

Baseball Drills Open

Baseball practice opened for the 1952 edition of Coach Jack Boone's East Carolina Pirate baseball nine Wednesday afternoon with all of last season's squad on hand with the exception of three regulars lost via graduation.

Jack Wallace, Leon Jones and Billy Smith, all leaders on last year's winning squad, were missing and Boone has the task of finding capable replacements before his 24-game schedule gets underway late in March. A fill-in at shortstop will probably be the hardest replacement; for Wallace, a four year man and co-captain, led the squad in batting last year with a hefty .427 average and either knocked in or scored over 60 per cent of the Pirate runs.

All of last year's strong pitching staff returns. The staff is led by Jimmy Byrd, an All-Stater while in high school at Kinston, Jim Piner from Beaufort and Martin Byrd from Tabor City. All three are right handers with plenty of speed.

Expected newcomers to the pitching staff include two left-handers who were standouts while in prep schools. They are Rodney Heath and Leonard Sullivan from Cove City and Bath, respectively. Heath saw action last year at Oak Ridge, the home of Bobby Davidson, the big bonus kid whom Pittsburg signed. Other promising freshmen prospects include Claude King from Wilmington and A. J. Rose from Red Oak.

Boone has sigh of relief as far as his catching staff is concerned. For the first time in years he will have capable reserve strength behind the plate with George McSwain, Jim

Corbin and Sydney Hawkins, all returning from last year's nine. John Hamilton, a transfer student from Campbell, is expected to report to give added strength.

In the infield a rebuilding process is expected to take place with Wallace and Smith out. James Sanderson, the freshman standout who batted .440 last year, may ybe back, but is not certain if he will be used in the infield or as a utility man.

Lettermen return at third base and first base in George Sauls and Sonny Russell. However, several frosh are on hand with spectacular records behind them, who will be in the thick of the fight for a starting berth. They include Gaiter Cline from Gastonia's high school state champions. Paul Jones, another veteran, who saw limited action in the infield last year, may be shifted to the outfield. Richard Hoskins returns to fight for second base, a position which he performed at frequently last season with a .272 batting clip.

Others among the newcomers who are capable of earning starting position in the infield are Paul Gay, Cecil Heath and Larry Rhodes. All are freshmen coming from Class "AA" high schools.

Jesse Aldridge and George Graybill, regulars in the 1951 outfield, will probably be unable to report. Aldridge is suffering from an aggravated shoulder and Graybill is practicing teaching.

Fred Soles, a hard slugging centerfielder, returns, but may be shifted to left field. Soles was among the top hitters last year with a .343 mark. Dewey Harris, a promising candidate for the outer gardens, will be ready for action this season after laying out the previous year due to a chipped elbow. Other returning veterans who saw limited action in the outfield last year are Major Hooper and Charles Fischell.

Future Teachers Ship 176 Pounds Of Clothes Abroad

Student members of the Future Teachers of America and the Baptist Student Union at East Carolina college have shipped abroad 176 pounds of clothing collected on the campus to aid Koreans impoverished by the war.

Under the leadership of Mary Jo Johnson of Coats, FTA president, and George G. Gilbert of Spindale, chairman of the project for the BSU, a collection of clothes for men, women and children has been packed and will be mailed within a few days. Mrs. Agnes W. Barrett, secretary to college President John D. Messick; Francis Lee Neel of the art department; and the faculty advisors of the two organizations assisted the students in carrying out the project.

The parcels, weighing approximately 20 pounds each, will be mailed directly to Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha Woman's university, Pusan, Korea. From this school the gifts will be distributed to needy Koreans.

Students at East Carolina who assisted in collecting and packing the clothing include: Al Auerback, Greenville; Edmund Rublein, Folkstone; Christine and Pauline Blalock, Timberlake; Sarah Jane Hester, Roxboro; and Vera Hardison, Washington.

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Martin Discusses World Conditions Before Vets Club

Twenty-five members of the East Carolina Veterans club met at Respass-James and held their quarterly banquet February 14. Dr. George Martin of the East Carolina geography department addressed the group on world conditions.

