

Senior High Jump

Sophs Name Obstacles

What was the biggest "hurdle" you had to overcome when you entered high school? Could this have been avoided? How?

A reporter asked six sophomores this question and their answers are stated below.

Raymond Parker: The biggest hurdle I found upon entering high school was that of having to be more exact and detailed in my work. I had to work harder than ever to get passing grades.



This hurdle could have been made easier if in Junior High I had been made to work harder.

Mildred Landen: When I came over to RMSHS I knew my way around the building and rooms; but it was still a lot different from Junior High. The teachers and the upper-



classmen were helpful to us in every way, however.

There is no need for the oncoming sophomores to feel unwelcomed.

Blarnie Tanner: One hurdle which I had to overcome was the lack of experience in studying. I found that in Senior High you either passed or didn't pass, because things just are



not handed out on a silver platter. The teachers are more strict on us than in Junior High.

Vicki Odom: It took me a while to get used to the halls and classes.



The lunch periods were confusing. I know one boy who ate lunch when he was supposed to be in biology.

It seems that we have more homework than before and that is my biggest problem.

Bobby Joe Ayers: The biggest hurdle I had to overcome when entering high school, was the feeling of being lonely. Everything was new to me and I would have to work harder.



I think everyone is lonely at first, even if he knows what to expect.

Evelyn Harrell: The biggest hurdle I remember was becoming accustomed to the fact that teachers are always on our side.



The first few weeks I was on "pins and needles". Whenever the teacher called on me, I shuddered. Later, however, I found that the faculty members were sympathetic, and now I get along fine.

University Grad Becomes Top Gridiron Coach Here

"The school board selected Mr. Ken Yarborough as head football coach because, among other things he has sincere Christian attributes, can get along well with boys, and is a fine all-around person," stated Athletic Director C. V. Lundy.

He continued, "Undoubtedly he will follow the standard of excellent coaches we have here, and we hope he likes Rocky Mount."

Coach Yarborough, a product of High Point, attended the Uni-

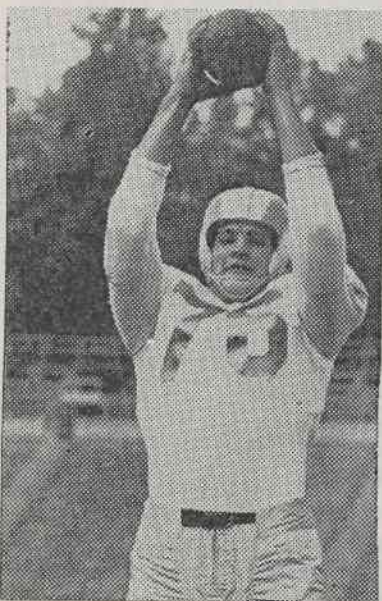
versity of North Carolina during the years 1949-1953. Playing three years of outstanding football there, he was elected captain of the Carolina squad in his senior year. He also played basketball one year.

After his college days, he went back to his hometown to coach, and has been there ever since.

Coach Yarborough is twenty-six years old, married, and has two youngsters: a girl age three and a son seven months old.

In addition to his duties as head football coach, Mr. Yarborough will teach some history classes.

Among people who highly praised and recommended the new coach was last year's head football coach, Mr. Johnny Guiton.



Mr. Ken Yarborough, new football coach, is shown as he snares a pass during his UNC days.

Bird Netters Lose; Bulldogs Romp 9-0 On Local Courts

For the second time Durham net stars shone bright, completely outclassing the Birds 9-0 in a match played at Durham April 22.

Goldsboro's hot racquets were in local territory May 16 and trampled the Birds 7-2 with the two RM wins coming in the number 3 singles and number 1 doubles.

Wilson Loses

Wilson also was here May 26 in a losing cause, as the locals trounced the Cyclones 7-2. The only losses came in the number 4 singles and the number 3 doubles.

RM traveled to Wilmington and won a close match 6-3, May 2, with losses coming in the number 1 and 2 singles and number 1 doubles.

Birds Defeat Caps

Locals met Raleigh on the Riverside Courts and defeated the Caps 6-3 with losses in the number 2 and 6 singles and number 3 doubles.

Goldsboro played host to netters in the closing match of the year and squeaked to a 5-4 victory. RM victories came in the number 1 and 4 singles, 2 and 3 doubles.

This year's net squad ended the season with a 6-4 record, only losing to Goldsboro and Durham twice each.

Wrestling Newest As Sports Grow

To enable more students to participate in athletics next year, Senior High will add wrestling to its list of sports activities.

Coach Johnny Brown, also head baseball coach, will direct the new team. The coaches have not yet decided on the opponents for the first season.

Wrestling, a winter sport, will take place inside the gym. There is no set number of players that may occupy a berth on the team. Athletic Director Bill Lundy expects many students to take part in the sport since it is something new in Senior High School.

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