

## **SPORTS**

### Men's Basketball **Begins**

By Marty White

Sports Editor
The Runnin' Bulldogs men's basketball team opened strongly in the Rotary Dixie Classic held in Paul Porter Arena on the Gardner-Webb campus. Under the leadership of new head coach Jim Johnson, the Bulldogs made quick work of Allen University in the first round of the tournament.

The real fireworks, however, came in the championship game against powerful Pfeiffer College. The Falcons came into the game as defending District 26 champions and ranked seventh in the nation. The Bulldogs started slowly, and it appeared that Pfeiffer would run away with the contest. Led by Jules Springs, who finished with 31 points, and Thomas Turner with 22, the men battled back to take the lead with three minutes remaining in the game. The Falcons, however, hit several clutch shots and were leading by three points with five seconds to go. With one tick of the clock showing, Turner missed a three-point shot but was fouled in the process. Needing to hit all three free throws to force an overtime period, the 6-5 junior did just that.

Pfeiffer went on a 5-0 scoring run early in overtime and the Bulldogs were not able to make up the difference, falling by a final score of 91-89. Springs and Turner were named to the All-District team while Purvis Dukes and Jerry Cholette both scored in double figures.

Though not much was expected of the team this year, the impressive play of the Runnin' Bulldogs has changed many peoples thinking. Come support the team as they thunder through the season.

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### Football Wrap-up

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The Runnin' Bulldogs football team closed its season impressively with consecutive wins over Mars Hill College and Presbyterian College. The team finished with a 2-8 record and placed sixth in the South Atlantic Conference. The two wins were particularly rewarding because of the many hardships throughout the earlier part of the season. With only two seniors departing and good prospects coming out of high school, the Runnin' Bulldogs will be the team to beat in '91.



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# Season's Greetings from the Staff of The Pilot!

### Soccer Season Success

By Marty White

Sports Editor
On the heels of the most successful season in its history, the men's soccer team garnered several national and conference honors. Dennis Puckerin, who led the Runnin' Bulldogs in goals (25) and points (59), was selected to the All-District, All-Area 8, and NAIA All-American teams.

Under the leadership of Coach Tony Setzer the Bulldogs improved from seventh place in the South-Atlantic Conference in 1989 to an 8-12-0 mark and a fourth place finish. Setzer was honored as Conference Coach of the Year. He is pleased with the season, but is already looking ahead, planning on improvement next fall.

Defensive standout Lennox Charles joined Puckerin on the All-Conference and All-District squads. Jorge Lopez was also a first-team All-Conference performer, while Richard Jones was named to the second-team All-Conference team. Setzer praised goalkeepers Greg Clark and John Todaro for their play and hard work throughout the season.

The men's soccer team has a bright outlook for next year with the same basic squad returning. The team is losing three seniors, Jason Barnes, Mark Smith, and Efrin Tirado, who will be the first graduates from GWC that spent four years with the soccer program.

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