Plans are now being carried out by the club for the building of a tower on the campus which will be used to house the victory bell that is being given to the college by the Vets club. Plans now call for the tower to be located between Cotten hall and the Graham building.

In order to further interest in the club the following men were designated to head activities for the spring quarter: Henry Fordham, intramural softball; Bill Lynch and Larry Kincaid, a tennis team; Spook Heath, a billiards team; Jack Braun, a golf class and team; and Otis Bain, a bridge club.

All veterans who are attending college here are urged to see one of these men and participate in one of these activities. These teams will challenge any team on the campus in any league.

Appointed to work out details for a spring party were Bob Stephenson, Heath and Neil Rean.

Blanton Heads Program Of Future Homemakers At Grimesland School

Gloria H. Blanton, counselor to the East Carolina college Baptist Student union, led a discussion for the Future Homemakers of America at Grimesland high school Monday afternoon of last week. A filmstrip entitled "The Christian Family" was used by Miss Blanton as a basis for the afternoon's discussion.

Frances Barnes of Kenly, East Carolina student who is doing student teaching in home economics at Grimesland, introduced Miss Blanton. Approximately sixty FHA members were present for the meeting.

Recently Miss Blanton led a similar discussion at a meeting of the Bethel FHA at a meeting in the high school there.

Students Of Art Exhibit Paintings In College Library

Nine students of art at East Carolina college are exhibiting their oil paintings in the college library February 22-March 8. The young men and women are students of Francis Lee Neel of the art faculty at the college, and all are beginners in the study of oil painting.

Approximately thirty canvases are on display, Mr. Neel has announced.

Those whose paintings were chosen for the art show at the college library are: Harriet C. Cozart, Greenville; Dorothy Nell Henderson, Greenville; William McWilliams, Aurora; Nel Murphy, Henderson; Joan C. Edwards, Wilmington; India Wright, Halifax; Lois C. Patterson, Vanceboro; Dahlia Pendergraft, Portsmouth, Va. and Howard P. Williams, Elm City.

Circle K Club Members Observe 'Ladies Night'

Members of the Circle K club at East Carolina college, student branch of Kiwanis International, observed their annual "Ladies Night" meeting Tuesday of last week and entertained their guests at a dinner in the North Dining hall on the campus. Approximately eighty people were present.

Dr. Kenneth N. Cuthbert, director of the department of music at East Carolina, was principal speaker on the evening's program. Basing his remarks on the idea of self-discipline, he talked on organizing one's life to achieve happiness.

Jerome Sandford, Goldsboro junior, gave a toast "To the Ladies."

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Athlete Of The Week

by Frazier Bruton

Sensational Sonny Russell, who holds down a forward post for the East Carolina Pirates, has for the second time this season been selected our "Athlete of the Week." This rocking-chair set shot artist has been setting the courts afire for the Bucs during the final weeks of basketball.

For the third consecutive time Russell has been chosen on the mythical All-North State team, approaching the highest of all—the four-time record held by Catawba's Larry Graham and Billy Wells of Lenoir Rhyne. For such a person it is an accomplished feat of high basketball ability and a never-dying spirit on the courts.

With two unstoppable lads as Hodges and Russell and a bunch of spirited purple and gold clad Buccaneers, the Pirates will be as hard as the Rock of Gibraltar to knock off comes NAIB tournament time. Here is what Greensboro's sports writer, Moses Crutchfield, says of Russell and Hodges: "East Carolina's Bobby Hodges and Sonny Russell are the best one-two scoring punch at forwards in the conference."

In the first game of the NAIB playoffs, East Carolina embarrassed the Panthers of High Point for the third time this year by licking them 69-61 with Russell hitting the net for seventeen points, Russell possibly would have hit for more points but at 4:00 in the fourth period he fouled out, though not too soon for the fans to forget his remarkable play.

Russell's best game by far was the Citadel game which was played in the Wright gym where the New



Bern grown lad laid in 27 points—half of which were on tips. Though East Carolina got off to a slow start in the first half, Russell and company lit the powder kegs in the second half and scored 45 points to leave their Southern Conference foe way behind.

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