

## Cagers report

by Steve Walker and Judy Bellows

The Lady Bishops are back and apparently to stay. Playing as a team for the first time in two years, the women cagers are currently tired for fourth in the Dixie Conference. The girls have won four games this year. Two against St. Mary's of Raleigh, one against St. Andrews and one against Chowan. Coach Debbie Allison attributes the team success to the girls' great attitude and never die philosophy.

The team consists of eleven girls, seven of which are Freshmen. The starting players are Sandra Muldrow, a 5'10" Sophomore from Washington, D.C. Sandra plays the center position. Valerie Booth a 5'8" Freshman forward from Elizabeth City, N.C. play forward, Lou

Lou Richardson a 5'2" Freshman from Nashville plays one of the guard positions, Jo Ann Hayes, also a Freshman plays the other forward position and Carolyn Perry a Freshman plays guard. Also seeing a lot of action are Robin Wilkins playing at a forward, Abby Barnes at Guard and Eleanor Perry at forward. Reserves are Thersa King, Susan Goodrich and Kim Gay. The Manager for the team is Martha Peel. Because of their fourth place ranking the Lady Bishops have been invited to the conference tournament being played at Bennet College in Greensboro, N.C. We wish them luck.

### Men's Basketball

At the time of this printing no stats were available on the Men's team. Their record is currently 3-17 with three regular season games left.

## Alvin Horne: Coach of the Year

by Steve Walker

He doesn't pat backs, nor does he give fire and brimstone speeches to get that adrenalin flowing, it's already there. The players

automatically give him that. He is respected by his players, well respected in the school, and now he has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow coaches in the Dixie League, for they have voted him Coach of the Year in Soccer. This is not the first time he has received such honors. He was Coach of the Year in track back in 1972, the first and only year the Bishops had a track team. So clearly he is no fluke, the man is a success story.

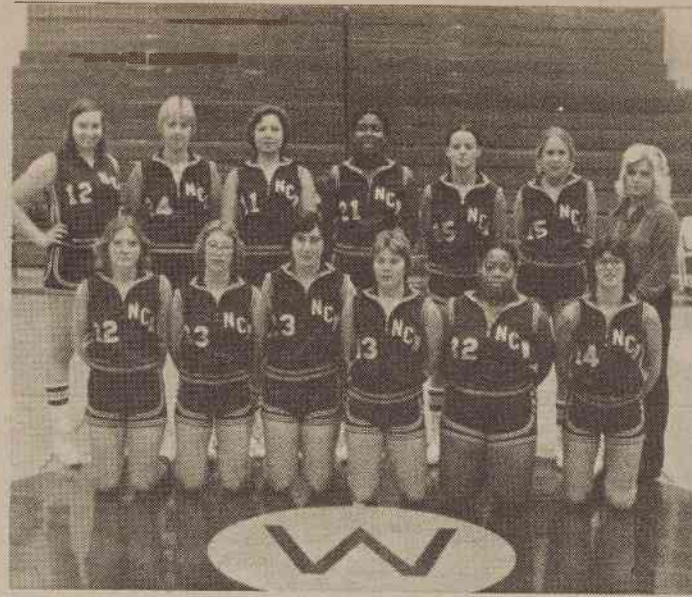
Coach Horne attributes this honor to these reasons. Trust in the Lord and a willing and able team. He added that

the team was dedicated, disciplined, had the determination to win, and had a very positive attitude. We might say the same thing about him. He turned a team that went 4-6 last year into a winner, going 8-4-2 on this year, and a second place finish in the Dixie Conference.

The answer to the next question is yet. We can expect it next year. We return 8 starting players who are either rising Sophomores or Juniors. Horne says, "that we will have a winning team next year, and we will be in the top three in the Dixie Conference." Yes this is a change in the usual pattern at Wesleyan. A definite change in the right direction. Coach Horne has worked hard and earned this spot, it is well deserved.



Coach of the Year Al Horne and Stanley Jarret take a breather during practice.



THE '77-'78 BISHOP WOMEN CAGERS - Back Row (From left to right) Theresa King, Eleanor Perry, Robin Wilkins, Sandra Muldrow, Jo Ann Haynes, Susan Goodrich, Coach Debbie Allison. Front Row Abby Barnes, Kim Gay, Valerie Booth, Carleen Goodwin, Lou Lou Richardson, and Carolyn Perry

## CYCLING!!!!

by Billy Pearlman

I am extremely delighted to be given this opportunity to write about cycling. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to be able to enlighten you in respect to the sport. Numerous amount of times, people will ask me the same exact questions about cycling. I hope to satisfy any curiosities you may have about the three racers here at Wesleyan and racing in general.

