



Redden (Red) Leggett comes down with the ball in a well welcomed victory over Shaw. Slade (left) and Bass (right) help keep off the Shaw Bears.

## Basketball Eagles Have New Look

This year's edition of the NCCU Basketball Eagles will see a new coach at the helm. Harry J. Edmonds is the new mentor. His task is to build a team that will not only produce a record better than last year's in-conference mark of eight wins and eight losses, but mold a team that will make the CIAA Tournament.

That is the challenge, and only time will tell whether the likable coach will meet it. He has five lettermen returning along with eight veteran ball-players. The starting five come from these ranks and include Redden Leggett at center. William Slade and Paul Stround as the forwards, with Ronald Phillips and Lewis Ellis as the guards. Slade is the tallest man in the front court at 6-5, but he played sparingly last year. He will have to do an adequate job on the boards to make the team a contender. Slade's counterparts in the front court, Stround and Leggett, are 6-4 and 6-3, respectively. They both gave away a lot of inches to the opposition last season. Leggett, in spite of this disadvantage, battles the opponent's big men well at center. Stround will have to be more aggressive in his play to complement his teammates under the boards effectively.

Since graduation claimed both Herman Rose and Ronald McCrimmon, the backcourt will have a completely new look. Ronald Phillips will guard one of the main slots, while Lewis Ellis handles the other. Phillips was a 6-2 forward, who sometimes scored well from the corner last season. His move to guard should provide more scoring opportunities. His running mate, Lewis Ellis, played well although sparingly last season. Coach Edmonds plans to make 'tigers' out of his relatively small team to make up for the height advantage they will yield to some of their opposition. The Eagle team will play a hustling brand of ball, capitalizing on the fast break opportunity when it presents itself.

The freshman ballplayers will

see some action, according to Coach Edmonds. He said, "We plan to use as many as we can." He cited the play of Johnny Crump, a 6-4, 1968 pounder from Hillsborough, N. C., as outstanding. Lewlyn Woods, a 6-1½ guard from Lynchburg, Va., has also looked impressive.

The tallest man on the team is Al Grafton at 6-10. Grafton is a freshman from Durham, N. C. where he played with a winning ball club at Durham High. He has missed a number of practices due to an extended illness and it is questionable whether he can gain the fundamental skills he has missed in those practices in time to be included in the new Coach's plans.

The Eagle basketball roster is rounded out with Vernon Allen, a 6-0 junior guard; Marvin Bass, a senior guard measuring 6-0; Lennit Bligen, a 6-2 freshman guard; Harrison Davis, a 6-2 sophomore guard; Allen Reddish, a 6-6 freshman forward, and Roger Washington, 5-10 senior guard.

The Eagle Five will journey to Winston-Salem during the Yuletide to participate in a Christmas tournament on January first and second. The tourney will involve Winston-Salem State University, Howard University, Fisk University, and the Maroon and Gray. What better would there be to start the New Year than to bring that trophy back to Durham?

In recent years there has been some question about the caliber of basketball player NCCU was recruiting. One answer supplied by last year's Head Coach was the inadequacy of the budget. This made it difficult to keep pace with other conference powers, who allocated more funds to their basketball programs. Coach Edmonds commented, "The financial budget has improved, but not to the extent of flight players. However, we are still looking for more money to get better ballplayers."

Maybe the financial budget will increase as it must for basketball in future years, but for

## -Class Of '74-

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they hope to achieve the "impossible dream" of accomplishing unification of the class and serving the NCCU and Durham community. "Closing the communication gap within the class and gaining total involvement from all class members" are their primary objectives.

The Freshman Class was introduced to the open-dorm policy at its first meeting, November 10. Jerry Walker, president of the Student Government Association discussed the mechanics of the S.G.A. Percy Peele, associate justice of the Student Court, related information concerning that body.

Johnny (Jay) Joyner, chairman of the Freshman Election Board, stated that 62.5% of the freshmen voted in the elections. He thanked the freshmen for their cooperation and congratulated the newly elected officers.

Milton (Frog) Lewis, the new-

ly elected president, presided. The new Freshman Class officers were introduced: Leslie (Philly) Bullock, vice-president; Stellyne Boyd, secretary; Gwendolyn Boyd, treasurer; Larry Wilson, freshman Student Court member; and Gregory Bethea, business manager. Celestine Ramsey, the newly elected Miss Freshman was also honored. Mrs. Betty J. Merritt, Freshman Class advisor, was among those present.

## — Education Conference —

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live in it as brothers and sisters. There was a symposium on "Our Changing Environment". The panelists consisted of representatives from Hillside High School of Durham and Andrew High of Burlington.

Awards were given to Mrs. Catherine Stanback, an alumna of NCCU, and Mr. O. A. Freeman of Orange High and Cummings High, respectively, for outstanding service. Other awards were given to high schools according to student delegation. One citation was given by the N. C. Biological Supply Co. to the most outstanding student in science in the high

schools represented. The student had not been selected at that time.

The afternoon session consisted of a series of workshops including consultants from state and federal agencies and surrounding universities of the Research Triangle area. Topics such as drugs, Afro-American studies, desegregation, geography, human relations, mathematics, mental health, reading, science, and guidance were covered during the workshops.

Musical interludes were presented by choirs from Durham and Hillside High schools of Durham.

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President Lewis said the upcoming activities include a talent show and a fashion show.

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