



Lady Bulldogs Seek High Goals

by Tommy Watts

"If we play together and stay together there is no reason why we cannot win," said Coach Littlefield, the girls' basketball coach.

The Lady Bulldogs had the best season in three years last year. This year does not look as hopeful because of only one returning starter. However, Coach Littlefield informed *The Pilot* that even though the team has more freshmen with little experience, the team is expected to perform well after all.

There will be many new colleges added to the Bulldog schedule this season, one of which is Davidson Community College. Consequently, "Despite all of this, I think we will have a winning season," replied the girls' basketball coach. Coach Littlefield believes Davidson will be tough and hopes so as this will give the team something to work at or strive to achieve something.

In response to *The Pilot's* question about goals, Ms. Littlefield replied, "My main goal this season is to win the state playoff." The team came awfully close last year, they were runners up. The main strategy for the

team is to strive to achieve a goal of winning the state playoffs. The team plans to use a man-to-man defense, a full court press, and to go "no-zone" against their opponents. "If we run them we can beat them," replied Coach Littlefield. So, in essence, the main objective is to run the opponents, run the plays, and hope to win the state title.

Last season the Lady Dogs lost four double figure scoring players: Pam Helton, Greta Setzer, Linda Cody, and Brenda Greer. *The Pilot* asked Coach Littlefield if this would hurt the team. She informed us that it will hurt the team a little, but not as much as the inexperience of the team as a whole. The most definite weakness is lack of outside shooters and lack of speed.

Despite the loss of these players, the team has been revived by four new players. These players are Joyce Hill, Delana Gray, Melinda Campbell, and Meredith Ledford. Susan Bolt is the only returning starter.

"So, as a whole, I think they will be a good bunch of girls, probably one of the best groups I have had in a long time," replied Coach Littlefield.



Football Seniors

Picture are:

27 Jake Underwood	62 Jody Douglass
15 Elvin Webber	25 Obbie Todd
60 Geno Walden	68 Mark Classen
42 Don Montgomery	88 Martin Oliver
52 Mike Briggs	21 G.T. Johnson
57 Chuck Burch	20 Alvin Lee
73 Jeff Carter	14 Marc Walker
	12 Dennis Stitley

Dogs End Season on Winning Note

The '78 GW Football team ending the season on a winning note as they dropped Wofford 31-24. The Dogs finished with a record of 4 wins, 5 defeats and 1 tie, as they won 4 of their last 5 games.

Although this season had its disappointments, the future is bright, the young players along with the coaching staff gained valuable experience. There is a group which will not be back next year and that is the seniors. This group has done a lot through their effort and determination. Many of these players suffered injuries in their years on the team.

To each of these *The Pilot* would like to say thank you for a job well done!

Ladies' Volleyball: Successful

To say that the GW Ladies Volleyball Team was successful would be an understatement. The team in its first year finished with a record of 11 wins and 7 defeats.

Not only did the team have a winning record, but they reached the playoffs, losing in the first round.

The Pilot would like to congratulate the team for their fine efforts.



GW Basketball Bounces Into Action

The Gardner-Webb 78-79 men's basketball season is currently in progress with a new coaching staff and a few new players. Head coach Jim Wiles and assistant coach Tommy Gaither brings enthusiasm and determination to GWC. *The Pilot* talked with these two coaches in an attempt to discover their coaching philosophy and goals.

Coaches Wiles and Gaither indicated that the basketball situation is in very good shape, but that they have three major goals while here at GWC. Their first major goal is to upgrade the schedule because the fans deserve the best possible caliber of competition, particularly at home games.

"This year we have worked harder on scheduling than any other aspect of our job," said Gaither. Coach Wiles added, "We are so impressed with the enthusiasm of the faculty, administration, students, and townspeople."

The second major goal is to concentrate on the academic and graduating aspect of the recruits. Coach Wiles believes that if a player feels good about himself academically, then he will feel good about himself on the court as well as off. Coach Wiles is very much concerned with the player's overall attitude.

The ultimate goal of the coaching staff is that of going to the National Tournament. About this, the coach remarked, "If we are

good enough to be in the playoffs, then we want to be in the National Tournament."

This season's returnees include Lewis Young, a 6'8", 185 pound Senior who had 21.2 points per game average in the 77-78 season. Young made the NAIA Third Team All-American squad last year and is projected to be one of the best players in the nation this year. John Borders, a 6'2", 181 pound Senior is a top candidate for wing position. The coaches feel that newcomers Frank Streater, Tom Clark, Ron Fuller and Forrest Morris will be valuable additions with promising futures.

Returning to the post position is Will Franklin, K.C. Graham, and Ed Cook. Franklin is a Senior (6'9", 217 pounds), Graham is a Sophomore (6'8", 215 pounds), and Cook is a Junior (6'6", 210 pounds). Also returning is Curtis Odom (6'3", who is capable of playing both wing and post positions. The point guard spots will be held by Junior Earl Nesbit (6'1", 162 pounds) and Senior Steve Mitchell (5'11", 165 pounds). Due to injury, returning Sophomore Charlie Brunson will be unable to participate in the 78-79 season.

With the dedication of the coaching staff and the players and support from the students, faculty, and other fans, this should be a great year of Bulldog Country basketball!



The Intramural Scene

This year's intramural activities so far have consisted of volleyball, racketball, wacky water games, jog-a-thon and a swim-a-thon which to this date has been very successful. Volleyball is now coming to a close and in racketball we have a winner in men's singles, Dr. Jim Taylor, who defeated Jeff Clark. In doubles the finals will be played between the teams of Mike Briggs and Jim Taylor versus Chris Cox and Jeff Clark. In women's singles racketball the winner was Cheryl Lutz, who defeated Dr. Dee Hunt. In the wacky water games the winning team consisted of Nancy Clary, Barbara Sapp, Susie McDaniel, Gary Richardson, Greg Parton, and Randall Trodgen. This sport proved to be just what it was called, WACKY! The events consisted of the Candle-labra Relay, Basketball Free Fall Throw, Flying Frisbee Free-For-All, Boob Tube Relay, and the Ping Pong Ball Relay. The equipment used in these different events were pool lane markers, four car-size innertubes, four one-minute candles, four books of matches, ten frisbees, one pool basketball goal and four rubber basketballs.

First place in an event gave a team 5 points, second place awarded 3 points, and 1 point went to third. The team with the highest points total at the end of all events won. Other Intramural activities that are still going on are the jog-a-thon and swim-a-thon.

Nest semester some of the Intramural activities will be basketball, bulldog (which is like the game of horse), and wrist wrestling. The finals of some of these events will be held during halftime of the basketball games.

Participation so far has been very good. These sports are a lot of fun and a good way to get away from the school pressures we all have. So go by to the intramural office and sign up for one of these sports and join in the fun.