

"Playoff Fever"

by Max Pettyjohn

With the regular basketball season coming to an end, teams all over the nation are thinking of playoffs and even championships. The G-W men's basketball team is no exception. At press time, the Bulldogs are 21-3 overall and rank No. 6 in the nation. Concerning the situation, Head Coach Jim Wiles stated at the beginning of the season, "If we are good enough to be in the playoffs, then we want to be in the National Tournament." The Bulldogs in past years have had difficulty in winning playoff games, losing to Guilford last year.

Wiles, in his first year, has continued the Gardner-

Webb winning tradition started by Eddie Holbrook. This year's squad ranked No. 1 in the first few NAIA Polls, and has been well balanced in its scoring. The Bulldogs have claimed victories over such teams as Lenoir-Rhyne, Winthrop, Catawba, Belmont Abbey, to name some of the more impressive victories. A game the Bulldogs were unable to pull out was a 51-49 defeat at the hands of High Point. This ended the Dog's home game winning streak, which was 84 regular season games and 93 overall home victories. No matter how the season ends, the coaching staff and players have made a good adjustment.



JERRY BRYSON

GWC Baseball Team "... will be good"

GWC baseball is swinging into action, as Head Coach Jerry Bryson begins his 13th year. Approximately 32 prospects tried out for the squad with 20 making it. Coach Bryson, who is very excited about this year's team, stated, "We are going to be a good ball team, it might take a couple of years but we'll be good."

Coach Bryson feels that pitching should be one of the team's strong points. The Coach cited Bill Daves, David Wright, Mark Rivens (the team's only senior), Randy DeJarnett, Britt Mills, Richard Matthews, Richard Gillespie, and Bill Schulhufer as being key players to the team's success. Coach Bryson feels that it takes a team effort to win.

The team opens their season on March 4 with a double header at USC-Aiken.

Ski Course Is Successful Again

Accompanied by Dr. Dee Hunt, several GWC students learned how to ski during Christmas vacation. From December 17 to 21, the group was at the French Swiss Ski College located at the Appalachian Ski Resort. This "learn to ski week" offers a one hour's PE credit, and is held every December. The cost of the course is \$95.00 which includes everything but transportation and food. Colleges which attend the French Swiss Ski College include Clemson, Furman and UNC.

Dr. Hunt termed the course a success and said that when it was over everyone knew how to ski and that none of the GW group was injured.



Left to right: Dr. Dee Hunt, Ken Sharpe, Sue Holt, Kathy Mack, Derek Culver, Darren Emmett, Sonya Gray, Denise Medlin, Patricia Spangler, Dyan Roberts, Robin Chunn, Jeff Chunn, Kim Metcalf, Ellen Little, Obbie Todd, Norman Phillips. Pictured in front: left—Mike Lamb, Director of Instruction, French-Swiss Ski College. Right—Jim Cottratt, President, French-Swiss College.

Bulldog Netters Prepare For Big Season

by David Seagroves

The Bulldog tennis team swings into action on February 24 here against the University of West Virginia. This season's schedule promises to be the most challenging in Gardner-Webb history. With teams such as Davidson, UNC, Georgia Southern, Western Carolina, plus the past rivals when the Dogs are accustomed to playing, this year should really be exciting. In all, there are twenty-four matches, twelve at home, and all are to be played within a short six-week period.

A new addition this spring will include a six or seven day tour through Georgia and playing teams in Charleston, Atlanta, and other cities. The funds for this come from the tennis "mini-camps" held here last summer.

With the loss of two good players from last fall, an extra effort will be required of the team. The coach, Dr. Jim Taylor, says if everyone can remain healthy and in-



JIM TAYLOR

jury free, then a successful season can be expected. Glenn Phillips is rapidly recovering from his surgery, while David Seagroves and Dean Helton are taking precautions not to aggravate their injuries from the fall season. Randall Trogdon seems to have recovered from what was once thought a cracked foot.

Other team members include: Gary Latimer, a letterman; Bill Parker, Todd Johnson, a letterman; and newcomers Irving Sistrunk and Chuck Burch.

In My Opinion

by Max Pettyjohn, Sports Editor

Small Baptist colleges are not generally known for their athletic programs. Gardner-Webb College is slowly becoming an exception to the rule. The gradual improvement of the football and tennis teams, the winning prospects of the baseball and track teams, the addition of the volleyball team, along with the consistent success of the basketball and golf teams are molding GW's quality athletic program.

Not only is GW's intercollegiate Athletic Program improving, but the Intramural Program is also making great strides. Under the direction of Dr. David Gardner, the Intramural program is a regular part of the lives of many students. Almost 500 students and faculty have already participated, including officials.



GW's No. 21 Delana Gray in action against a recent opponent.

Tennis And Baseball Home Schedule

Feb. 24	T	West Virginia U	2:00
March 1	T	Belmont Abbey	2:00
March 3	T	Limestone	2:00
	B	Wofford	1:30
March 5	T	Barber Scotia	2:00
March 6	T	Wingate	2:00
March 19	B	Cal State	3:00
March 21	B	Pfeiffer	3:00
March 23	B	Furman	3:00
March 24	B	High Point	1:30
March 27	B	St. Augustine (2)	1:00
March 29	T	St. Lawrence U	2:00
March 30	T	Warren Wilson	2:00
March 31	T	UNC-Asheville	1:00
April 2	B	Wingate	3:00
April 3	B	Catawba	3:00
	T	Davidson	2:00
April 6	T	Mars Hill	2:00
April 7	T	Western Carolina U	1:00
April 17	T	UNC-Charlotte	2:00
April 18	B	Mars Hill	3:00

The Intramural Scene

by Bob Wrenn

This semester's intramurals will consist of three major events: basketball, bulldog tournament and wrist-wrestling. These events are now well in swing.

In basketball there are 21 men's teams and 7 women's. Basketball is going strong with good participation. With many teams still battling it out for first place, basketball will continue through March 7. There will be playoffs after spring break. The Intramural staff would like to thank the following persons for officiating the basketball games: Wally Ainsworth, Tim Addis, Becky Morrow, Cheryl Lutz, Vickie Pless, Dennis Smart, Ron Ruller, Brad Parker, Tom McLaughlin, Doug Teague, James Gaskins, Bob Moncrief, Keith Whitener, Chip Sims, and Robbie Watkins.

The Bulldog tournament will be coming to a close in the next few weeks. (Bulldog is played like Horse.) The people that are left as of now are Todd Medlin, Pat Kelly, Johnny Miller and Eddie Hill.