, Skipper Queen, Sterling Hall, David Gibbons, 2nd Row: Gary Blackwell, Ray Hamon, Gary Gist, Dicky Sherrill, Hardin Davis, Timothy Frazier, Jerry Caldwell, Ryan Hendley, Ray Miller, 3rd Row:

Billy Scott, Sid Bryson, Gary Phillips, George Spencer, Bert Smith, Charlie Roberts, Steve Phillips, Stanley Napier, Duke Burnett, 4th Row: Miles Aldridge, Jim Seacord, Larry Sechrist, Lucky Cochran, Meredith Scroggs, Ed Lawrence, John Wright, Charles Teague, and James Washburn.



Getting Ready



## Pups Pep Dogs

Cheerleaders prepare to pep bulldogs to victory this year with Sandra Howell back at the chief position and Susan Arrington at co-chief and Toucha Chandler as the bulldog. Assisting the cheerleaders at all home games will be the newly selected majorettes. Twirling their way onto the football field in "shocking" uniforms will be Diane James, Carolyn Landrum, Juanita Carpenter, and Neal Ann Webb.

Competing for cheerleaders were sixteen G-W female students and of those sixteen only nine were chosen. A group consisting of several faculty and students were given the privilege of selecting the girls who will cheer G-W's bulldogs on to victory in the football season and the fast approaching baseball season.

The new advisor of the Pop Club is an addition to G. W. faculty this year, Mrs. Dan Proctor. Included in the Pop Club are all students interested in aiding the cheerleaders to urge G. W.'s teams to do their BEST.

Not to be forgotten is G. W.'s ever loyal Pep Band. They will prove to be one of G. W.'s greatest assets at all athletic activities.



Cheerleaders for '69-70 are (left to right) (back row) Linda Klutz - Gastonia; Gail Waznicky - Richmond, Va.; Sandra Howell (Chief) - Greer, S. C.; Branda Albee - Hendersonville; Amy Freeman - Charlotte; Vicky Jackson - Charlotte; Ella

## GW Ready For Four Year Play?

September 6, 1969 saw Gardner-Webb's football team travel to Appalachian State University to scrimmage their varsity team. The scrimmages lasted only two hours and thirty-five minutes.

Both squads hit hard and several times tempers flared. Gardner-Webb looked strong against the older school. The passing attack was not as strong as expected, but the ground game made up the slack.

Gibbons and Spencer combined several times for long gains in the air, and Gibbons and Howell showed their desire and ability by time after time plugging through holes made by the offensive line of the Webbs.

Hardin Davis was the defensive standout at left tackle and Jim Seacord at linebacker. The question: can the Bulldogs survive the test of four year competition?

The answer: time will tell.

## Go Bulldogs Beat Newberry Pigskin Preview Success

The Pigskin Preview held at Gardner-Webb recently was classified as a success. Sponsored by the Bulldog Club, the Preview's proceeds will provide scholarships for worthy Gardner-Webb athletes.

The night was filled with action as seven local high schools battled for twenty minutes each in separate intrasquad games. To top off the night's turmoil, the Bulldogs from Gardner-Webb displayed their speed, agility, and determination as the offense and defense squared off. From the looks of things that night, the team for this year will provide more than enough competition for any and all of their scheduled opponents.

Harrison - Greenville, S. C.; (front row) Toucha Chandler (the Bulldog) - Greenwood, S. C.; Susan Arrington (Co-Chief) - Charlotte; and Nancy Simpson - Salisbury.