

## Awesome Golden Girls exciting

by Vicki Blankenship

Head women's basketball coach Mary Jackson is getting ready for another exciting year of play. Her team has been having official practice for two weeks.

When asked about her outlook for the coming season, she replied, "Awesome.

We're so tough it even scares me. We have an excellent starting five plus very good backups. Everyone has a good team-oriented mind. In fact, too good. We may pass the ball too much at times instead of taking a shot. On the boards we have plenty of height and power. I am setting up some scrimmages now."

Assistant coach this year for the Golden Girls is Lynn Briggs. She was a letterman for the Elon team and captain her senior year. She is expected to help Coach Jackson a great deal.

Returning for the team this year will be Lori Williamson, an all-conference guard. She is a 5'7 junior with fast ball handling and a good outside shot averaging

19 points per game last year. She will take the starting guard position.

Another all-conference player plus all-state is sophomore Vanessa Corbett. She is a 6' tall threat on the boards with a great shot averaging 22 points per game last year as a freshman. She will be a starting forward.

Stella Jeffries will be the starting center. This 6'1 sophomore saw lots of action last year and her experience and strong rebounding will aid the team very much.

Jeannia Hairston, sophomore, will be another starting forward. Her 5'10 height helps her in the strong rebounding she is known for. She also has a good shot.

The other starting guard will be a freshman by the name of Nuggie Dixon. She is 5'7 and can jump straight up and grab the rim. She has an excellent outside shot and is expected to aid in grabbing some of those rebounds. She has great speed.

The number one substitute or sixth woman on the court will be the 5'11 freshman, Rhonda Cooper. A native of Graham, she attended Southern High School. She is an excellent backup point guard with good ball handling and passing. Jade Nichols, a Maryland native, is a jumper with a good shot and is expected to help out a lot.

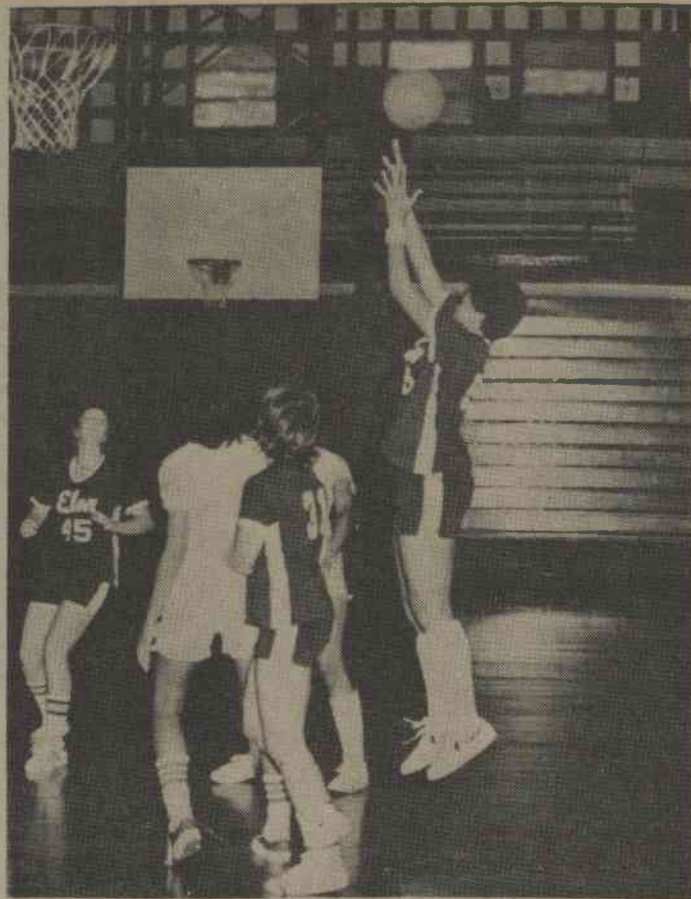
Susie Poplin, a 6' sophomore, went out last year and has improved 100 percent.

Lori Smith, from Maryland, is a 5'11 freshman and has very good speed for her size.

Janice Bremer, also a Maryland native, is a 5'9 freshman expected to help as a forward or guard.

Maria Roupas is a guard from Richmond, Va., with good ball handling.

With a team ranging in height from 6'3 to 5'4 and averaging 5'11 in height, combined with great speed, shooting, and ball handling, what coach would not be excited?



Elon's Vanessa Corbett goes up for a shot as Lou Williamson sets up for a possible rebound.

## Fresh netters encourage team

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With the leadership of Coach Karen Carden, the women's tennis team is sparking a 2-2 record. Beating Atlantic Christian and Western Carolina in some really good matches evened out the record. The two losses were from UNC-Greensboro and Mars Hill.

"The players have improved since last season," said Coach Carden. "Most of them played during the summer and are more competitive. We should have a better record than last year's record of 6 and 10. The girls played well against Western Carolina. They were a little tired from the trip to Mars Hill so the play wasn't as good."

Number one player this year is Karen Wall who moved up from the number five position last year. Although she has not won any matches, she is playing

well against her competition.

Janet Fleming, Mary Beth Hughes and Lori Clark, hold the number two, three, and four positions on the team. They are playing well but are mainly working on being consistent.

Kate Jewett is the number five player on the team. she is one of the most consistent players on the team with a 3-1 record.

Julia Strange, the only freshman in the top six, is the number six player. She is a strong player and a tremendous asset to the team.

Wendy Warren, a freshman, has been playing doubles along with Kate Jewett and they are 4-0 in the number three spot. Wendy is another asset to the team.

Other members that are working hard are Jennifer Ratchford, Beverly Malone, Lee Cheers, Ingrid Neill, and Kelley Ayers.

"We are playing a tough

schedule and are playing teams that we did not play last year, but we are confident that we can be competitive. With a strong group of freshmen and only one senior on the team, the future looks bright," says Coach Carden.

Upcoming matches are: Oct. 12, Elon vs. Campbell — away; Oct. 15, Elon vs. Pembroke — away; Oct. 16, Elon vs. Wingate — home; Oct. 20, Elon vs. UNC-Wilmington — home.

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