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Coach Page Saunders is pleased that he has the flux of his last years squad back for competition. Excluding Melvin Lane. Above are some of the members who compiled such a good record.

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Well, well, well, here we go again with another chapter from the F.S.C. mighty Broncos. The hardwood courts with the dribbling balls are behind us now and we turn to the outside. But before we go outside, let me recapture the basketball season for you.

After having a 1967-68 season with a 2-19 won-lost record, the Broncos under new head coach, William "Gus" Gaines rebounded with a much improved record of 9-12 for the year 68-69. The once again winning fever is returning to the rejuvenated Blue and White and the entire student body. Along with the faculty and administrative officers, are all eagerly awaiting the 69-70 season to return so that the Broncos can show these CIAA opponents a thing or two.

The CIAA Tournament was held at the Greensboro Coliseum Feb. 27-28 and March 1. As had been expected, the Vi-

kings of E.C.S.C. walked away with the winning trophy. Norfolk State College, the defending CIAA Champions were the Vikings opponents, but this time things just didn't go the mighty Spartan's way. Israel Oliver and Michael Gale led a fierce Elizabeth City attack that couldn't be stopped. The Vikings emerged with a 101-98 victory to be ranked as number 1. The Spartans were number 2, and Maryland State finished 3rd.

All the people around Bronco land are still talking and congratulating William "Bill" Monroe for being named to the first team as all CIAA. Monroe was the only

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL by Randy Brown

The game of softball has been said to be the most rapid and remarkable growing sport in the United States. It is not a game that is played as rough as baseball, but the two games are basically played the same way. Softball was fashioned after the game of baseball and has not been around as long as baseball has. But more and more people are engaging in the game of softball and these people are of all ages.

Although the two games are basically the same, there are also differences in the two games when they are being played. The most prominent dif-

ference in the game is the fact that most softball fields are not as large as those in baseball are. The bases are not as far apart as in regulation baseball and the outfield boundaries are much shorter. The bats are smaller than those that are used in a regulation softball game. Because of this, it is not possible to drive a softball as far as a hard baseball. Also the softball is a little bigger than the ball that are used in the game of baseball.

A regulation game of seven innings. A game that is called by the umpire for a certain reason, becomes an official game after five innings. In a baseball game, the game lasts for nine innings and becomes an official game after six innings. But in both games, the umpire may call the game when he feels it is necessary. There is a very noticeable difference in the pitching styles used in both games. In the game of baseball, the pitcher uses an overhand motion in order to throw the ball to the batter. Since the baseball is smaller than the softball, this makes it harder for the baseball batter to hit the ball. In softball, the pitcher must use a underhand motion in order to get the ball to the batter. The ball is not thrown as hard as it is in baseball, therefore this makes it easier for the batter to hit the ball. Because of the different pitching styles used in the two games, there are usually more runs scored by a team in softball than in baseball. I think this is what makes the game of softball more interesting than baseball pitchers have become a dominating factor in the game. Therefore less runs are scored and less hits are made by the batter. This makes for a dull game as far as I am concerned.

In the slow-pitch version of softball,

QUOTE: It's not the name of the game, but how you play it.

BRONCOS OPEN DIAMOND DRILLS

Fayetteville - The solid pop of a glove and the crack of the bat has signaled the start of 1969 baseball drills for the Fayetteville State College Broncos.

More than 30 aspirants greeted Coach Hubie Doub at the opening whistle. Included in the group are nine-lettermen from the 1968 club that posted a 8-8 mark which included a victory over Central Inter-collegiate Athletic Association champion Shaw University.

According to a schedule released by Athletic Director H. L. Scott, the Broncos will play a 20-game slate with an appearance in the Tournament at Fort Bragg as the highlight.

Three newcomers, Hampton Institute, West Virginia State College and Pembroke College, have been added to the slate. They will be faced along with eight league foes.

Seven home games are on tap for the Broncos and will be played on the College Athletic Field.

Captain Ronnie Cox, junior from Travelrest, S.C., heads the returnees. Cox, a catcher, led the club in hitting and rbis last season. Also in the fold are Terry Brown, first baseman; Randy Bakerville, Karl Smith, infielders; Mike Pearson, and Willie Bond, outfielders; Robert Haith, Fred Hill, and Len Thompson, pitchers.

Hill and Haith posted 3-2 marks last season and Coach Doub is expecting bigger things from them this season. Thompson didn't figure in any decisions last year, but had some valuable "saves" as a reliefer.

Coach Doub has announced that every position on the club is open and expects some of the first year men to break the starting lineup. "We have a very good looking crop of newcomers and we welcome their addition," he said. "They have some very strong arms and we hope to develop some hitting power," he added.

The Broncos open their season with two games at Fort Bragg on March 17-18. The first home encounter will be with Hampton Institute on March 20. The schedule:

Date	Institution	Location
March 17	Fort Bragg	Fort Bragg
18	Fort Bragg	Fort Bragg
20	Hampton Institute	Fayetteville
21	Va. State College	Petersburg, Va.
22	Va. State College	Petersburg, Va.
April 2-3-4	Tournament	Fort Bragg
10	West Virginia State	Fayetteville
12	St. Augustine's (2 games)	Raleigh
16	Shaw University	Raleigh
18	St. Augustine's	Fayetteville
26	Shaw University (2 games)	Fayetteville
29	N.C. A & T	Fayetteville
May 3	Winston-Salem State (2 games)	Fayetteville
7	N. C. A & T (2 games)	Greensboro
9	Pembroke College	Fayetteville
10	Winston-Salem State	Winston-Salem
12	Pembroke State	Pembroke

Note: All home games will start at 2:30 p.m. Double headers - 1:30 p.m.

certain rules are changed and are different from those of both softball and baseball. In the slow pitch version of softball, stealing of bases is not permitted, bunting is not al-

lowed and a team consists of ten and not nine players. Whereas in the other version of softball and the game of baseball, these things are pluses for the game.

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