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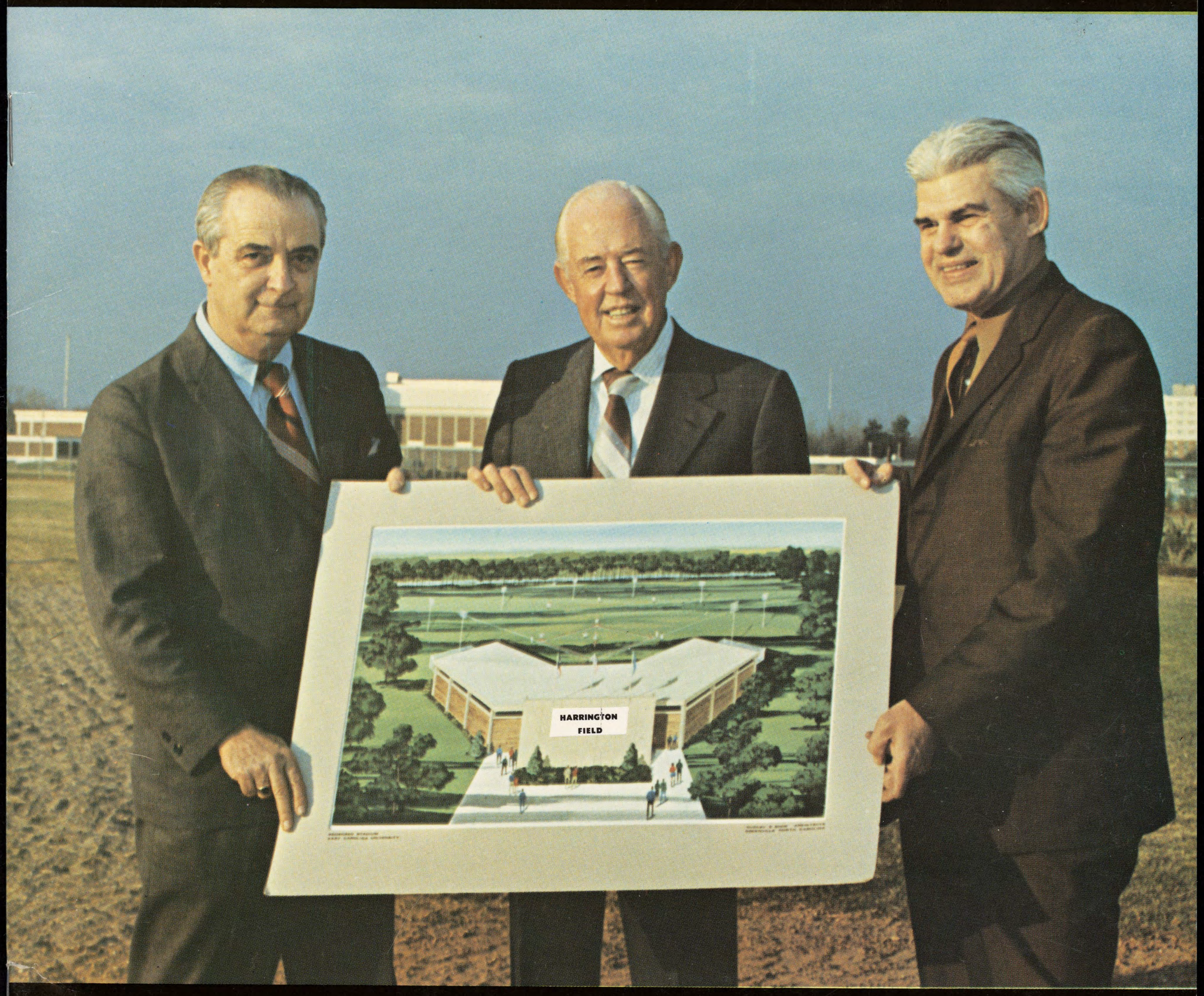

HARRINGTON FIELD DEDICATION

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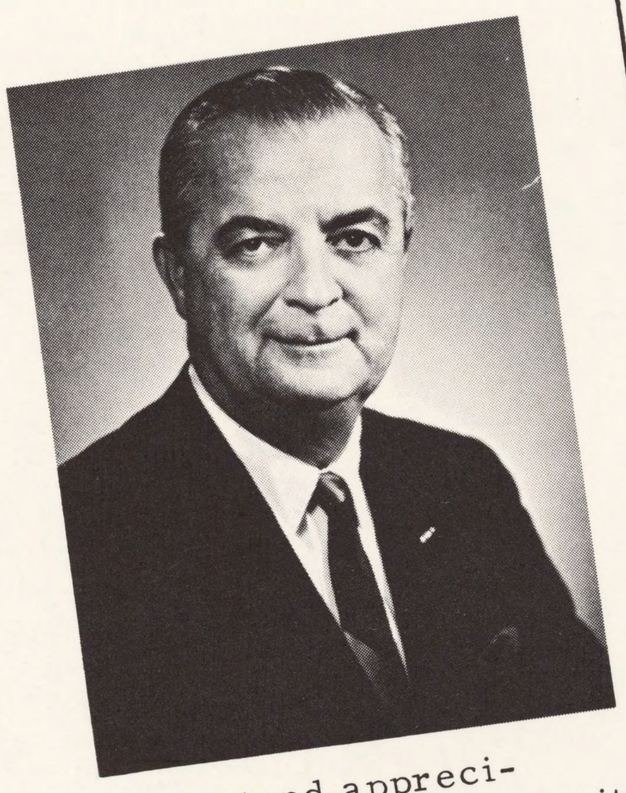

Greetings,

This brochure provides an excellent opportunity to extend appreciation to all who have made the baseball program at East Carolina University a success. To name all of these individuals would be impossible, but to enumerate some of the values of their contributions is an appropriate way to say thank you.

Historically, the baseball program has offered opportunities for many fine young men to attend college and participate in valuable athletic experiences. Baseball also helps the individual enter into competitive experiences which prepare young men to face the physical, social, and psychological aspects of life.

The development of a keen sense of competition which forces one to strive onward toward victory in the face of adversity in a game is sure to help the individual as he faces life's situations. In addition, the ability to work and play together and to experience the joy of sharing as team members is an unforgetable experience in one's life.

It is good to see students involved in such programs, and Harrington Field will help us continue our baseball with a higher level of interest and greater benefits to players, other students, and loyal supporters of college baseball.

Cordially,

Leo W. Jenkins

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President

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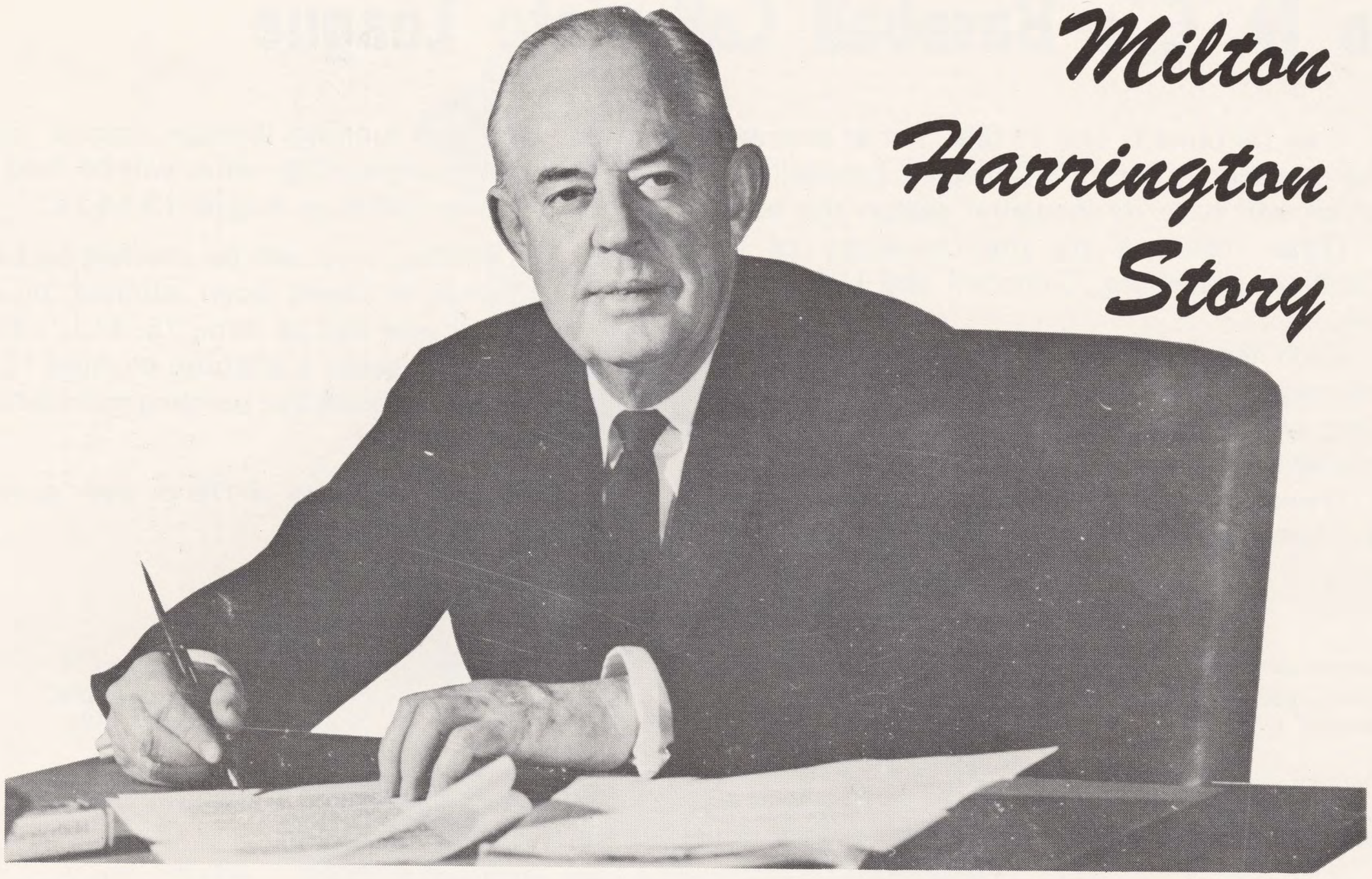
The Milton Harrington Story



Baseball and business often go together but seldom as successfully as it has with Milton Harrington.

