



## Speaking Of Sports

by  
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Sports Editor

### Resignation

When I volunteered for this job of sports editor last summer, I made a promise to the editor, Roberta Borden, to you, the student body, and to myself that I would do my best to adequately cover the sports program here at Gardner-Webb. To myself, I further promised that if ever a time came when I might not be able to fulfill that duty, I would step aside and let someone else have the chance. Well, the time has come for me to do just that.

The reasons for this decision are well-founded. I, like all seniors on this campus, want nothing more than to graduate. For me to pull that off, I must complete two internships, which are currently consuming the majority of my time. In other words, I have bit off more than I can chew.

I have great confidence in the abilities of Clint Wiles and Bert Wilson, who will now carry out the responsibilities of sports reporting. Clint will give you the inside scoop on baseball, while Burt, I'm sure, can cover the rest. Both are Communications majors, and are capable of doing the job.

Though my scribbling will never again grace these pages, my hope is that you readers will get behind this paper more in the future. You are the newsmakers and the trendsetters. The Pilot is a good thing now, but you can make it better. Roberta has done an excellent job the last three years, making this paper what it is today. Do me a favor, if you like what she has done, let her know about it.

In closing, I would like to thank Hank Garrity, Dr. Dee Hunt, Dr. Jeff Tubbs, Ozzie McFarlane, and all the teams that I've covered for the input. If I have upset anyone for something that I've written, I apologize. I would also like to thank the Pilot staff, especially Roberta and Dr. Stowe for affording me this opportunity.

Here's wishing each of you all the best.

## Team Gets Ball Rolling



Next year, Gardner-Webb will field its first-ever soccer team. Bulldog alum Tim Davis will be directing the efforts of the team which already has 12 interested prospects.

Athletic Director Hank Garrity said that nine matches had been scheduled against District 26 opponents, most of which will be play-

ed away.

The present group will participate in an indoor league in order to have their skills for next season.

Davis, who held a G-W place-kicking record in football, is already involved in local recruiting efforts. Davis also has an interest in starting a women's soccer team in '88.

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## Players Preview B-ball Season

by Clint Wiles and Brett Bridges

This year's Bulldog Baseball team has the potential to contend strongly for a berth in the District 26 playoffs. The majority of the team is made up of veteran players who either started or saw much playing time last year.

The pitching staff consists of three returnees. They are Keith Bridges, Ric-hard Ivey and Robbie Sparks. The infield is made up of veterans including Jeff Allred, Mike Cheek, Kirk Dotson, Steve Matheny, Mickey Milleman, Tommy Turner, Nelson Whitaker, Monte Whitener, and Clint Wiles. This infield is also strengthened by transfer John Johnson from Spartanburg Methodist College, and new-comers Brad Hinson, Robert Stokely and Pete Tuck.

The outfield is made up of all returning players. These include Brett Bridges, Scott Lee, Joey Moss, Will Rogers, Jeff Spargo and Nathan Wriston.

Bulldog head coach Ozzie McFarland has had an exceptional recruiting year especially at the pitching position with the acquisition of freshmen players Greg Comer, Dan Flowers, Steve Marsh, Joel Moore and Tom Plaster, who also doubles as a forward on Jim Wiles' basketball team.

Coach McFarland has not only acquired new players but also a new assistant coach. Mike Mathis is helping Coach McFarland by giving his valuable time and baseball knowledge to the team.

The key to this year's team lies within the pitching staff. With a forty game schedule, the Bulldogs will be tested game after game by such perennial district powers as Elon, High Point, and Pembroke St. The Bulldogs also play such NCAA teams as Wake Forest, Furman, and Davidson.

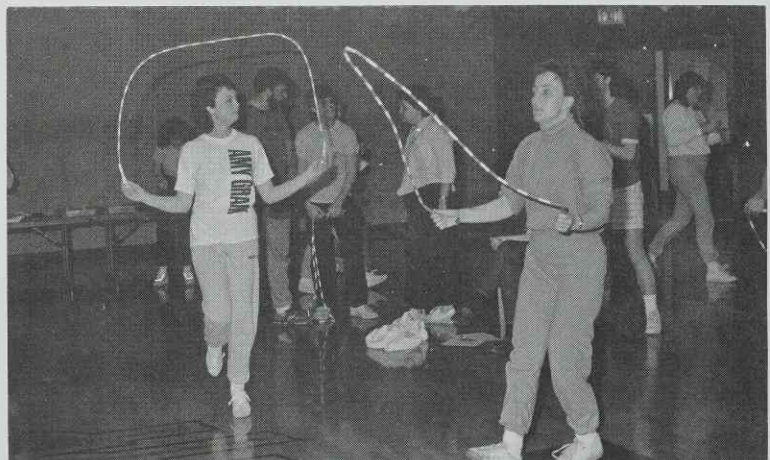
The season opener for the Bulldogs is Feb. 25 at home against Central Wesleyan, after that only time will tell if the Bulldog's expectations will be realized.

## Team Loses To Grades

The 1987 wrestling season has been scrapped because academic difficulties of some of its members. Hank Garrity, Gardner-Webb's athletic director, said three of the wrestlers seated to form the nucleus of the squad, encountered academic difficulties, and were placed on probation.

Garrity says the team will wrestle on a club circuit this year "so that the participants will have the feel for competition next year." There are various college clubs throughout the area.

Garrity did not specify which wrestlers were ineligible, but stated his intention "to have this team and other teams at Gardner-Webb return to a higher level of competitiveness."



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