

SPORTS

Intramurals are here for you

by Dawn Layfield

Once again the Intramural Department is

students at Wesleyan. The Department, headed by Ann Roberts, is trying to pull

together various activities that students requested. At this time the women's indoor soccer club and the men and women's basketball is being played. These activities are going quite well and we hope that many of the students will come out and support their fellow students.

Dave's Dugout — Ralph the Great Center

by David Body
Decree Staff

Ralph Sampson, the 7-4 junior center at the University of Virginia, is such a big name around Charlottesville, Va., that he's been the subject of a song that has been playing on radio station WXAM since the Christmas season.

The song follows the tune of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and is entitled "Big Ralph the Giant Center." The tune tells of the recruitment of Big Ralph by college coaches and then the attempt by the Boston Celtics to lure Sampson in the NBA after his freshman year at Virginia.

The first part goes as follows:
"Big Ralph the giant center
"Was so big and awfully tall
"That if you ever saw him
"You would feel so very small.

"All of the nation's coaches
"Used to beat upon his door
"They knew if they got

Ralph
"Easily their team would score."

And then, the part about Red Auerbach, general manager of the Celtics, trying to entice Big Ralph to join the Celics:

"Then one foggy Christmas eve

"Auerbach came to say
"Big Ralph with your dunk so keen

"Won't you drive my Celt machine?"

"But Ralph didn't like that Yankee

"He didn't like the NBA
"Ralph's heart was in Virginia

"Playing for the U-VA."

JONES AND DANIELS SELECTED IN DRAFT

North Carolian Wesleyan had two members of its 1981 baseball team, which finished fourth in the nation, selected in the Major League

Midwinter Draft.

Mike Jones, an outfielder from Arvonnia, Virginia, was selected in the First Round by the San Francisco Giants. Jones was the 12th player taken in draft. Among Jones' many accomplishments was his selection to the College World Series All-Tournament

Team.

Sam Daniels, a pitcher from Wanchese, North Carolina was the 160th selection and was chosen by the San Diego Padres.

Both James and Daniels will report to Arizona in February.

Women's Basketball

The North Carolina Wesleyan Battling Bishops women's team was upset early in the week by Virginia Wesleyan (71-69) and took the hurt out on Greensboro College Saturday in a 70-35 romp in Greensboro.

"We played a lot better in Greensboro," said Wesleyan coach Laura Ferrell. "We started out in our man-to-man defense against Greensboro and we played much better as a result. We were more

aggressive and alert."

Wesleyan was led by Priscilla Rickenbacker (Kings Mountain High School, Grover, NC), a 1981 AWSF All American, and Rita Johnson (Pine Forest High School, Fayetteville, NC) with 18 and 25 points respectively against Greensboro. In the Virginia Wesleyan game Rickenbacker led all scorers with 19, Johnson had 18, and Rose Edmonds (Farmville Central

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Upcoming events for the remainder of the semester are aerobic dancing, taught by an instructor from Rocky Mount, softball or mini soccer, another course in CPR, tennis, frisbee, and a special event to be announced at a later date. Other events that we of the Intramural Department would like to see started are racquetball, golf, and a track and field day.

If anyone is interested in officiating for the Department please speak to Ann Roberts, RD at North, or any IM official, Terry Dean, Henry Waters, and Wallace Johnson. There are always officiating clinics for each IM sport that requires officials and there is a need for people who are willing to spend a little time to learn about the events. This is not a skill that will just last for the period of the event for there are always a need for officials at high schools and recreation centers. If anyone is interested please contact any IM Department member.

Come out and keep the events going. If you are not on a varsity sport but, you would like to play on a team then intramurals is the answer for you. Get your friends together and get ready for the IM spring season.

Walking down memory lane

by Martie Barbour
Decree Staff

North Carolina Wesleyan Colleg has changed quite a bit since 1963, but in looking back at some old issues of The Decree, I have discovered that there are some things that haven't changed at all.

The major two things that haven't changed are the need

for writers and staff for the newspaper, and complaints about the cafeteria food. Old issues of The Decree are covered with complaints about the food. As a matter of fact, the lead story in the Feb. 2, 1965 issue was one reporting a students' protest against the cafeteria food.

I have also noticed in the back issues, that the editor is constantly asking for writers and staff members. Some things never change, I suppose -- but there have been some interesting changes that have occurred at the college since 1963.

For instance, the Battling Bishops, as we now know them, used to be Joyners. In the February 27 issue in 1963, it was reported that the Joyners had defeated Clacks in tournament play by a slim 58-57 margin in a come-from-behind victory.

By 1964, the Joyners had adopted the Bishop name that they still have today. But one of the big stories in the Feb. 12 issue of the same year was headed "Bishop Bowlers 4th in Dixie Conference." That's right. Once upon a time Wesleyan had a bowling team -- and a pretty good one at that!

One of the top headlines in a 1965 issue of The Decree was one concerning an issue that we are all still very aware of today -- alcohol on campus. The SGA took action at that time to make the punishment for possessing or consuming alcohol on campus less severe. The new punishment included social probation for a first offense. While on probation, a student could not

have a car on campus, could not participate in athletic events, could not attend any campus activities; parties, etc.; could not hold any office on campus, would not be granted dating privileges, and his parents would be notified of the offense. If the student were not to abide by these rules, he would be suspended for not less than one semester.

In 1966 plans were just being completed for the snack bar.

In 1967 Wesleyan's wrestling team was in a good position to win the DIAC crown. Whatever happened to them? I suppose they got lost

in the shuffle with the Bowling team.

In 1968 the Minimester, or January term, was being discussed. They voted it in, but it disappeared once again two years ago.

Among the news in February of 1969, was that the library received a photocopier, and Pi Epsilon held an "Ugly Man" contest.

It is interesting to look back and see what changes have taken place and what changes have not taken place. But it still remains that the complaints about cafeteria food will never change.

"FORE"

by Kevin McDougald
Decree staff

Spring marks the return of our golf team to the links, and with a stronger team overall one can look for them to challenge for the top spot in the conference.

Last Spring was a very mediocre season for the team, finishing just under .500. With the loss of MVP Dave Knorr, it would follow that one might expect another mediocre showing. This Spring, however, there are many new faces on the scene and once again the team is beginning to look competitive.

Mike Malak, a Senior from Pennsylvania, returns this year, and good things are expected from him. First year players Chuck Davis, Jim Mimms, Carey Griffin, Skip Barth, Mark DeCaro, and Jim Schurr should greatly improve the team.

The team has already begun its preparation, and is looking forward to early March when they will take on Nebraska Wesleyan in the seasons first match. Good luck, Golf team.

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