



SPORTS

From the Dog House: *Student / Athletes are very impressive*

Sports news and opinionated views. . .
by James R. Sexton
sports editor

James: Hello Edna from Gastonia, NC! You're on the air!

Edna: Hello, James! First I'd like to congratulate you on becoming *The Pilot's* new sports editor.

James: Thanks Edna. What's your question?

Edna: Who's the best female goalie you've ever seen?

James: I'd say **Sherstin Lauman**. She is great! She already has two shutouts this season! If you ever have a chance to see the Running Bulldogs women's soccer team, do it! They are great! Ronnie, from Omaha, Nebraska, you're up!

Ronnie: What about men's soccer? Who are the best players in the SAC-8?

James: I've only seen G-W and a couple of other teams but there are two that stick out in my mind here at G-W. **Jerome Lee Yaw** and **Joe Gray**. I love to watch Joe Gray play. He is so quick and so strong. He is also one of the better offensive threats I've ever seen.

Louis, where are you calling from?

Louis: Memphis, Tennessee.

James: You ask the questions, I'll give the answers.

Louis: I just have a comment not a question. Click.

James: Jeremy from D.C. Go ahead.

Jeremy: Let's get to the real sport, James! How's the football team doing?

James: They have so much talent. They are the best 1-2 team I have ever seen. Ever. Any specific questions?

Jeremy: No.

James: Derrick of Norman, Oklahoma! Go!

Derrick: I listen to G-W football on 1-800-846-4700 ext. 1855. Tell me about **Terry Guess**.

James: Does Deion Sanders come to mind? He's phenomenal! I call him Terry "Guess what? Another Touchdown!" You gotta see him in person, he's so fast!!! Lucille, whaddya need to know?

Lucille: Tell me about G-W's defensive secondary. Are they any good?

James: That's a stupid question Lucille The secondary is fast, deep, and accurate!!

Where do I start? **Joey Houston** covers receivers like a cat on velcro! **Tim Copeland** is young, but talented. "Speedy" **Mickles** is just that but, not only that, he already has three INT's! **Thomas Marsh** and **Corey "I hit very" Hardy** are great safeties. I could go on because the team is so deep! But that's all of my time.

Thanks for all calls! See ya' next month!!!

Volleyball team continues to improve

by James Julian
The Pilot correspondent

Normally a 1-5 record would bring a feeling of hopelessness to a team. But the Lady Bulldogs volleyball team have counted their losses and are looking only to the games ahead.

"Right now, although our record doesn't show it, we are playing great," Kristi Knox said about the team's performance. "We (the team) just need to concentrate on the game being played and not slack off during the match. We need to score 15 points each time we get on the court."

What is it that allows this team to forget yesterday's mishaps and focus on tomorrow's challenge? The answer --teamwork. Everyone from coach to player agreed that this year's team is just that- a team.

"Our biggest strength this year is not found in a position or a player, its found in the team," commented Head Coach Donna Robertson. "This year is not an individual's attempt to get a win, but the entire team's effort," Coach Robertson concluded.

Senior Jennifer Hamby is also impressed with the effort of the players to play as a team. "I believe that as a team, we are competing and playing better than as we would be in any individual effort."

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Last week's game against Belmont-Abbey, G-W's only win so far, was proof of the teamwork Coach Robertson was talking about. The Bulldogs won three straight sets and produced some impressive statistics. Knox, the leading hitter for the team has dropped .257 of her hits against all opponents. Freshman Cathy Smith has also dropped an impressive .210. Defensively, the Bulldogs are producing just as well. Senior Amy Sistrunk has 30 blocks and is averaging 1.8 per game. Smith is second with 24 and an average of 1.7 per game. Freshman Jodi Baughn, who has completed 100% of her serves feels she and the other freshman are adjusting well to college playing.

"I feel that even though we (freshmen) have good skills, we still need to build mental strength," Baughn said of her performance so far this year. Following closely behind in serving percentage is senior Jodi Dill with 97%.

"Losses to Wofford, Queens, and L-R were hard," commented Sistrunk. "I believe that is behind us now and we can look forward to the games ahead and concentrate on them one at a time."

Cheerleaders are athletes too

by Garrick Scott
The Pilot correspondent

What has 48 legs, a minister, a visually impaired student, eight freshmen and an ex-member of the Army National Guard? It's the '94-95 Gardner-Webb University cheerleading squad.

The squad is under the leadership of Coach Dee Pollard and Coach Karen Costner. Both coaches assumed this position in the middle of the season last year.

Coach Pollard, a former Gardner-Webb cheerleader and graduate, is very excited about the upcoming year for the squad.

When asked what she thought she could bring to the team, Coach Pollard said, "Confidence, more than anything else."

Coach Costner who is a full-time employee at Gardner-Webb, a wife and a mother still finds time to assist with the new squad. She feels that she can bring needed organization to the team.

The team has been preparing for the season since August 5. They also attended the Universal Cheerleader's Camp held at East Tennessee State University over the summer.

While there, the cheerleaders received a Most Improved award for NCAA Division II cheerleaders. The mascots received a superior rating as well.

When Coach Pollard was asked about her future goals for the squad, she replied, "I would like to take a cheerleading squad to national competition, but most importantly, I want people to realize that cheerleaders are athletes too."

Sports Quips & Quizzes

Quip of the week:

"I'm bigger than boxing," commented boxing great Muhammad Ali after he was named *Sports Illustrated's* most influential sports figure over the last 40 years.

Sports Quiz: (Answers at bottom of page)

Q: What quarterback has the most career touchdowns and interceptions thrown at G-W?

Q: What former G-W athlete has the most punt return yardage in a career?

Answers: Q1: John Craven (66 TD's, 71 INT's)
Q2: Irvin Jones had 77 yards during his career (1981, '83-84)