His accomplishments on the diamond and in the world of major industry are recognized by East Carolina University by naming the improved baseball park after him.

He came from the area, became a leader in the establishment of strong baseball interest here, and then moved on to become the dynamic leader of one of the world's largest corporations—one which has a profound influence on the lives of almost all residents of Eastern Carolina.

He is president and chief executive officer of Liggett & Myers and has spearheaded a diversification movement by that corporation that has spread its activities into many fields.

Yet all of his international acclaim in the competitive world of big business probably never matched the thrill he got from making a winning hit or play as the leader of the Greenville entry in the very fast semi-pro Coastal Plain League almost 40 years ago—or for the skillful performances as captain of the Duke University team under the legendary Jack Coombs.

Milton Harrington is living proof that leadership qualities on the sports field exert themselves in later life. The late Peahead Walker, who managed Snow Hill in the same Coastal Plain League, once remarked, "Milton, you know more ways to win a ball game than anyone I have ever known." Coombs, his college coach, once said, "He was a coach on the field, always throwing to the right base and never making an error in judgment."

His defensive play as an outfielder was truly outstanding. He captained the 1931 Duke team and was a regular on the 1930 outfit that won the Southern Conference title.

He managed Greenville's first team in the Coastal Plain League—back in 1934, and won the pennant. The best college players in the nation competed in the Coastal Plain.

It was in 1934 that he began his career with Liggett & Myers. He served as factory manager, leaf buyer, and leaf supervisor before he became manager of the leaf department. He became a company director in 1955 and a vice-president in 1960. From there he moved on to his present positions.

He served with the Field Artillery in World War II. He is married to the former Bonnie Windham of Farmville. Tragically, their only son, John Milton Harrington, a West Point graduate and Army captain, was killed in 1966 while serving in Viet Nam.

Their home is in Durham despite the fact he spends most weekdays at the company's New York headquarters.

Milton Harrington—a name that will grace East Carolina baseball with distinction and honor.

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Pirates Are to Play 36 Summer Games In N. C.'s Baseball Collegiate League

East Carolina is one of five charter members of the new North Carolina Collegiate Baseball League which will have its inaugural season this summer.

Other members are the University of North Carolina, Louisburg, Campbell and UNC-Wilmington.

Each team will play a 36-game schedule, meeting each of the other four clubs nine times. Each team will be composed of players on that school's regular spring roster.

Games will be played every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon starting June 15 and running through August 10. A best-of-three championship series will be held between the top two teams on August 13-14-15.

The Pirates, who will be coached by Earl Smith and George Williams, open summer play against UNC at Chapel Hill on June 15. ECU's first home game will be against Louisburg on June 17. Both of these dates are tentative pending completion of the entire schedule.

The Bucs will play all 18 of their games in Harrington Field.

Tuesday, June 15
Louisburg at Wilmington
Campbell at UNC

Thursday, June 17
Louisburg at ECU
UNC at Campbell*

Friday, June 18
Wilmington at Campbell

Saturday, June 19
Campbell at Louisburg
Wilmington at ECU

Sunday, June 20
Wilmington at Louisburg
ECU at UNC

Tuesday, June 22
UNC at Wilmington
ECU at Campbell

Wednesday, June 23
UNC at ECU

Thursday, June 24
Louisburg at UNC*
ECU at Wilmington

Friday, June 25
Louisburg at Campbell

Saturday, June 26
Campbell at Louisburg
UNC at ECU

Sunday, June 27
ECU at Louisburg
UNC at Wilmington

Monday, June 28
ECU at Campbell

Tuesday, June 29
Wilmington at Campbell
U.S. Olympic at UNC

Wednesday, June 30
Louisburg at UNC
U.S. Olympic at Wilmington

Thursday, July 1
U.S. Olympic at ECU

Friday, July 2
Wilmington at Campbell
ECU at UNC

Saturday, July 3
ECU at Louisburg
Wilmington at UNC

Sunday, July 4
UNC at Louisburg*

Monday, July 5
Campbell at ECU

Tuesday, July 6
Louisburg at Wilmington
ECU at Campbell

Wednesday, July 7
Campbell at Wilmington

Thursday, July 8
Louisburg at Campbell
Wilmington at UNC

Friday, July 9
UNC at ECU

Saturday, July 10
Campbell at UNC
ECU at Wilmington*

Sunday, July 11
Wilmington at Louisburg
ECU at UNC

Tuesday, July 13
Louisburg at ECU
UNC at Campbell

Wednesday, July 14
Campbell at Louisburg

Thursday, July 15
Wilmington at ECU
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UNC at ECU

Sunday, August 8
ECU at Louisburg

Tuesday, August 10
ECU at Wilmington
Campbell at UNC*

Wednesday, August 11
Wilmington at Campbell

Thursday, August 12
Louisburg at UNC
Campbell at ECU

August 13, 14, 15 Best of three playoff between two top teams.

*Denotes Doubleheader

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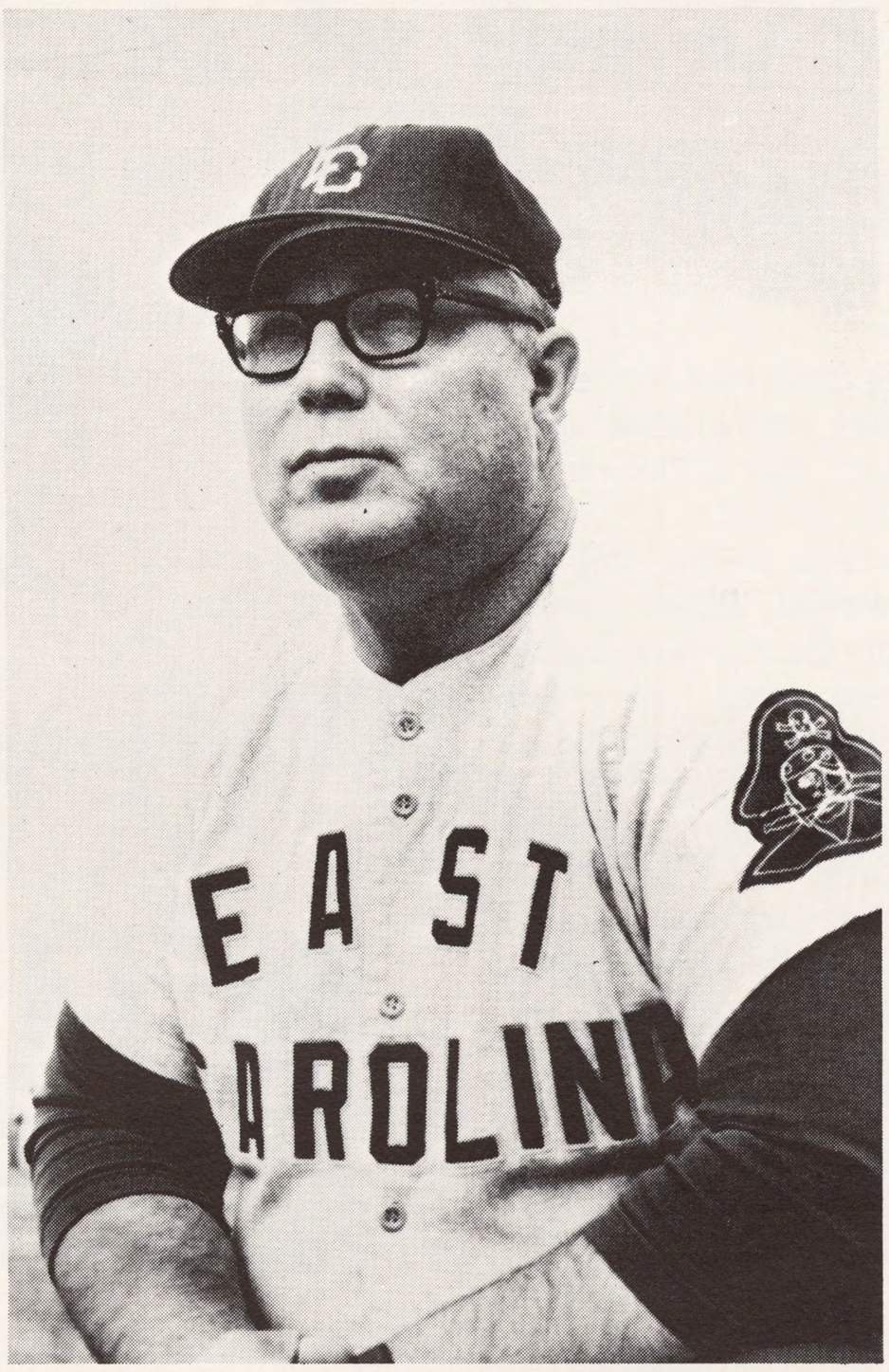

'THE EARL OF GREENVILLE'

The oldest man from point of service on the coaching staff at East Carolina, Earl Smith's association with the school dates back to pre World War II days.

A graduate of East Carolina in 1939, he lettered in three sports, baseball, football and basketball. After graduation he turned to professional baseball and later became a high school coach at LaGrange, Burlington, Gastonia and Littleton.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy as a chief petty officer and after that stint, returned to his alma mater as a member of the coaching staff, handling basketball and baseball in 1945-46.

From 1946 to 1953 he coached baseball, football and basketball at Campbell College, returning to East Carolina in 1953 where he became assistant coach in the three sports holding those positions until 1958.

He became head basketball coach in 1959 and in 1963 when Jim Mallory gave up the head baseball coaching job to become Dean of Men at East Carolina, Smith took over as head baseball coach.

East Carolina's 1961 team had won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championship and Smith returned with them the following year to the NAIA championships in Kansas City where they finished third.

