

Goldston Examines Draft Problem

By Rufus Goldston

Today, youngsters all over the United States are speaking up about the draft injustices that our selective service program is now practicing on local levels. They feel that their draft boards are using discriminatory measures for supplying men to serve in our armed forces. They also feel that the local boards have entirely too much discretionary power so far as the actual selection of individuals is concerned.

The injustices practiced by these local boards are felt to be both economic and racial. Those who escape, by and large, are the ones with means to continue their education until they reach a ripe old age, or are too old to be drafted. If the draft district is small, those whose fathers are well-known in the community and have influence with the board are not drafted. Neither are the ones who by hook or crook became physically or morally unfit. Those who do get drafted are in low income categories, who have never had the opportunity to attend college or who after graduating from college with a Bachelor's degree will be forced to seek occupations and will be drafted in the process. Of course the fellows who are lucky enough to be born into a millionaire's home

do not have to worry about being drafted; to them the military service is either a good experience or an institution for the unfortunate.

The injustices have become so obvious lately that our leaders are beginning to inquire about the operations of the system. President Lyndon Johnson himself appointed a special committee to investigate our selective service system. This committee will look for discrepancies, and unfair practices, and will make its report in late January 1967; no specific date has yet been determined.

Many ideas to decrease these illegal or unjust practices have been kicked around lately. They include a national "opportunity board" to register youths for community service, education and job training, as well as the military service. This could be tried on a voluntary basis first, and later be made compulsory. A national lottery system is a second plan that would possibly eliminate the unfair practices of the draft system; it would certainly eliminate deficiencies. A third idea is to make it the obligation of each male and female to serve at least two years of their lives in the military services or some type of domestic or international program such as the Peace Corps.

Cagers Start Basketball Season

NCC's high flying Eagles opened up their 1966-67 basketball season this past week with an impressive 87-65 win over Fayetteville State and a heart-breaking 66-65 loss to the clan from Virginia State.

The Eagle's starting five have been thus far senior forwards Paris Lennon and James McClain both four-year veterans. The center is 6-8 Lee Davis, the husky 220-pound junior from Raleigh. The starting guards have been Willie Sinclair and Byron Kirkley, two swift and good outside shooters who have shown quite a bit of early season finesse.

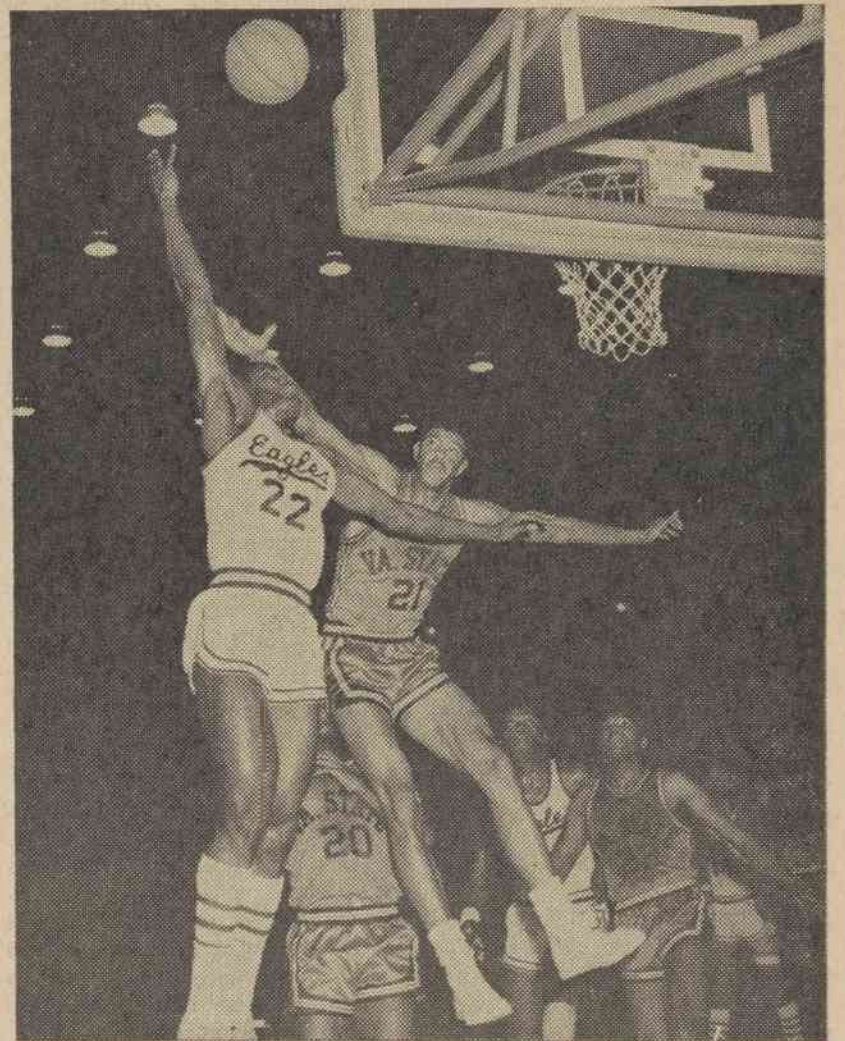
The scoring from this first five shows quite a bit of balance with Lennon and Davis being the more consistent scorers.

Coach Floyd Brown, now in his fourteenth season as head coach of the Eagles, will depend strongly upon his bench to assist the front five. Included here are James Pridgen and Ronald McCrimmon, two promising sophomore forwards who should help the Eagles immensely around the boards. Roy Killens is the returning guard. Killens, now a junior will be trying to pressure Kirkley or Sinclair for a starting berth.

Hermon Ross showed fine leadership and take-charge abilities in the opening victory over Fayetteville State. The fine rookie shows plenty of promise for the Eagles for years to come.

Michael Hayes a local city player showed plenty of spunk in the game as he showed he could handle the ball and shoot it too. Hayes should develop into a fine all-around-the-court type player.

The schedule looks pretty tough for our blessed Eagles. The team lacks the significant big gun who will get that con-



Excitement reigns at the December 3 game between NCC and Virginia State College. The NCC Eagles lost to the Virginia State Panthers, 65-66.

sistent 20 to 25 points. Lennon or Davis will score 25 points, but not consistently. The rebounding problem is not much of a problem; Davis with a little help will take care of that for sure.

The backcourt is sound, if not great. Kirkley and Sinclair are both hot and cold shooters but very sound together on defense. Perhaps they will stay hot more often in the season than cold. Manning is gone, and it will be sometime yet before someone replaces him. Not that he was so invaluable to the team but because of his leadership, offensive play and court finesse. No one now on the team exemplified these qualities in the first game. The second half play of freshman Rose did bring back to

mind the playing days of Ted Manning, "The Coach."

The Eagles' balance should take them far along into the season. If the team can hold their miscues to a minimum and capitalize on the mistakes of the opposition successfully, we will have a winning season.

The opening games showed that the Eagles "can" play together — but it remains to be seen if they can play under pressure. The loss to Virginia State was typical of a pressure filled game where the Eagles failed to hold their early lead.

The season can be a long and dull one if the team cannot "jell" together as a united team that can play to win. Good luck, Eagles!

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