Topp, who can be reached at 875-5382.

The recreation commission would

like to hear suggestions and criticism from the public on the summer recreation programs. Anyone with a

comment or a question can call the office at 875-5603 between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. on either June 7 or 8.

CARD OF THANKS

The Lizzie McDougald family wishes to thank all of you for the kindness shown during their

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Recreation Programs

The recreation commission reminds everyone interested in girls softball, co - educational volleyball, self - defense and arts and crafts summer programs to register now.

There will be a meeting of all girls ages 13 - 15 who are interested in joining girls youth softball on Thursday, June 3 at 6 P.M. at Armory Park. Teams will be chosen at the meeting so everyone interested is requested to attend is requested to attend.

More players are needed for co educational volleyball play. Each team must have four men and four women. Adults, 18 years old or graduating seniors, will compete on Monday nights from 8 - 9:30. Youth (school area) will blay Weat of the (school age) will play Wednesday nights from 8 - 9:30.

This year the commission is sponsoring free arts and crafts courses. Pencil and charcoal drawing, watercolor and oil and acrylic painting, pottery and leathermaking classes will be offored Mandau classes will be offered Monday through Friday.

Anyone interested in registering for the classes should contact the recreation commission June 7 or 8 between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. in the recreation office located in the old county office building on W. Elwood Ave. opposite the post office. Instructor for the classes is Steve







Out Of Bounds

By Mike Steadman

Everyone who is a real sports fan has favorite teams or individuals he likes to see do well. A feeling is generated within the person that is simply impossible to describe or understand.

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It is hard to declare yourself a true fan unless an empty feeling appears in the pit of your stomach, your eyes water, and you are a complete grouch for at least two whole days after your favorite team loses a big sports event. If these symptoms are suffered on a regular basis, then you may be safely referred to as a die-hard, bona-fide, hard-nosed sports maniac. It's nothing to be ashamed of, or that brings cause to go hide in a closet somewhere, but is indeed a virtue that is often envied by others who cannot generate the real gut feeling of being such a fanatic. It's fun and everyone knows it. It's fun and everyone knows it.

As a writer of such a column as this, I have to be one of these people and am proud of it.

There are many things this writer would like to see happen in the sports world in the future.

As baseball this year goes, it would be nice if the Detroit Tigers surprised everyone by coming from behind in the latter part of the season and taking the pennant. Considering they had the worst record in baseball last year, a complete turn around would be something to behold. Icing on the cake would be to make the "Big Red Machine" turn green with envy as the Tigers walk away with the World Series.

On the local scene it would be nice to see the Hoke High Bucks blast Richmond County every time they meet next season and eventually win the state championship. At the rate they are going, this could become a probability in the near future. The Bucks' coach, Terry Grier, could be voted the happiest man in North Carolina. He would then want to set up some sort of national

championship. The local football team might consist of 60 players and could post a record of 8 - 2 and it wouldn't bother this writer in the least. Maybe their only losses will come at the hands of non-conference foes and a conference title will be in the teams' picture.

Another pleasant happening would be for East Carolina University to go undefeated and end up in the top fifteen in the nation playing someone like Tennessee in a big bowl game. A victory in the bowl wouldn't be as sweet as the victories over State and UNC.

It would be great if the Hoke basketball team matched and surpassed the record of three years ago and took the state championship under the helm of new coach Rodney Johnson.

Maybe, and this writer means MAYBE, an ACC team will go through the season bashing everyone on head and make it to the national finals without choking. A national winner would be very nice, and all ACC fans could really hold their heads high and be proud again of the best basketball conference in the nation

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a new franchise was formed in the NBA at Lizard Lick, N.C. with all former ACC greats on the team including David Thompson, Bobby Jones, Bob McAdoo, Charlie Scott, and Billy Cunningham on the starting roster? Naturally they would win the NBA championship. This writer would also like to see Muhammad Ali whip all the opponents he promised to beat with a special hourt with Howard Costl ending bis career as

This writer would also like to see Muhammad Ali whip all the opponents he promised to beat with a special bout with Howard Cosell ending his career --retiring as champion, of course (Cosell's lips would make it to the hospital before the ambulance); the hardship rule in basketball stopped; and Kathy McMillan (in all sincerity) win the gold medal at the Olympics. If all of these things happened, there would be no empty feeling in the pit of this writer's stomach, but a nice warm friendly feeling all over. In the past few months, many things written in this column have come from either fact, hope, sincerity, or a different point of view. It hopefully has given readers a chance to cheer, gripe, or even argue. This writer has tried to be everything from a cheerleader to a coach and has tried very hard to be successful at each. A true sports fan is always full of oninion and it often overflows

A true sports fan is always full of opinion and it often overflows. Without him, there would be no sports and the world would miss a level of

entertainment that brings delight to multitudes.

There would be no sports events if not for the people who sit out of bounds.