In 1964, Smith's Pirates were picked as an at-large team in the NCAA District 3 playoffs. They returned again in 1966, 1968 and 1970 as Southern Conference champions. The 1967 team posted the school's winningest record, 23-6, but lost out in a post-season playoff to West Virginia for the conference title.

Smith registered his 300th career victory as a coach in 1970. His prep career showed 34 wins and 7 losses and as a college coach his teams have now won 285 games and lost 125.

He is married to the former Stella Hardin and they have three children, Bob age 20, Anne age 18, and David age 17.

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GEORGE WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT COACH

George Williams, assistant baseball coach at East Carolina University, is in his fifth year in that position, but his athletic career with the school dates back to his undergraduate days.

Williams entered East Carolina in the fall of 1956 and after lettering in baseball, signed a professional baseball contract with the San Francisco Giants at the end of his sophomore year.

After three seasons in the Giants organization, he returned to complete his undergraduate studies in 1961 and then taught and coached for two years in junior high schools in Charlotte.

In 1965, he returned to East Carolina to complete his graduate work and joined the University's Health and Physical Education department as an instructor and became assistant baseball coach in the spring of 1967. He works directly with the pitchers.

He is married to the former Alice Chaffin and they are the parents of two sons, Mike age 9, and Roger age 6.

New Lights Give To East Carolina One Of South's Most Glittering Diamonds

The new lights and additions to Harrington Field give East Carolina University one of the finest baseball facilities in the South.

"This is a dream come true," said Coach Earl Smith. "Now we can compete with any college in the country as far as baseball is concerned. I won't rest until we have a national championship."

The stadium renovation cost approximately $100,000, which was raised by the East Carolina University Foundation under the direction of Reynolds May, like Milton Harrington a former star at Duke University and a teammate in the old semi-pro Coastal Plain League.

The re-making of the Pirates' stadium is not complete. The major additions so far are the lights and a brick wall facing around the outside of the stands. Plans also call for new seating, a new press box, a new scoreboard and public address system and a partial roof to be added. All of this should make Harrington Field one of the South's most glittering diamonds.

"This is a wonderful addition to our athletic complex," said ECU Athletic Director Clarence Stasavich. "I know it will mean greater enjoyment of the game of baseball for our fans as well as benefiting Coach Smith's program."

The ECU athletic complex now includes 20,000-seat Ficklen Stadium for football and lacrosse, 6,500-seat Minges Coliseum for basketball and wrestling, Minges Natatorium for swimming, the University Track for track and field, the University Tennis Courts, plus several acres of playing and practice fields for soccer and cross country. ECU also enjoys the use of the Greenville Country Club course for golf and the Tar River for crew.

In all, there are 13 sports in which East Carolina University competes on the intercollegiate level.

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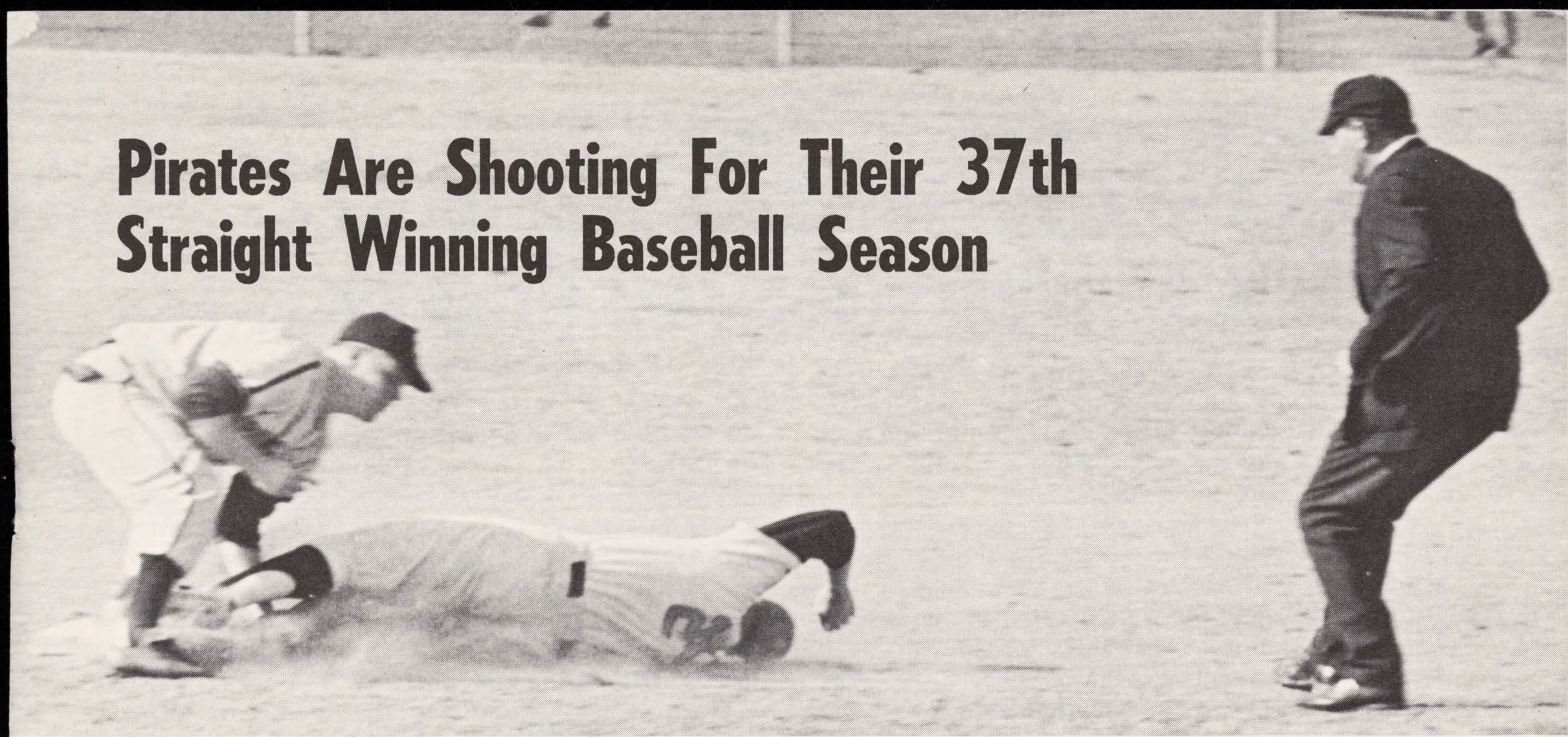
Pirates Are Shooting For Their 37th Straight Winning Baseball Season



Many baseball oldtimers accuse East Carolina University head baseball coach Earl Smith of being superstitious. Really, he's not, but if there ever was anyone who had a right to be—it's Earl Smith.

The Pirate baseball mentor does have a fondness for even-numbered years like 1964, 1966, 1968 and 1970. His baseball teams have done well in those years, but they always seem to slump in odd-numbered years.

In 1964, the Pirates made their first trip to the NCAA playoffs as an independent. They won the Southern Conference championship in 1966, 1968 and 1970 and made three more trips to the NCAA District III playoffs in Gastonia.

But, in 1965, 1967 and 1969 the Pirates were back in the pack.

Still, Earl Smith looked to the 1971 season with optimism—a sort of "beat the jinx" optimism. He has 12 lettermen back from last year's squad that went 20-13 and represented the Southern Conference in Gastonia.

One of the brighter spots for the Pirates this spring is the return of the top five pitchers from last season. Leading the way is Ron Hastings, a righthander, who had an 0.56 earned run average a year ago, the best in the nation, and an 8-2 won-loss record.

Southpaw Hall Baird also returns. A senior, Baird led the team in strikeouts last season with 84 in 66 innings of work and ended the year with a 5-4 record. He set a school and conference record by fanning 20 George Washington batters in the Southern Conference championship game. Sonny Robinson, a senior righthander, who was 3-3 a year ago, is back along with lefthander Tim Bayless and righthander Don Oxidine. Four freshman pitchers who could help are righthanders Tommy Toms and Bill Godwin and southpaws Dave LaRussa and Jeff Abernathy.

Other bright spots include the return of two of the team's three leading hitters, outfielders Mike Aldridge (.370) and Larry Walters (.317). Walters, as a freshman, led the team in homers with three and in runs batted in with 16 last spring.

Smith will have to find replacements for second baseman Dennis Vick, first baseman Skip Taylor and centerfielder Stu Garrett, all lost to graduation. Vick was the Pirates' biggest surprise last season when he hit .327 and led the team in hits and total bases. Both Garrett and Taylor will be hard to replace, defensively. Soph Matt Walker should replace Garrett in center where he will be flanked by Aldridge and Walters.

The Pirates have several junior college stars competing during the 1971 season—a method Smith is using to beat the odd-numbered jinx. These include third baseman Ralph Lamm from Wingate Junior College and first baseman Gus Roberson from Chowan Junior College. Both are power hitters.

Two other newcomers also brighten the infield picture. Second baseman Skip Horton and shortstop Mike Bradshaw made Smith smile when he talks about the fielding. Both could be starters, though Dick Corrada, a three-year starter and co-captain, is returning and will start somewhere either at shortstop on second base.

The catching—always an ECU strong point—could be better and deeper than ever with All-Conference Stan Sneeden back along with No. 2 receiver Len Dowd, who can also play the outfield. Highly touted freshman Rick McMahon also will see duty behind the plate.

Odd or even, the Pirates always seem to come up with better than a .500 record. ECU has enjoyed 36 straight winning seasons.

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What the New Facilities Will Mean To East Carolina's Baseball Program

By EARL SMITH
Head Baseball Coach

The question has been asked, "How much will the new facilities at the baseball field mean to the baseball program at East Carolina University?"

First, this new facility puts us back on top of baseball in Eastern North Carolina. We can now have facilities which are available to help both the high schools and legion programs as well as provide baseball on the college level during the summer months.

Second, the facility certainly will encourage other student baseball players from the high school and Legion programs to join us here at ECU. In other words, we feel it will help in the recruiting program.

Third, it will stimulate coaches and players, as well as the athletic department and administration at ECU, to continue to give this area good college baseball.

