

## The Eagles' Nest

By Chester Mallory

### What's Wrong With The Eagles?

The Eagles are not flying high anymore. What has caused them to taper off in mid-air? While stirring the nest a few days ago, I found some clues that may be reasons why the Eagles are not flying high anymore.

As you have already observed, the basketball squad is having one of its toughest seasons in years. If you have viewed the games closely, you can readily see that some of our famous stars from last year's squad are missing.

When you lose three top starters, brother, you have lost something! Coach Floyd Brown is facing a lot of difficulty in rebuilding his team for this season's tough schedule, in fact one of the toughest in CIAA history. In rebuilding the team, the newcomers had to be adjusted and taught plays. The remaining players had to be re-orientated. The team suffered another setback when sophomore guard Walter Benjamin was suspended from the team for the remainder of the season. Benjamin was a key man in the new fast-break type offense, which was doing so well before his suspension. Benjamin had a 12.5 scoring average.

James "Duke" Martin, who was highly depended on for leading the firing squad, has not fired as he was expected; however, he is still the team's highest scorer. What's wrong with Martin? Why doesn't he seem to have the quality that he known in the cage circle. That was before all the publicity. In order to keep Martin down, he has to be closely guarded, and

that's just what the other teams are doing. Martin scored his highest number of points at Johnson C. Smith University, when he plunged the basket for 33 points in a losing effort.

Donald Stokes, a terrific rebounder, who hails from Jamaica, New York, has greatly improved his shots as well as his art of snatching the ball. Stokes, along with Preston "Trees" Lewis, is defending the backboard with doubtful ease.

It is perhaps most surprising that Lewis, who was a reserve last year is now shooting better than 50 percent.

James "Panhandle" McMillan, a 6-4 forward, is fancy, and when he gets hot, he is tough to match. He now possesses a respectable scoring average of 12.0. The former Hillsider is generally considered not to be living up to his full potentiality.

Duncan Campbell, a 6-1 freshman from New York City, is proving to be somewhat more than promising. He proved to be a big gunner when he came off the bench and scored 19 points to make him high man in the NCC-Fayetteville State game.

Although the team is trailing in games, Brown seems to be pleased with his new crop of basketballers, who, he believes, are developing fast. Several of the newcomers have the drive and fight which keep a basketball team on the go. The additions to the team are: Clarence Williams, 5-10 junior from Goldsboro; Junius Boone, 6-0 junior from New York City; man, New York City; John H. Jones, 6-8, Cary; Douglas Morgan, 6-3 freshman from Durham; Clifford Wilson, 6-3 freshman, Uniontown, Penn.; and Phillip Cole, 6-0 freshman from Greensboro. Cole was drafted last season by the army during the practice season.

Last, but not least, is Richard Hicks, 5-9 freshman from Rocky Mount, who helped engineer the Eagles' football team during the past season, playing in the quarterback slot. Hicks is the latest member to the Eagle line-up, where he put in a mediocre performance against Virginia Union. While in high school, Hicks scored 45 points in



North Carolina College's basketball captain, Preston Lewis (left) accepts the third-place trophy from one of the tournament officials at the Holiday Festival at Winston-Salem, January 1-2.

The Eagles cinched third place by toppling J. C. Smith in the consolation game on Saturday night, 76-73, after losing Friday's game to the host Winston-Salem Rams, 63-61.

## Freshman Class

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ing part of the show was yet to come. Johnny Avent, the emcee for the third part, brought the Turbans back on the scene. Then Wilbert Johnson did the number "Why Do Fools Fall In Love?" The audience gave every sign of approval when Robert Crump did "The Car Act," which was a pantomime of when his father let him use his new car for the first time.

Then, George Breathett brought sentiment to the entire audience with his number "You'll Never Walk Alone," it was enjoyed by everyone; however, this sentiment stayed with the crowd only long enough for Willie Foster to get on stage with her hot number of "You Could Never Be Mine." From the audience, she received everything from a big round of applause to nickels thrown at her feet. Here Mary Hawkins gave her lovely rendition of "You Cheated."

The finale was a selection by the Henderson Band.

## Chandeliers Win Intramural Basketball Tourney Title

The Chandeliers, intra-mural kingpins, won their first Intramural basketball tournament championship on January 15 by toppling the Seniors, tournament finalists, 21-19.

In winning the tournament crown, the Chandeliers swept both the league and tournament titles. The Chandeliers completed the regular season with a perfect 10 and 0 slate, behind the superb play of Jim Chambers, Nick Jeralds, Chuck "Robo" Hinton, Maurice Hardy, Wallace.

This unbeaten crew won three games in annexing the tourney title, giving them a 13-0 mark for the basketball season. The Chandeliers pushed out the Wilsonians, 35-15, and were squeezed by the Hilltoppers in the semi-finals, 35-27, before defending the Seniors and going on to win the tourney championship.

Paul Winslow, the Chandeliers cage coach, led his cagers to the tourney crown, marking the first year that the powerful Gunners have not won the intramural title.

The Chandeliers averaged 31.8 scores per game in 13 tilts, with Jim Chambers their leading scorer with a 15.4 average per game.

## OFF-CAMPUS CORNER

By Anne Stephens

The Off-Campus Executive Council and the Big Sisters have completed a successful semester of work under the supervision of Miss Nettie Hickey, our counselor for 1959-60. Miss Hickey was a house directress of Annie Day Shepard Dormitory last year.

The Big Sisters will be faced with separating from their little sisters in a few days. Because of the completion of the new dormitory, many will be moving on campus. It has been a tremendous job, but we have sincerely enjoyed doing what we could

when we could to make your freshman year your most memorable year.

Ella Pone, who is a Big Sister, is away doing her student teaching at her hometown, Fayetteville, N. C.

The last meeting of the entire Off-Campus women's body was the occasion of a "coffee hour." Doughnuts and hot chocolate were served. Dean Latham and President A. Elder were present. Both of them expressed wishes for a very happy and prosperous academic year.

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