SOFTBALL TEAM—Members of the softball team under the sponsorship of Hoke Concrete line up. First row, left to right, are shown Dale Teal, Larry Walker, Tony Graham, Jerry Oldham, and Ronnie Cameron. (Second row) Mitchell Cox, Clyde Nettles, Cecil Campbell, Gary Mauney and Wayne Mills.

Softball Results

By Ann Howell

In last week's mens softball action at Armory Park, Raeford Plumbing and Heating defeated Hoke Concrete 10-8 in the Tuesday opener

opener. For RPH, Bobby Bounds Jr. was the leading batter, going 3-3. The fifth inning was RPH's best, getting four runs. Hoke was led by Wayne Mills who was 3-3, along with Gary Mauney and Ronnie Cameron who were 3-4 at the plate.

In the second game, Rose's Aviation took Rexall-Turf 5-3. Aviation took Rexall-Turf 5-3. Three of Rose's runs came in the fifth inning. Bucky Hendrix was leading hitter, with 3-3 at the plate. Bob Manuel was top batter for Rx-Turf, also batting 3-3, followed by Don Williamson, compiling a 2-3 record.

2-3 record. The night's final game was between Virgil's Drive-in and Gen-try's Tire, with Virgil's taking the win, 8-5. Pete Maynor was Virgil's leading batter, going 3-3. Gentry's had a super fourth inning, pulling in all six of their runs. Eddie Baker

was top batter, going 2-2. In the second night of mens softball, Virgil's defeated Rose's 5.4. Artis Gay was leading hitter for Virgil's, going 3-3, with a homerun in the third inning.

Ronnie Taylor and Delton Hardin were both 2-3 at the plate for Rose's

night's second game. RPH's James Rainey was leading batter at 2-3. RPH scored three runs in the seventh inning to help their victory. Rx-Turf was led by D. Monroe, who was 3-4 at bat. For Rx-Turf, runs were scored in the second,

Thompson and Anthony Oxendine both were 2-3 at bat for Gentry's. Hoke was again led at the plate by Wayne Mills, who went 2-3. Their only run came in the fifth inning.

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| Eddie Roper | | 579 |
| Artis Gay | | 576 |
| Henry Thompson | | 568 |
| Wayne Mills | | 567 |
| George Hendrix | | 531 |
| Robert Singletary | | 500 |
| Larry McDonald | | 484 |
| Nate Singletary | | 481 |
| Eddie Baker | | |
| | | - 480 |
| Tony Graham | | 478 |

Two Make All-Conference List

Two Hoke High athletes head up the Southeastern 4-A All Conference baseball team for 1976. Announcement of the selections

was made Tuesday. Richmond County, conference champions, had the greatest number of athletes named to the list, six. Sanford followed with three, and Pinecrest, Scotland County, and Bowman, along with Hoke, had two. One Lumberton player made the list. Hoke's Allen Thomas was named

to the outfielders list and Timmy Ross was named to the infield.

Ross was named to the infield. Both are 1976 graduates. Thomas, who just signed a football grant-in-aid with A&T State University, compiled a 5-1 record as a pitcher for the Bucks baseball team this past season. The foret 3 inches righthandae hed 30 6 feet 3 inches righthander had 29 hits for the season in 60 times at bat

Ross, who is considered to be one of the premier infielders in the state, finished the season with a .343 batting average. The 5 feet 8 inches second baseman and short-



stop compiled an impressive record with the Bucks, being struck out only five times in 24 games, and being walked only once. Ross is currently playing for the prestigious Sandhills American

Still Undefeated

Sandhills Drops Dunn

Tim Ross blasted a two-out double in the bottom of the tenth inning Monday night at Pinecrest High School to give the Sandhills (Post 350) team a 4-3 win over Post 59 of Dunn.

Ross, who is from Raeford and joined the legion team this week, had three hits in five trips to the plate including the game winning double.

His performance was aided by Cecil Blake of Southern Pines and Stanley Cummings of Raeford who were 2-5 and had one RBI each. Cal Pillard led the Dunn team in

hitting with three hits in four trips and two RBIs. Mike Antle of Southern Pines

out 15 batters. Pearl Pope was the losing pitcher

for Dunn. The win gives Sandhills a 2-0 record for the season.

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Tournament **Ke-scheduled**

The men's slow pitch softball league Mid-season Tournament has been re-scheduled for Friday, June 4 at 7 P.M. at Armory Park, the recreation commission

announced.



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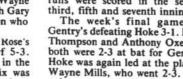
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Legion baseball team. Major league scouts have talked to both Thomas and Ross this year, and Coach Terry Grier termed the players' futures still "very much undecided".

RPH won over Rx-Turf 6-4 in the

third, fifth and seventh innings.

The week's final game saw Gentry's defeating Hoke 3-1. Henry



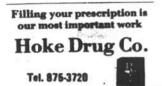


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was the winning pitcher for Sand-hills. The fifteen year-old came on in the third inning relieving David McNeill of Raeford, who had to leave because of injury, and struck

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