First of all, I'd like to describe cycling as it used to be in America - "The Golden Age." In the early 1900's, Six-Day Races were very popular in New York's Madison Square Garden. Six-Day races were held indoors on a banked, oval, wooden track. A team consisted of two riders; one rider had to remain on the track at all times. The races went on for six continuous days! Today, however, Six-Day Races are not six days of continuous racing. The names Freddy Spencer and Frank Krammer were very popular during this time. It may sound surprising but frequently these racers received bigger headlines than Babe Ruth or Joe Louis. Some riders used to make as much as \$1,000 a night during the depression.

The sport seemed to dwindle shortly after WW2. Velodromes (bike tracks) were not being built any more. In 1890 there were over 100 Velodromes in America.

Today there are only about a dozen, the tradition was never carried on. That's probably why you have never heard about this early epic, unless you lived in New York many years ago.

Most people do not realize that the cycling in Europe is at a much higher level than it is here in the U.S. I feel the American riders will never reach the height that the European riders have attained. In most parts of Europe, road-racing represent a drama. There is a sort of inter-action between the spectators and the riders. Riders such as Eddy Mercks (five times winner of the Tour de France) are glorified heroes in Europe.

A major problem in the U.S. exists within the backing of riders by sponsors. The sport itself is very expensive, and the riders have difficulty finding substantial money for support, as do Stockcar racers for example. What it amounts to is that no big corporation wants to get involved with a structure that has no financial depth. I feel the automobile is really the root of the problem.

In Europe, a great number of people must rely on the bicycle for transportation. Partly because of our advanced society, we can travel much more efficiently without the use of the bike.

Presently, there is only one American in Europe racing on the professional circuit. His name is Jacques Boyer. Boyer is expected to be the first American to ride in the Tour de France this coming July. The Tour de France is the biggest bike race of the year. Held over a period of about 22 days, the Tour draws crowds of over 300,000 people day after day.

A lot of people are intrigued over my bicycle itself; the weight, the cost, and the small tires, interest people. Basically, there are two types of bicycles - the road bike and the track bike. The road bike is, of course, used for racing on the road. A good road bike, fully equipped, can cost anywhere between \$400 and \$1,300. The frames are usually made out of light steel alloy. The components are made out of light, but strong, aluminum alloy and steel alloy. Tires weight between 190 and 400 grams. Tires used in competition are on the lower range of that weight scale. The casings of tires are usually made out of cotton or silk. Depending upon the type of material used in a bike, and the size of a rider, the average, fully equipped road bike weighs between 17 and 23 pounds.

Road racing consists of several events: criteriums, time-trials and road races. Criteriums are held on a short circuit ranging from one kilometer to about three kilometers. Criterium races are generally shorter than

## Sportsline

by Steve Walker

In this issue of the DECREE, Sportsline will look at two of the Spring teams, Tennis and Golf. In the next issue we will look at the remaining sports.

### TENNIS

This year's tennis team is experiencing a rebuilding year. Only one letterman is returning to Leo Bishops team, however the future looks bright. There are seven newcomers to the team including two freshmen with impressive credentials.

Jamie Walker, a Freshman from Coldspring Harbor, New York shows a lot of promise. Jamie played number 2 on his team back in New York and was undefeated in four years of competitive high school tennis. Jamie also won the Northshore Private Invitational and was runner-up in the Naples City Tournament.

Rick Hayes hails from Sarasota, Florida where he also played number 2 on his high school team. While there Rick applied a 30-4 record. Rick also won the Herald Tribune tournament, the Lakeland Ledger tournament and the East Lake tournament.

Rounding out the team are transfer student Mike Peraino, freshmen Dunc Quicke, Jenny Shaden, Laura Jarvis, Sophomore Greg Allen and returnee Vernon Bradley.

Though it is a rebuilding year, the tennis team certainly has the potential to go places and with practice and a little luck they will.

### GOLF

This year's golf team should be dynamite with a whole crop of new freshmen and returnee Matt Sykes, last year's number one man.

Freshmen Brian Gunter, Billy Cross, Steve Walker, Butch Gregory, Mark Straub, John Meilenger and Nick Gray add greatly to the team. Joining them are David "Nub" Reed, a sophomore and transfer student Eric Johnson.

Many of these boys have played in individual tournaments and done well in them, such as the Central Virginia Open, the Henry County Open, the Crewe Invitational and the Walter Hagen Cancer Tournament. The boys are already practicing and preparing for their first match in early March. All indicators point to a winning season for the Bishop linksmen and Coach Scalf.

road races. Criteriums are anywhere between 25 and 60 miles. The Spring the College will host a series of weeknight races. The circuit will go around the Campus. The Campus loop is considered a good criterium course. Another type of racing involves racing against the clock-time-trials. The time-trial is not a massed start race. The racer rides a course, usually out and back, all by himself. The standard distance for a time-trial in America is 25 miles. An excellent national class time is

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