

Changes made in Golden Girls staff

Elon's athletic staff will have new coaches for all women's teams next year.

Mary Jackson, basketball and softball coach, has resigned. Karen Carden, volleyball and tennis coach, will no longer coach these teams but will continue to teach in the physical education department and to direct the intramural program.

Donna Massey, cheerleader sponsor for the last two years, has been replaced by Gina Jones.

Replacements for Jackson and Carden are being sought, according to Athletic Director Alan White.

Jackson is leaving the staff "to seek other opportunities," according to an article in the *Burlington Daily Times-News* last month. She came to Elon in 1975 after having coached the women's basketball team at Old Dominion University for 10 years.

Her nine Golden Girls basketball teams achieved an aggregate record of 156-107. Her best squad, the 1981 team, ranked 112th in the final NAIA poll. Her last team finished 10-17.

Jackson's softball teams won two Carolinas Conference titles and one North Carolina State Championship. She was named Conference Coach of the Year in both basketball and softball.

Carden, who is married to head football coach Mackey Carden, had coached at Eastern Alamance High School and in High Point and Kannapolis before joining the Elon athletic staff in 1979.

Jones, who is married to head baseball coach Rick Jones, had been cheerleader coach at Ferrum Junior College. She is a former varsity cheerleader who holds a bachelor's degree from UNC-Wilmington and a master's degree from North Carolina A&T.

Baseball

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Team Maturity

On most afternoons, the baseball team can be found working on their arm strength, fielding, hitting and power.

Practicing at least two hours daily and playing anywhere from two to five teams a week requires good physical conditioning and durability.

"We try to stay in the best shape we can," says Culberson. Enoch adds, "I think the ability to stay in shape has a lot to do with the maturity of the players."

The team has an off-season conditioning program that entails running three miles, three days a week. In addition to running, the players did sprint work and weight training.

"Coach Jones was there pushing us every day. The purpose was to get us in the best possible shape, so what we're doing now isn't out of the ordinary," says Culberson.

The coaching style itself is a whole new ball game. Bob McBee, who left last season as Elon's all-time winningest coach, was known as a stern taskmaster. Jones, on the other hand, is hailed by his players for his patience and ability to communicate. Jones, they say, is primarily a pitcher-minded coach. "Pitching is 90 percent of the game and that has been carrying us so far," says Gibson.

Coaching Changes

Senior hurler McDannold, describes Jones as 100 percent baseball. He says, "Jones is wound tight, but he lets you have

fun too; he lets things happen."

McDannold adds that a big part of Jones' role is scholastic: "He is interested in us going to class. He won't cover up for you or tell your teachers to give you breaks."

"A lot of times we'd rather sleep than study, but we have guys that do care. We're not a bunch of jocks," says Gibson, referring to outfielder Kendall Carter's 4.0 grade point average last semester. In addition to Carter's academic success, Driscoll and freshmen Peter Henderson and Jeff Girton also made dean's list.

Commenting in the freshman talent, McDannold and Gibson both see a great deal of potential. "There is good talent in the freshmen," says McDannold. "This squad has given the freshmen a chance to prove themselves."

He adds, "When I was a freshman, the seniors thought they were kings of court. We haven't alienated them."

A 'No-Die' Squad

All of these things have meant that, Newsome Field has more people in streetclothes than uniforms. "Fan support lets you know the school is behind us," says Enoch. "They are egg boosters," adds Gibson, "especially if you make a good play, the fans make you feel better about yourself."

The favorable weather helped—but the major attraction is the team itself. It's a fun team to watch, having rallied many times for wins this season.

Gibson says, "Compared to the other teams I've played on this one is a 'no-die' team. We never think we're out of a ball game."

Golf tourney stopped because of rain

The Fightin' Christian golf team placed second in the combined Carolinas Conference and District 26 tournament two strokes behind Guilford College.

Elon was one stroke ahead of Guilford when play was postponed because of rain on the 13th hole of Wednesday's third and final round of play. Later tournament officials decided to shorten the tournament to 45 holes instead of the regular 54. When the last nine holes of the tournament were eliminated because of rain Elon fell back to second place.

This places Elon in the fourth alternate position, still leaving them a chance to go to the NAIA National tournament in Phoenix, Az.

Thus far in 1985 Elon has placed fifth out of 22 teams in the Pacer Invitational, fourth in 22 teams at the Campbell Invitational, and captured the Max Ward Invitational held at

Alamance Country Club with 21 teams challenging for the title. In the Camp Lejeune tournament, the Fightin' Christians finished second out of 13 teams while in the William and Mary Invitational held in Williamsburg, Va., the Christians finished 10th in a field of 17 teams.

In women's tennis, Coach Karen Carden has led the Golden Girls to an 8-7 overall record, 4-5 District 26 mark, and 3-3 Conference slate. The Golden Girls are led by number five player Missy Jones of Orange, Ma., with a 12-1 singles mark overall and a 5-1 record in the Carolinas Conference. Cindy Wall from Reidsville, N.C., playing number six, has a 9-3 mark overall in singles and 4-1 in the conference singles play. The Golden Girls finished fourth in the Carolinas Conference tournament on the 12th and 13th. The team of Wall-Jones finished second in doubles

in the conference tournament.

The Golden Girls will play in the District 26 tournament April 18-21.

Elon's men's tennis team, under the guidance of Steve Rickard, has an outstanding 12-3-1 overall record and a 6-1-1 mark in the Carolinas Conference. The Fightin' Christian netters finished fourth in the Carolinas Conference tournament behind Atlantic Christian, High Point and Guilford.

Leading Elon this spring in singles play is Billy Mitchellof Danville, Va., with a 15-5 record, Jeff Hooks of Lake Wylie, S.C., with a 14-5 mark, and Chris Gilbert, Danville, Va., with a 15-4 record. Elon will play in the district 26 Tournament at Guilford College beginning April 19-22.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

MONDAY, Ap. 22 "Cocktail Hour"
11:30-1:00 HC Lobby

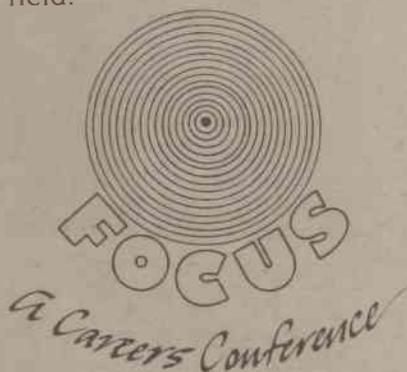
Tuesday, Ap. 23 "Controlled Drinking Experiment"
4:30-6:00 HC Lobby

Wednesday, Ap. 24 "Arthur" - The Movie
9:00 - HC Lobby

Thursday, Ap. 25 "Booze Bowl"
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