Fourth, this brings our baseball facilities up on a standard with the other two major sports at ECU, namely football and basketball.

We are most grateful to the friends of Mr. Milton Harrington, for whom the park will be named, and the friends of ECU who have helped to make this possible. We invite all athletes, coaches and baseball fans to visit with us and enjoy these facilities as soon as they are completed. This is a start toward providing us with one of the finest college baseball facilities in this part of the country.

We hope that our efforts in the future baseball programs will be as great as those who have helped us.

1970 SC FINAL STANDINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
East Carolina*	11	5	.687	20	13	.607
Furman	9	6	.600	18	11	.621
The Citadel	6	8	.429	13	11	.542
Davidson	5	10	.333	10	15	.400

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
G. Washington	10	6	.625	17	18	.486
Wm. & Mary	9	6	.600	17	16	.515
Richmond	5	9	.357	9	12	.429
V.M.I.	4	9	.308	6	13	.316

(*Conference Champion)

Won National Title in 1961

1961—NAIA baseball champions under former coach Jim Mallory who is now Dean of Men at ECU
1963—NAIA third-place finish in the National Finals at St. Joseph, Mo.
1964—NCAA District 3 at-large representative in the university division
1966—NCAA District 3, Southern Conference Champs
1968—NCAA District 3, Southern Conference Champs
1970—NCAA District 3, Southern Conference Champs

FORMER ALL-AMERICAS

Larry Crayton	NAIA
Cotton Clayton	NAIA
Lacey West	NAIA
Richard Narron	NCAA

4 PIRATES MAKE MAJORS

Bill Holland	Washington Senators
Jay Ritchie	Atlanta Braves
Floyd Wicker	St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Brewers
Vince Colbert	Cleveland Indians

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THE ROSTER

PITCHERS

H	rd		pos	b-t	cl	ht	wt	hometown	w-l	era
34	34	Jeff Abernathy	P	L-L	Fr	6-0	184	Newton	—	—
12	12	Hal Baird	P-OF	R-L	Sr	5-10	176	Petersburg, Va.	5-4	2.43
28	47	Tim Bayless	P	L-L	Jr	6-0	172	Whiteland, Ind.	2-1	1.83
		Jim Craver	P	L-R	Jr	5-8	172	Paducah, Ky.		
24	52	Bill Godwin	P	R-R	Fr	5-11	210	Wilmington		
15	15	Ron Hastings (co-capt.)	P	L-R	Sr	6-1	185	Connelly Springs	8-2	0.56
29	49	Mitchell Hughes	P	L-L	Sr	5-9	174	Maury		
31	51	Dave LaRussa	P	L-L	Fr	6-1	171	Enfield, Conn.		
18	18	Don Oxidine	P	R-R	Jr	6-4	187	Charlotte	1-3	3.20
		Wayne Post	P	R-R	So	6-3	179	Tallman, N.Y.	0-0	2.45
16	16	Sonny Robinson	P	R-R	Sr	6-1	184	Kershaw, S.C.	3-3	2.06
17	17	Tommy Toms	P	R-R	Fr	6-4	197	Greenwood, Va.		
36	44	Mike VanLandingham	P	R-R	Jr	6-1	192	Williamston	0-0	27.00
		Doug Whitley	P	R-L	So	6-1	178	Portsmouth, Va.	0-0	6.77

CATCHERS

H	rd		pos	b-t	cl	ht	wt	hometown	hr	bi	avg
		Rich McMahon	C	R-R	Fr	5-10	170	Vienna, Va.			
		Dennis Randolph	C	R-R	So	5-9	162	Jarrettown, Pa.			
19	19	Stan Sneeden	C	R-R	Jr	6-0	182	Wilmington	1	8	.222

INFIELDERS

		Mike Bailey	3B	L-R	Fr	5-9	170	Bristol, Va.			
10	10	Mike Bradshaw	SS	R-R	Fr	5-9	155	Norfolk, Va.			
23	53	Dick Corrada (co-capt.)	SS-2B	R-R	Sr	6-0	181	Richmond, Va.	0	10	.233
		Tommy Durham	3B	R-R	Fr	6-2	182	Greenville			
11	11	Norman Horton	2B	R-R	So	5-8	160	Charlotte			
14	14	Ralph Lamm	3B	R-R	Jr	6-0	185	Charlotte			
32	36	Bryan McNeely	3B	R-R	Sr	5-6	162	Richmond, Va.	0	2	.087
26	46	John Narron	1B	L-R	Fr	6-2	195	Goldsboro			
13	13	Gus Roberson	1B	L-R	Jr	6-0	184	Rocky Mount			
		Bob Sarelakes	2B	R-R	Fr	5-7	160	King of Prussia, Pa.			

OUTFIELDERS

25	27	Mike Aldridge	OF	R-R	Jr	6-3	195	Greenville	2	6	.370
		John Barrow	OF	R-R	Fr	6-0	186	Edenton			
30	50	Roy Coble	OF-C	R-R	So	5-11	184	Hamlet	0	0	.200
20	40	Len Dowd	OF-C	R-R	Sr	5-10	178	Rosselle, N.J.	0	11	.235
35	45	Troy Eason	OF	L-L	Fr	5-10	185	LaGrange			
		Chris Freed	OF	R-R	Fr	6-2	198	Gordonsville, Va.			
33	43	Matt Walker	OF	L-R	So	6-2	178	Rockingham	0	9	.195
22	42	Larry Walters	OF	L-R	So	6-1	186	Fairmont	3	16	.317

1971 SCHEDULE WITH RESULTS TO DATE

E.C.U.	2	N.C. State	7	E.C.U.	5	N.C. State	8	E.C.U.	10	Carolina	6
E.C.U.	6	N.C. State	5	E.C.U.	8	High Point	9	E.C.U.		William & Mary	
E.C.U.	3	Ithaca	0	E.C.U.	8	Virginia Tech	6	E.C.U.		William & Mary	
E.C.U.	5	Ithaca	7	E.C.U.	3	Virginia Tech	6	E.C.U.		Furman	
E.C.U.	0	Dartmouth	11	E.C.U.	1	Duke	7	E.C.U.		Furman	
E.C.U.	5	Virginia	9	E.C.U.	2	Furman	3	E.C.U.		Duke	
E.C.U.	0	Virginia	1	E.C.U.	1	Citadel	2	E.C.U.		North Carolina	
E.C.U.	8	V. M. I.	1	E.C.U.	0	Citadel	1	E.C.U.		Richmond	
E.C.U.	8	V. M. I.	2	E.C.U.	4	William & Mary	3	E.C.U.		Davidson	
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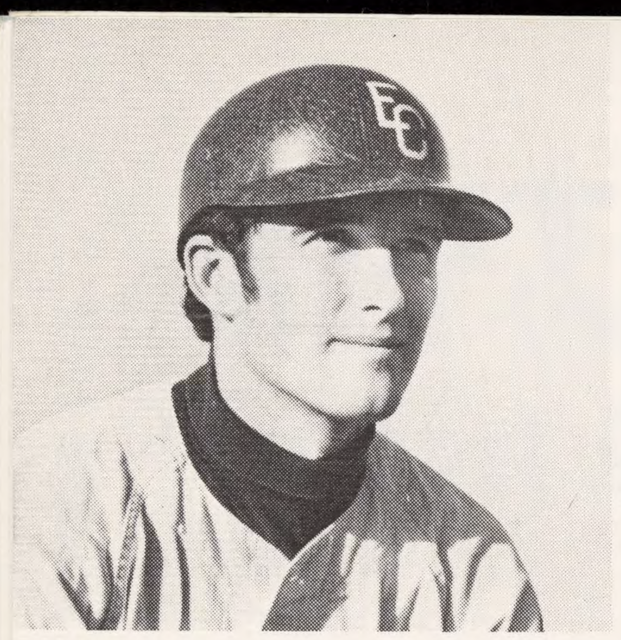


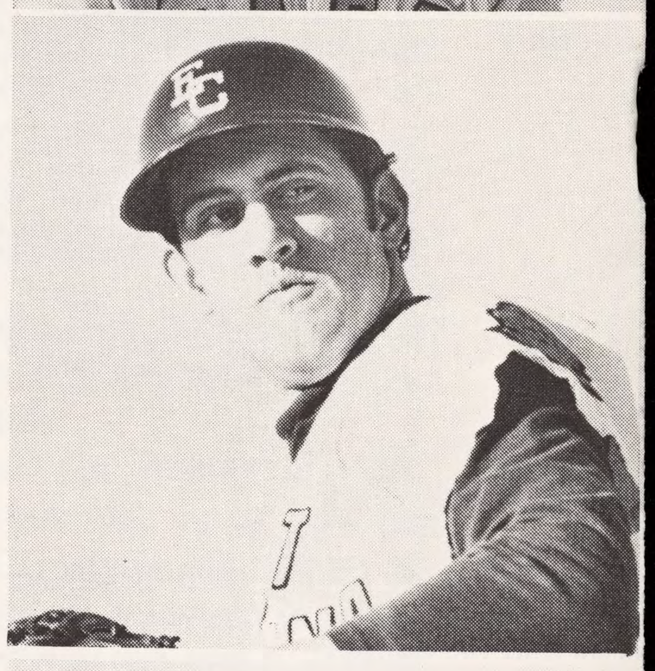
LET US MEET THE

PIRATES

PITCHERS

HAL BAIRD (P-OF)—Looks like top southpaw in SC. Fanned 20 George Washington batters in final game of SC Playoffs last May, a school and league record. Loves to hit and may see action in outfield or at first.

TIM BAYLESS (P)—This could be the year he puts it together. Hard-working lefty who is stingy with runs as long as he gets ball over. A dedicated baseball player.



RON HASTINGS (P)—"Nothing could be finer than having him at East Carolina" says Coach Smith of this Pirate co-captain who led nation in ERA (a conference record 0.56) last spring while posting 8-2 record including one-hitter in SC Playoffs. Bespectacled righthander was All-SC, All-State, All-District III and another good year should mean All-American for him.

DON OXIDINE (P)—This big righty has pitched well at times and could be on verge of a big season. Has tools it takes to be a big winner.

