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Diamond Dogs Doing Well

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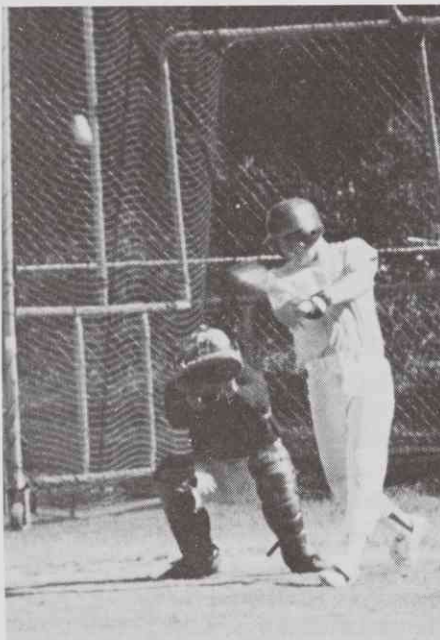
The Runnin' Bulldogs baseball team is headed down the home stretch of its 1992 season. Despite some tough losses of late, the team carries an 18-25 record into its final week, and several individual players deserve mention. Outfielder Terry Wright leads the club with a .362 batting average and with 73 total bases. Also hitting exceptionally well are Andy Collins (.338) and Richard Ramos (.313). Wright also paces the team in doubles with 6 and triples with 4. Collins and Troy Ozias each have three home runs.

ON defense, Ozias, Wright, Mickey Munn, Shane Gunn, Frank Elmore, and Chris Shuford have all played outstanding defense and have fielding percentages in the high .900s.

Steven Hodge leads all Bulldog pitchers with a 5-4 record and a 3.77 earned run average. Darren Wilson and Mark Jolly each have three wins, and Wilson leads the pitching staff with 34 strikeouts.

Gardner-Webb College hosted the Food Lion South Atlantic Conference baseball tournament last weekend. Due to conference rules, only the top four

regular season finishers will compete in the tournament this year, but next season all eight schools will participate. This year's match-ups are: #1 Catawba vs. #4 Presbyterian and #2 Elon vs. #3 Carson-Newman.



Softball Success

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The Gardner-Webb Lady Bulldog softball team concluded its 1992 campaign at the South Atlantic Conference tournament last week at Carson-Newman College. At the tournament, Karen Ward was named to the first team All-SAC. Cindy Payne and Lisa Mathis were both second-team selectees.

The Lady Bulldogs finished with a vastly improved 14-12 record. Ward led the club with a .349 batting average. Also hitting above .300 were Melissa Lee, Salli Phillips, Teena Schronce, and Ellen McGinnis. Jan Sprinkle led the team in home runs (3) and total bases (43).

The team used two pitchers throughout the course of the season—Payne and freshman Lynn Knight. Payne had a 2.72 earned run average, and both pitchers struck out 20 or more batters.



Lacrosse Undefeated

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The Runnin' Bulldogs lacrosse team recently completed an amazing undefeated season in its inaugural year. The 14-0 Bulldogs defeated such nationally recognized schools as Auburn, West Virginia, Pitt, and Virginia Tech.

The winning club consisted of mainly freshmen and junior-college transfers. The team should be a major force to be reckoned with across the nation next year.



Thanks, Trainers

By Brian Siatkowski
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Athletes never really stop and thank the ones who are there for them ALL THE TIME. Athletic trainers are there: before, during, and after every school related sports event (practice, games, off-season). Where would Player X on the Y team be with the trainer missing. The answer is easy: not playing. How many athletes make it through a week of practice without consulting their athletic trainer? How about a day?

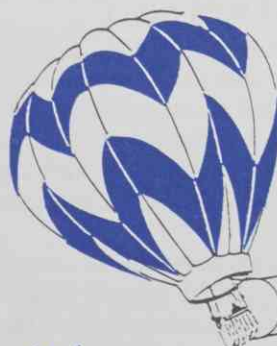
Athletic training is a thankless job, yet the trainers still manage to be friendly, helpful and motivated. Not just anybody could walk down the corridors of the LYCC and say, "I want to be a trainer." Head trainer Kevin Jones only takes the finest. He even recruits out of high school.

The rules of athletic training are governed by NATA (National Athletic Trainers Association) and are quite strict. Trainers, like athletes, must have a 2.0 every semester or face academic probation.

A trainer's day is not over after they get out of their daily classes, which include anatomy, physiology, and numerous other athletic courses. To graduate from Gardner-Webb with an athletic training minor, you will spend 1,500 hours of your college life in a training room or in a practice situation. Each season, the athletic trainer works a sport. In the fall, everyone is involved with football due to the possibility of excessive injuries.

The hours that trainers spend wrapped up in their jobs are tremendous, and the position they hold is a valuable asset to intercollegiate athletes at Gardner-Webb. So, to Jones and the 16 hard-working A.T.'s. Thanks!!

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