

SPORT VIEWPOINT

By Virginia Culpepper

"I am looking forward to coaching without having a star-studded team. It offers a very new and exciting challenge," says Richard Hicks, basketball coach at RMSH. In Hick's opinion the conference is going to be "tough." The reason is that each team is about equal in talent. "Although our team has lost Phil Ford and players like Jimmy Weeks, we feel very fortunate to have Doug Henley and Charles Lewis who started as guards last year."

The season will begin as it did last year, although the team will be more patterned with a variety of set plays.

Tryouts first started with a

total of 43 boys. These were cut to 25 on November 6. November 18, the final twelve were chosen. They are: Kenneth Bulluck, Jimmy Roberson, Don Johnson, Wayne Alston, Erwin Berry, Sidney Armstrong, Charles Lewis, Jeff Joyner, Gerry Felton, Doug Henley, Jarvis Moore, Joe Grant, and Brantley Sapp.

"We will try to continue our winning attitude and combine it with respect for each other on and off the floor, and with these two things try to mold another conference champion." Coach Hicks further states, "We have the ability to do it, but it will be interesting to see if we use our abilities to their nth degree."



THE ROYAL BALLET THEATER? No, it's the 1974-75 Gryphon Wrestling Team getting in shape for the season. Photo by Thompson

Girls' Basketball Schedule

Dec. 9	Williamston	Home
Dec. 11	Northern Nash	Away
Dec. 16	Kinston	Home
Dec. 18	Northeastern	Home
Jan. 8	Bertie	Away
Jan. 9	Edenton	Away
Jan. 14	Plymouth	Home
Jan. 16	Kinston	Away
Jan. 20	Williamston	Away
Jan. 23	Northern Nash	Home
Jan. 27	Northeastern	Away
Jan. 31	Plymouth	Away
Feb. 3	Edenton	Home
Feb. 7	Bertie (Triple header)	Home

BY THE WAY ...

Let's play Walter Mitty, pretend that we are the head

coach of a professional football team, and devise a new, creative strategy. How about the Midget Offense? This would consist of giving the football to a midget and having the big, strong quarterback throw the midget as far downfield as possible. The beauty of this offense lies in that there is no worry about someone intercepting the midget because it would be forward progress where they stop him. So you don't like this radical new idea? Well, how about coming up with some ideas of your own? Please send all books, documentary films, and essays on the subject to The Gryphon Sports Department. No prizes will be awarded. (But you might get to see your name in print!)

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Cheerleading Dangerous

Whatever happened to the football injuries of the past? The real injuries — not sprained ankles. They've left the football bench and are travelling behind it — to the cheerleading squad. That's right! Those "rah-rah-rah" girls are oftentimes heard letting out a loud "aahhh." The change of sports seasons requires a change in cheering. The outside football fields are usually too messy to do cartwheels and splits on, but the gyms in basketball season invite the gymnastic abilities (or lack of them) of the girls.

Ah, the pain of success! For two weeks before school, cheerleaders grin and bear the pulled muscles as they get back "in-shape." Then, basketball season comes along and finds the girls totally unprepared for the deadly perils of the gym floor. Most graciously, the Athletic Department allows two weeks between the seasons, and the cheerleaders are convinced that it is for their sake and not the team's.

At any rate, basketball season is here, and the cheerleaders are in A-1 condition. But, just in case during one of the new "stick cheers," with the complicated jumps, fans hear an

Season Starts Soon

Wrestling Practice Begins

By Wade Bryant

Monday, Nov. 4, was a day that many young men looked forward to and many dreaded. The first day of wrestling practice.

Under the coaching of Stan Bastian, the prepared and not prepared went into training. And prepared or not most of the young men came out sweaty, hot, and tired.

After the first couple of practices one can usually find many young men walking down the hall in a peculiar manner. This is almost always due to

occasional grunt or obscenity, count it all as the pain of sweet, sweet success ... Nothing worth having comes easily!

soreness.

This season should begin with high hopes of having a strong team again this year with the experience of Greg Daws, Mike Avent, and Del Eatmen, to support the team and the newcomers including many strong sophomores.



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