SONNY ROBINSON (P)—A real fighter who makes the hitters prove themselves. Great control. Pitches best in the real big games, like his one-hitter against Furman last year that clinched tie for SC title. Hurled in Cape Cod loop last summer.

TOMMY TOMS (P)—This freshman righthander has live fast ball and good curve. Shows real promise. Big and strong, should be valuable member of mound staff for next four years.

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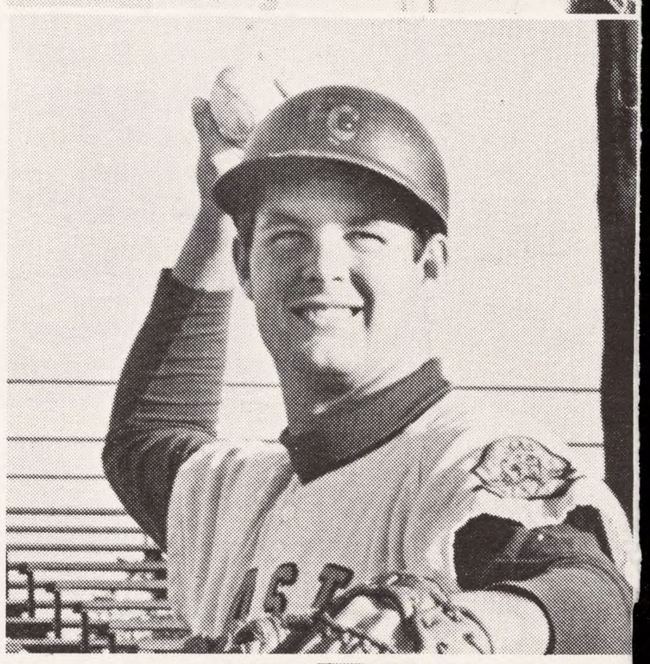
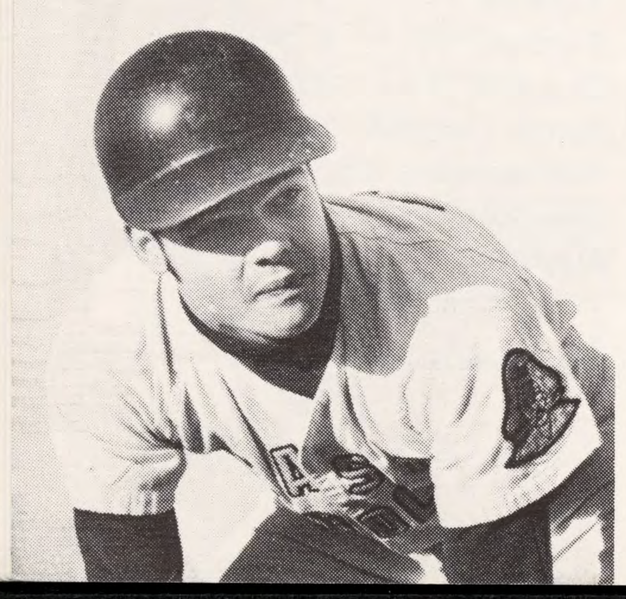
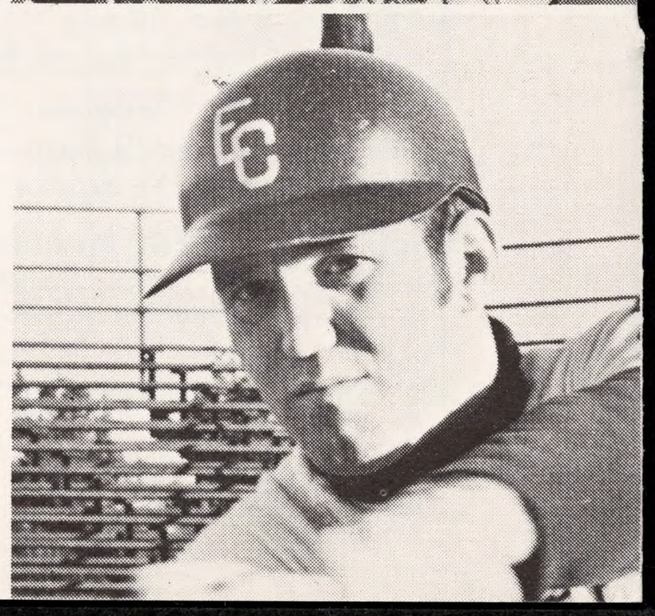


RICH McMAHON (C)—A good looking young catcher with tremendous potential. Played for Virginia American Legion championship team last season. From Vienna, Va.

STAN SNEEDEN (C)—Best catcher in SC. Won All-SC honors as soph last year. Durable. Has rifle arm. Much more dangerous as a hitter than his average shows. Played in Shenandoah Valley League last summer.

INFIELDERS





MIKE BRADSHAW (SS)—Former West Carteret star should become real good shortstop. Possesses rifle arm. Now lives in Norfolk, Va., where he was American Legion whiz.

DICK CORRADA (SS-2B)—They say this Buc co-captain has no wheels, no hands, no arm and no bat, but he beats you. "He's a winner," says Coach Smith. Four-year starter. Was All-SC flanker in football last fall. Played in Basin League in '69, Cape Cod League in '70.

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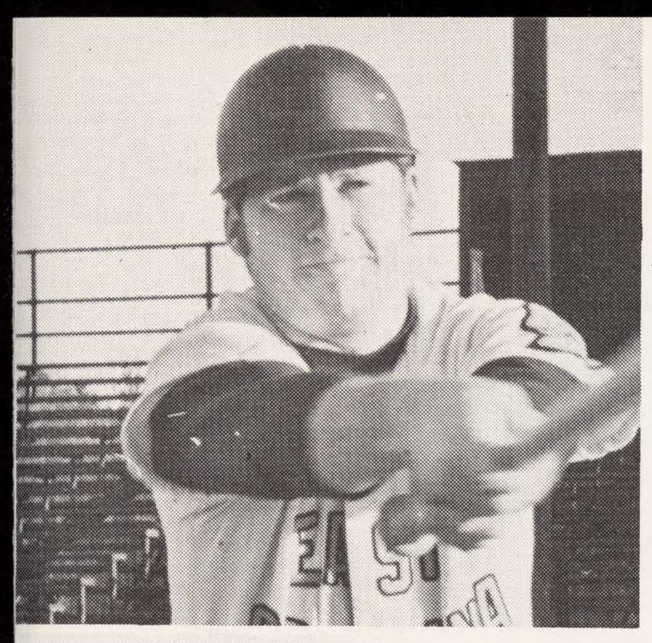
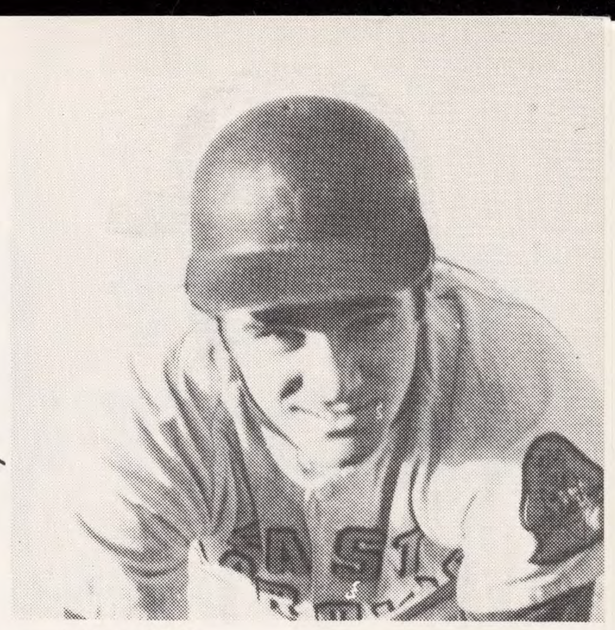


SKIP HORTON (2B)—They call Skip "The Hands" because he's a great fielder with the style of Tommy Helms. Bat is questionmark. If he hits, he could become an ECU star.

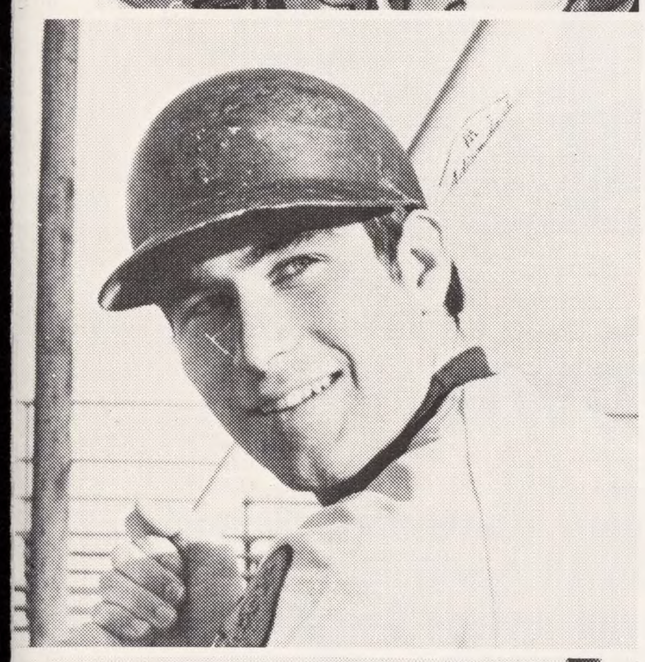


RALPH LAMM (3B)—Quick, can hit long ball, loves to play. Those are good credentials that he brings from Wingate Junior College where he won All-District honors in 1970.

BRYAN McNELLY (3B)—"Squealy" is a coach's dream. Will play anywhere, never complains when on bench. Always ready to go. Will coach bases, anything to help the team.

