

## Bulldogs Schedule Tough Opponents

The SAC-8 conference gets stronger every year! This is evidenced by the fact that our dogs, with about 16 starters returning and several promising returnees and newcomers were picked in pre-season polls to finish 5th or 6th. Elon, Presbyterian and Lenoir-Rhyne were picked to come out on top this year.

Concerning the schedule, Coach Billy Kinard said, "We're playing the games one at a time. You can't jump ahead—you can't look ahead. You've got to take it one step at a time—whether it be life, football or whatever." He praised the good attitude of the players and stressed the importance of teamwork. He pointed out that when a group of football players is functioning as a team and one gets hurt, someone will be there to "pick up the slack."

Coach Kinard and his staff will be installing the I formation, along with the veer, as the basic offense this year. One of the biggest holes to fill will be the running back slot vacated by all-American Johnny Walker. Senior Obbie Todd, famous for his "post-touchdown flips," and promising sophomore Robbie Barnes provide a good nucleus in the backfield to build on.

Also returning is quarterback, Dennis Stillely, a senior, who performed well last year before missing the last four games due to an injury. Matt Ballard, a junior, also saw action last year at quarterback. A key need this year is a fullback who can run and block, both essential qualities in the I formation. Leading candidates for this spot are Lee Robertson, a transfer from Lees-McRae, Duke McIntyre, and Ken Bennett. Wide receivers G.T. Johnson and Marc Walker return, as does tight end Marvin Oliver from Rome, Ga., who caught seven passes last year in addition to doing some good blocking up front.

The offensive line is anchored by two-time all SAC-8 performers Jeff Carter at guard and Mark Classen at tackle. Other key performers are expected to be Bob Hopkins at guard, and Steve Crane at center—both juniors.

Defensively, Coach Kinard feels a key need is to find replacements for departed stellar performers, Dennis Thurman and Frank Smith. Leading hopefuls are Gene Walden, 225 senior and Freshman David Boyd, 235 from York, S.C. Defensive ends are expected to come from the threesome of senior Dave Guthrie, senior Roy Kirby and sophomore A.L. Keitt. Junior Noel Wiseman, a terrific tackler and starter from last year, returns at noseguard. The dogs will be strong as linebackers with starters Mike Briggs and David Howard returning. Considerable experience returns to the defensive backfield in the likes of cornerbacks Chris Johnson and Don Montgomery along with safety Alvin Lee.

Mike Briggs and newcomers Tim Davis are expected to handle the kicking game this year.

Coach Kinard's philosophy is one which stresses the importance of a good student body attitude toward the football team. He also wants the football team to be an integral part of the student body and recognized as "students at GWC" as opposed to football players and athletes. We like it this way, too. Let's all get behind the team this year with our presence at the games and cheer them on to a successful season!

The complete GW schedule is as follows:

	September	
13	Newberry	7:30 Away
23	Mars Hill	7:30 Home
30	Liberty	7:30 Home
October		
7	Lenoir-Rhyne	7:30 Away
14	Catawba	2:00 Home
21	Carson-Newman	7:30 Away
28	Elon (Homecoming)	7:30 Home
November		
4	Presbyterian	8:00 Away
11	Hampton Institute	2:00 Home
18	Wofford	7:30 Away

## Netters To Face Demanding Fall Season

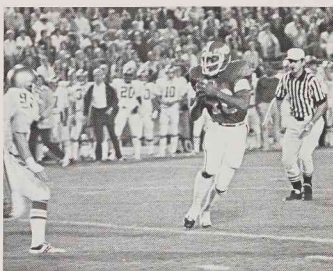
Dr. Jim Taylor, tennis coach, has arranged a fall practice schedule which promises to be very tough for this year's squad. After having an excellent season last spring, Taylor decided the way to best be ready for the next spring was to play the best competition possible in the fall.

The first participation of our tennis team was in Shelby Charity Tournament. The Bulldog Netters had one of the finest showings ever. Gardner-Webb's own four-college tournament was held Saturday, September 16, with UNCC, Limestone, Pfeiffer, and G-W participating and Limestone winning. Gardner-Webb also faced South Carolina power, Lander, on Saturday, September 23.

As the Gardner-Webb fall tennis season gets into full swing, the players look ahead with excitement and anticipation of an excellent year. Those fortunate fans, who take the opportunity to come out and watch the Bulldog Netters this fall, should not be disappointed in what they see.

## Volleyball at G-W

This year Gardner-Webb is adding to its list of inter-collegiate sports, girls volleyball, which will be coached by Phyllis Littlefield, who is also the girls' basketball coach. Coach Littlefield says the team should do well this year. The biggest trouble is in getting six girls who have never played together as a unit. The girls did not have long to practice before their first game, which was an away game against Limestone on September 20. The season's most promising player is Freshman Mary Cudd, a former high school All-American volleyball player.



During G-W's 7 to 3 loss to Mars Hill, a Mars Hill player is in pursuit of G-W's Robbie Barnes no. 40.

## '78 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

October 4 A & T, Greensboro at Greensboro	October 23, 6:30 p.m. A & T, Queens at Gardner-Webb
October 10 Greensboro, Queens at Queens	October 24 Bennett, Wingate at Wingate
October 13, 6:00 p.m. Wingate, Lenoir Rhyne at Gardner-Webb	October 26, 7:30 p.m. UNC-Asheville at Gardner-Webb
October 17, 7:30 p.m. UNC-Charlotte at UNC-Charlotte	

## INTRAMURAL WINNERS

### TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Women's Doubles	Bolt and Ledford
Women's Singles	Fless
Men's Doubles	Burch and Briggs
Men's Singles	Burch

### PUTT-PUTT CHAMPIONS

Jim Jordan and Jill Gardner

### FLAG FOOTBALL RESULTS

Nanney 18, Happy 0; 1st Lutz-Yelton 13, Mauney 0; Orange Crush 18, 3rd Lutz-Yelton 12; Royster 25, 2nd Lutz-Yelton 0; Maulers 30, Royster 19; Stroup forfeited to Nanney.

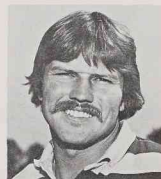
## G-W Welcomes New Coaches



JIM WILES



TOMMY GAITHER



KEITH RODEN



MIKE WHITLEY



DANNY DALTON

The G-W Men's basketball team is now under the leadership of Jim Wiles, head coach, and Tommy Gaither, assistant coach. Coach Wiles comes from Anderson Junior College in South Carolina where he has led his teams to a ten year record of 248-65. Coach Wiles has also led his Anderson teams in the National Junior College Tournament three out of the last four years. His teams have also won eight consecutive Western Carolina Junior College Conference Championships and the Region X title four out of the past five years.

Assistant coach Gaither comes to G-W from Lower Richland High in S.C. and a few years ago served as assistant coach at Clemson University.

The new football coaches are Keith Roden, Mike Whitley, and Danny Dalton. Roden coached at the Citadel as a graduate assistant during the 1975-76 season and was named full time assistant in 1977. Roden is currently coaching the offensive line for the Bulldogs. Mike Whitley was former head live line for the Bulldogs at Andrews High, in S.C. from 1974-77. Whitley is currently coaching the defensive line and linebackers for the Bulldogs. Danny Dalton, former Carson-Newman pass receiver and quarterback coach, is currently coaching the offensive backfield and receivers for the Bulldogs.

The Pilot staff would like to welcome these fine coaches to G-W and wish them and the players the best of luck this season.