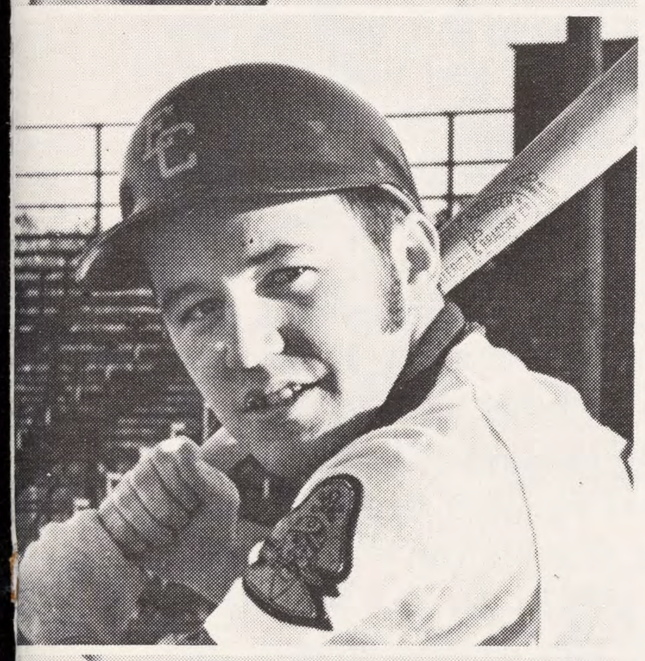
GUS ROBERSON (1B)—Led Cavalier-Tar Heel Junior College Conference in hitting last spring while at Chowan Junior College. Rocky Mount High grad and former Legion star.

OUTFIELDERS

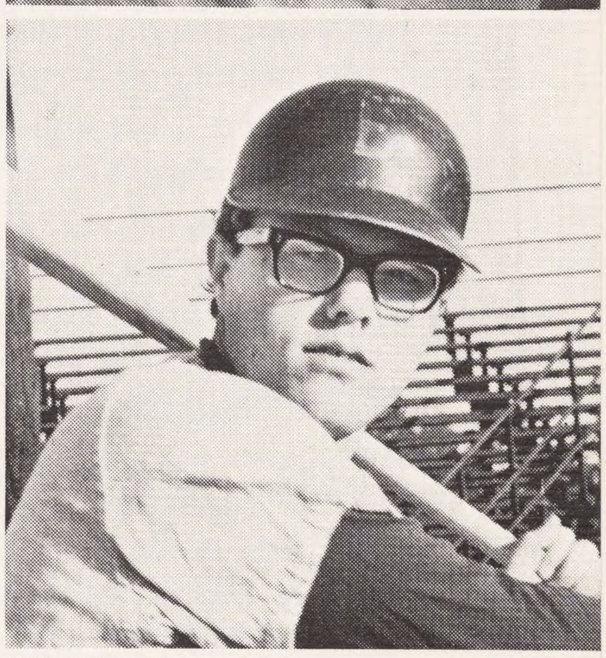


MIKE ALDRIDGE (OF)—Led team in hitting (.370) last season and has power potential. Big, fast, still improving. Third best hitter in Shenandoah Valley League last summer. Son of Greenville dentist, Dr. M. W. Aldridge, an ardent Pirates Club booster.

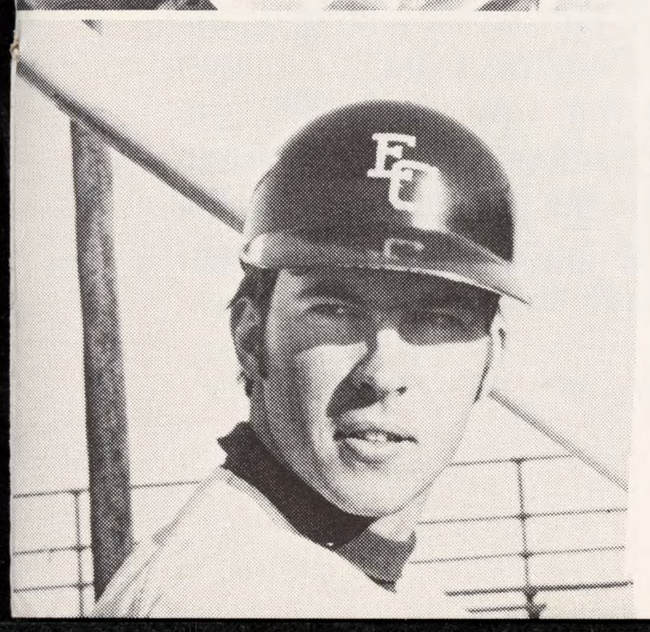
BUDDY COBLE (OF-C)—Good utility man with steady bat. Was high school and Legion star in Hamlet, where he played under ECU grad George Whitfield.



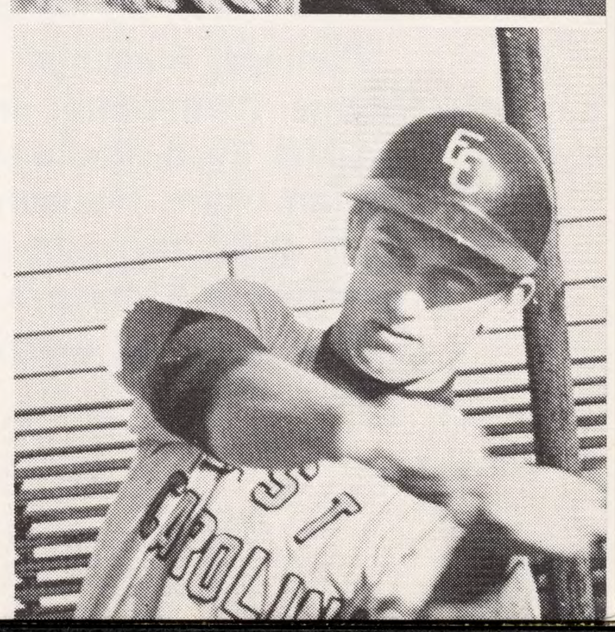
LEN DOWD (OF-C)—A top-notch catcher, capable outfielder and yet he played third base most of last year, because he was needed there. Probably will see most duty in outfield this season. A tough little guy with the bat, good at advancing the runner. Fast.



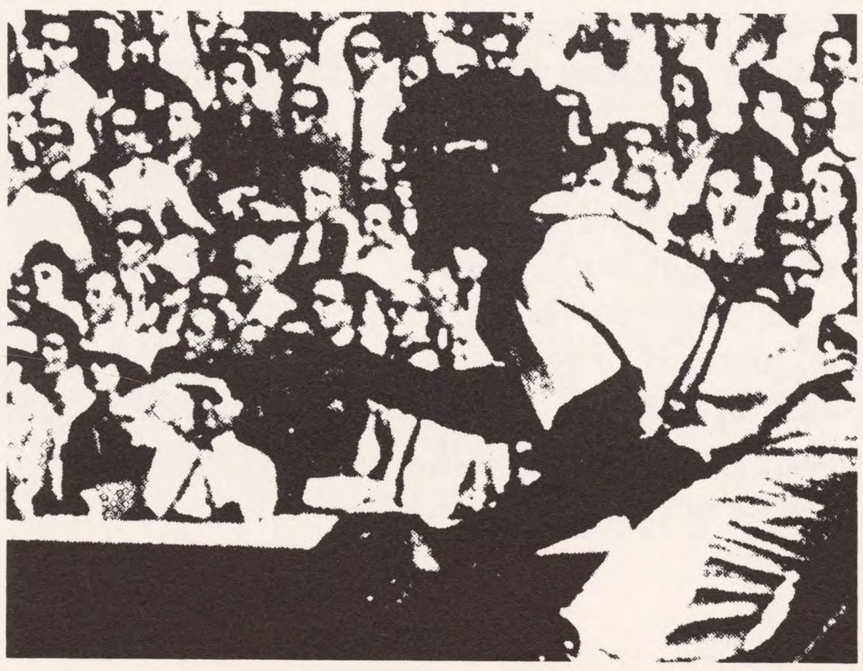
TROY EASON (OF)—Comes from LaGrange, the "Garden Spot of the World." Good hands and a quick bat. A Legion star for former ECU star Paul Jones' Kinston team.



MATT WALKER (OF)— Takes over center field. Has great speed. Played for Charlottesville in Shenandoah Valley League last summer. Former Hamlet Legion star, teammate of Coble.



LARRY WALTERS (OF)—Had fine frosh year, hitting .317 and leading team in HR (3) and RBI (16) in just 24 games. Muscular bomber looks better every day. Great attitude.



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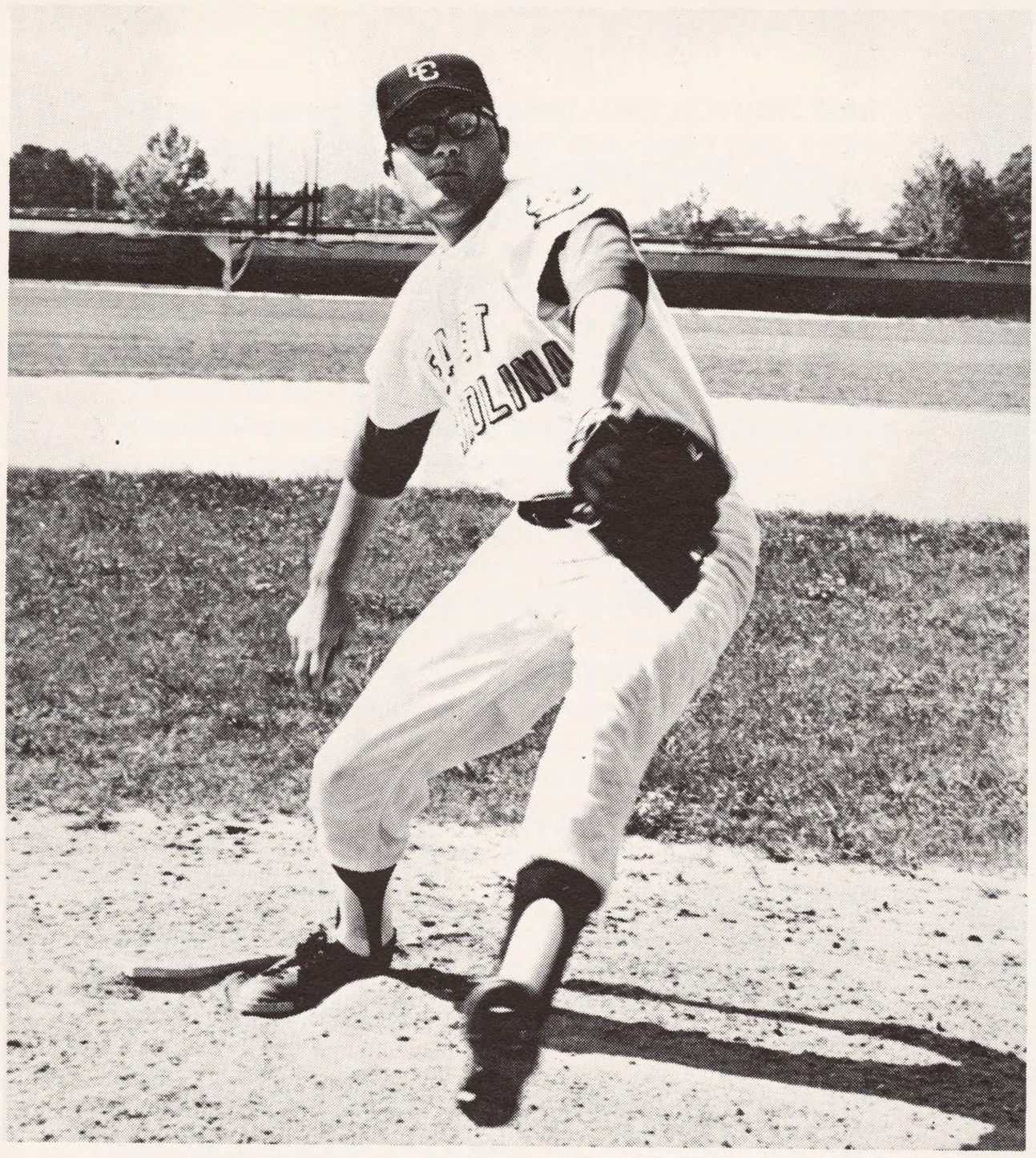

Hastings Hurled Bucs to 1970 Crown

In 1970 the Pirates rode the strong right arm of Ron Hastings, the nation's No. 1 college baseball pitcher, to their third Southern Conference title in five years since joining the league.

Of course, the bespectacled Mr. Hastings had a lot of help. Like the timely hitting of Dennis Vick, Mike Aldridge, Len Dowd, Larry Walters and Dick Corrada, the superb fielding of Stan Sneeden, Skip Taylor and Stu Garrett and the hurling of Hal Baird and Sonny Robinson.

But by and large it was Hastings' year.

The hard-throwing righthander from Connelly Springs, N.C., won eight and lost only two during the 1970 season, but his most noteworthy achievement was a dazzling 0.56 earned run average—the best in the nation among college pitchers and a new Southern Conference record.

Perhaps Hastings' finest game came against George Washington in the Southern Conference Playoffs. Ron fired a one-hit shutout at the Colonials that night. The only hit was a harmless "bloop" single down the right field line, just out of reach of right fielder Aldridge's outstretched glove.

For his great season, junior Hastings won All-District III and All-Southern Conference honors and was Honorable Mention All-American.

He was not alone in the awards line. Second baseman Vick, a senior, enjoyed his best season ever at the plate, batting .317, and was his customary magnificent self in the field. He easily won All-Southern Conference honors, as did sophomore catcher Sneeden, who is considered a top pro prospect because of his strong arm.

The Bucs compiled a 20-13 record overall and were 11-5 in Southern Conference play. It was the Pirates' 36th straight winning baseball season.

Two games which really stand out in the minds of Pirate fans came against Furman in the regular season and against George Washington in the playoffs. The Furman game, played on the Palladins' field, was one ECU had to win to stay alive in the Southern Division race. Robinson beat Furman with a one-hit shutout in that one. And then, the night after Hastings had blanked George Washington in the opening game of the playoffs, southpaw Baird fanned 20 Colonial batters (an ECU and Southern Conference record) to sew up the championship.

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1970 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Lost*	0-1	Duke	(Baird 0-1)
Won-1*	3-1	Ithaca	(Oxidine 1-0)
Won-2*	6-3	Ithaca	(Bayless 1-0)
Won*	1-0	Dartmouth	(Hastings 1-0)
Won*	8-1	Dartmouth	(Baird 1-1)
Lost*	2-5	UNC-Wilmington	(Oxidine 1-1)
Won-1	5-1	The Citadel†	(Hastings 2-0)
Won-2	6-1	The Citadel†	(Robinson 1-0)
Won	5-1	UNC-Wilmington	(Baird 2-1)
Lost	5-6	Campbell	(Hastings 2-1)
Won-1*	4-1	Furman†	(Hastings 3-1)
Lost-2*	4-5	Furman†	(Robinson 1-1)
Won-1*	1-0	The Citadel†	(Baird 3-1)
Lost-2*	2-3	The Citadel†	(Robinson 1-2)
Lost	4-5	N.C. State	(Oxidine 1-2)
Won*	6-1	Richmond†	(Hastings 4-1)
Won*	7-0	VMI†	(Baird 4-1)
Lost*	0-5	N.C. State	(Bayless 1-1)
Won-1*	4-2	Davidson†	(Hastings 5-1)
Won-2*	2-1	Davidson†	(Robinson 2-2)
Lost	4-5	William & Mary†	(Baird 4-2)
Won	2-0	George Washington†	(Hastings 6-1)
Lost-1	0-2	Furman†	(Baird 4-3)
Won-2	6-0	Furman†	(Robinson 3-2)
Won-1	4-1	Davidson†	(Hastings 7-1)
Lost-2	3-4	Davidson†	(Oxidine 1-3)
Won	7-0	George Washington p	(Hastings 8-1)
Lost	0-4	George Washington p	(Robinson 3-3)
Won	13-2	George Washington p	(Baird 5-3)
Won*	3-1	Campbell	(Bayless 2-1)
Won	6-5	Duke	(D. Taylor 1-0)
Lost	0-2	Florida State d	(Hastings 8-2)
Lost	6-12	Mississippi State d	(Baird 5-4)

* home game
† Southern Conference game
p Southern Conference Playoffs
d NCAA District III Playoffs
-1 first game of doubleheader
-2 second game of doubleheader

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

	Pos.	Po	A	E	DP	Pct.
Garrett	of	51	1	0	1	1.000
Graver	1b-of	29	1	0	1	1.000
Robinson	p	4	15	0	1	1.000
Bayless	p	0	3	0	0	1.000
Benevento	of	2	0	0	0	1.000
Coble	c	2	0	0	0	1.000
Whitley	p	1	2	0	0	1.000
Shields	of	1	0	0	0	1.000
D. Taylor	p	0	1	0	0	1.000
Sneeden	c	146	23	3	4	.989
S. Taylor	1b-3b	245	11	5	18	.981
Vick	2b	80	74	4	12	.975
Baird	p-of	22	17	1	0	.975
Walker	of	38	1	1	0	.975
Walters	of-3b	24	1	1	0	.962
Dowd	3b-c-of	72	40	6	5	.949
Hastings	p	4	12	1	0	.941
Aldridge	of	11	0	1	0	.917
Corrada	ss	48	78	18	15	.875
McNeely	3b	13	32	9	2	.833
Post	p	0	4	1	0	.800
Oxidine	p	2	3	2	1	.714
VanLandingham	p	0	0	0	0	.000

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	TB	BB	IBB	HBP	SAC	SF	SO	GOP	SB	CS	AVG.	SLUG.
Whitley	5	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.500	.500
Aldridge	21	46	9	17	6	2	0	2	25	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	1	0	.370	.543
Oxidine	8	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.333	.333
Benevento	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	.333	.333
Vick	33	101	9	33	15	5	1	0	40	6	1	0	3	0	7	0	1	0	.327	.396
Walters	24	63	10	20	16	1	0	3	30	4	0	0	0	2	13	0	3	0	.317	.476
Baird	26	54	10	17	11	6	1	1	28	7	0	0	4	1	6	2	1	2	.315	.519
Graver	14	18	6	5	3	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	.278	.278
S. Taylor	33	103	15	28	11	5	0	0	33	17	0	1	1	0	11	1	0	0	.272	.320
Dowd	31	98	15	23	11	3	1	0	28	10	0	0	5	0	14	2	4	2	.235	.286
Corrada	33	120	12	28	10	4	2	0	36	10	0	0	3	2	9	5	0	3	.233	.300
Sneeden	26	72	10	16	8	3	0	1	22	15	0	1	4	1	15	1	1	1	.222	.306
Garrett	31	81	8	17	6	0	1	0	19	0	0	2	3	1	13	3	6	2	.210	.235
Coble	7	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.200	.200
Walker	31	87	9	17	9	5	2	0	26	5	0	1	1	0	23	0	1	2	.195	.299
Robinson	11	16	2	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	.188	.250
Hastings	12	27	3	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	2	0	7	0	2	1	.185	.185
Shields	7	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.167	.167
McNeely	26	46	8	4	2	1	0	0	5	5	0	1	1	0	12	0	3	0	.087	.109
Bayless	8	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	.000	.000
Post	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	.000
D. Taylor	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	.000
VanLandingham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
ECU Totals	33	962	129	240	111	36	8	7	313	104	1	6	29	7	166	15	26	13	.249	.325
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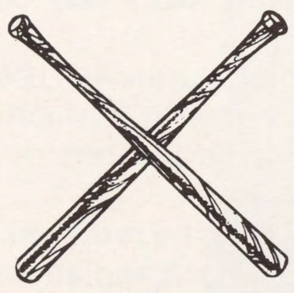

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

	G	GS	CG	SHO	REL	SV	IP	BF	H	R	ER	BB	IBB	SO	HB	BK	WP	HR	W-L	ERA
Hastings	12	10	8	3	2	1	81	312	51	10	5	22	0	43	2	1	0	0	8-2	0.56
Bayless	8	3	0	0	5	0	24 2/3	109	14	8	5	20	0	16	0	0	2	0	2-1	1.83
Robinson	10	7	3	1	3	2	48	191	36	15	11	6	0	30	1	0	0	3	3-3	2.06
Baird	14	8	5	2	6	3	66 2/3	264	47	20	18	18	1	84	4	1	3	3	5-4	2.43
Post	5	0	0	0	5	0	11	52	11	4	3	4	0	3	1	0	1	0	0-0	2.45
D. Taylor	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	13	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1-0	3.00
Oxidine	9	4	0	0	5	0	19 2/3	93	19	14	7	12	0	9	2	0	2	0	1-3	3.20
Whitley	5	1	0	0	4	0	10 2/3	49	12	8	8	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0-0	6.77
VanLandingham	1	0	0	0	1	0	1/3	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	27.00
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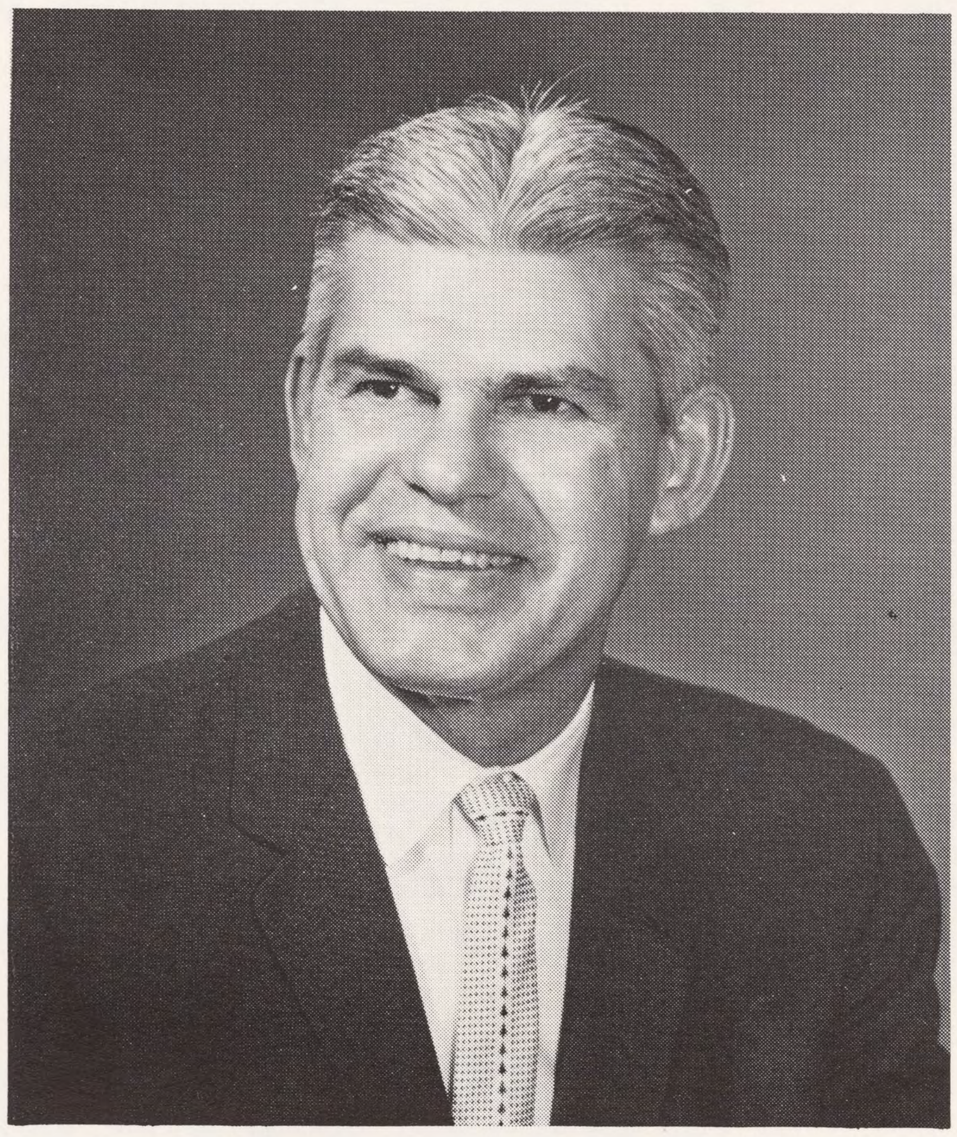
Athletic Director Stasavich A New Member Of North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame



To East Carolina University Athletic Director Clarence Stasavich, December 4, 1970, was one of the most memorable days of his career.

On that day in Charlotte, three North Carolinians were inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. "Stas" was one of them.

He is the first from ECU to receive this honor.

It's not unusual for outstanding athletes to turn to coaching after their playing years are over. "Stas" was no exception, but the success he has enjoyed in the coaching ranks separates him from the crowd.

"Stas" first came to Greenville in 1962, as the Pirates' head football coach. A year later he assumed the dual role of athletic director and football coach. Last December he relinquished his football duties to devote full time to the ever-expanding job of directing an athletic program at a major university.

A virtual legend in his own time in the western part of the state, Stasavich built a small college football powerhouse at Lenoir Rhyne in Hickory, where he coached from 1946 to 1961. His Lenoir Rhyne teams won nine Carolinas Conference titles and in 1960 claimed the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national title.

His string of successes continued when he came east to Greenville in 1962. Three of his East Carolina teams in succession posted 9-1 records and won bowl games [1963-64-65]. In the second year his Pirates were members of the Southern Conference [1966], ECU shared the conference title. His overall record at East Carolina was 50-25-1. His eight years as head coach marked the most successful period in the school's 38-year gridiron history.

When you add this record at East Carolina to his Lenoir Rhyne accomplishments, you come up with a remarkable lifetime record of 170 wins, 64 losses and 8 ties as a college head coach. At the time he retired last December, there were only two other active coaches with more victories than Stasavich—Paul [Bear] Bryant of Alabama and Johnny Vaught of Ole Miss.

A member of the Helms Hall of Fame, Stasavich has been honored as National Coach of the Year twice [1959 and 1964] and District Coach of the Year five times.

Born February 9, 1913 at Georgetown, Ill., Stasavich graduated from Georgetown Township High School in 1931. In September of that year he came to North Carolina for the first time—as an undergraduate at Lenoir Rhyne. He earned an A.B. degree in science there in 1935 and added his M.A. at the University of North Carolina in 1946. He was on the Honor Roll as a senior at Lenoir Rhyne and was named to the Mu Sigma Epsilon honor society.

In addition to distinguishing himself as a student, Stasavich blazed the trail of glory on the athletic field, playing four years of football, four years of basketball, two years of tennis and one year of baseball for Lenoir Rhyne. An offensive end, fullback and defensive tackle in the football career, "Stas" won All-Conference honors three years. He achieved the same distinction as a basketball player. Twice, in 1934 and 1935, he was named to the Charlotte Observer's Flaming Five, an annual recognition of the top five all-around athletes in North and South Carolina.

His first venture into coaching came in 1935 at Campbell College in Buies Creek where he was football line coach, head basketball coach and assistant baseball coach. After three years at Campbell, "Stas" returned to his alma mater in 1938 as football line coach, assistant basketball coach and head tennis coach. His tennis teams won two conference championships.

World War II interrupted his coaching career in 1942. Stasavich entered the U.S. Navy and served with distinction in the European, Mediterranean and Pacific theaters as an LST commander.

After discharge from the service in 1946, he returned to Lenoir Rhyne—this time as head football coach and athletic director. It didn't take long for "Stas" to build his reputation as a winner. In 16 years as head coach at the Hickory School, Stasavich compiled a spectacular 120-37-7 record and won conference championships in 1951-52-55-56-57-58-59-60-61. Today he still looks back on the 1960 National Championship as his "biggest thrill in coaching."

The single wing was Stasavich's offense. In 1969 he was the last remaining advocate of this exciting formation in the major college ranks. He has authored numerous articles on football in general and the single wing in particular.

"Stas" is married to the former Helen Warlick of Hickory and they are the parents of three grown children—Rebecca Ann, Mary Helen and Walter Lewis.

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REYNOLDS MAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

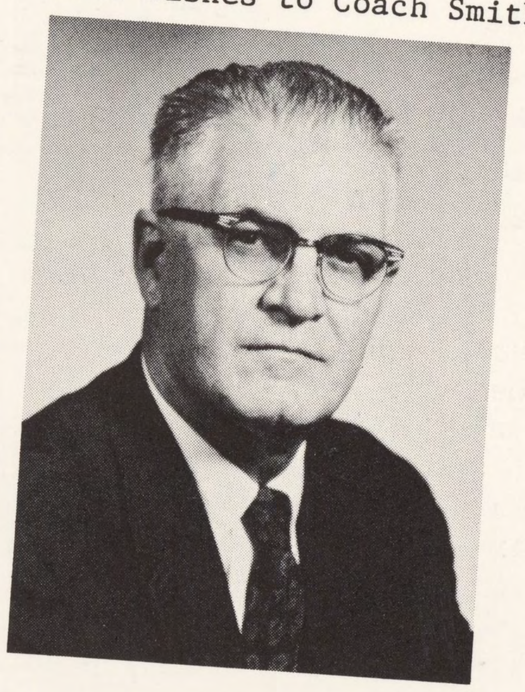
Greetings,

It is a pleasure to welcome all of you to the dedication of Harrington Field, named in honor of one of Pitt County's favorite sons. No man is more deserving of the honor than Milton Harrington, who has made an outstanding success on the baseball diamond and in the field of business.

The East Carolina University Foundation is delighted to have played a part in this important event and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people and business firms who contributed to this worthy cause and made this event possible. To name all of the people who had a part in contributing to the field would be impossible, but as Director of East Carolina University Foundation, I would like to say, "thank you".

East Carolina University has had a long and successful history in the field of baseball, having won many championships in the Southern Conference and having gone to many NCAA play-offs. I am sure Coach Smith and his staff will have a further incentive to carry on the tradition of winning baseball, especially since the field is named after a "winner".

Best wishes to Coach Smith and Milton for many successful years ahead.



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