

DEACON NOTES

Field hockey, men's soccer game times change

The time for the field hockey's match versus Northwestern at James Madison University on Sept. 5 has been moved back from 2 to 1 p.m. Men's soccer at Virginia Tech has also been moved back from 2 to 1 p.m. on Sept. 7.

New faces land on football, men's basketball teams

With the arrival of fall sports, new faces will be appearing on all Deacon sports squads. Several of these newcomers are additions to the football and men's basketball teams.

Offensive lineman Vince Azzolina, who hails from Easton, Penn., was considered one of the top seniors at any position in the state of Pennsylvania last fall. His performance on the field also earned him the honor of a Pennsylvania "Big 33" performer.

Winston-Salem native Jimmy Caldwell was named one of North Carolina's top 25 players by *The Charlotte Observer*. He was also named league player of the year due to his outstanding performance as wide receiver and defensive back for Mount Tabor High School.

Caldwell also has a special connection to the university: his father is football Head Coach Jim Caldwell.

Adrian Duncan racked up quite a bit of mileage as a ball carrier during his senior year: 625 rushing yards, 714 receiving yards, and 426 returning yards. This Dayton, Ohio, native was especially dedicated to his squad; he played the final few games of his senior year with a broken hand.

Watch for Marquis Hopkins's debut with the Deacons this fall, but watch closely. This linebacker from Fayetteville can run the 40-yard-dash in 4.6 seconds.

He also obviously knows a good thing when he sees it; he made his commitment to the Demon Deacons in his first official visit to any school.

Wide receiver John Stone made quite a name for himself at Mainland Regional High in Linwood, N.J., by setting a school

record with 26 career touchdowns. He also earned all-South Jersey honors as a senior and played on back-to-back state title winning teams in '95 and '96.

Men's basketball will welcome seven new faces to its squad this fall. Niki Arinze, a 6-5 guard from Nashville, Tenn., averaged 21.7 points, 11.3 rebounds, and 3.3 blocks per game while leading Martin Luther King High School to a 31-4 record and a regional championship.

Joakim Blom comes all the way from Stockholm, Sweden, to add his efforts as a center/power forward. The 6-10, 240-pound Blom has been a member of the Swedish national team at several age levels and this past year averaged well over 20 points per game while leading his Swedish club team to the national championship.

James Griffin's career at Greenville (S.C.) High was quite a remarkable one. Griffin averaged 32.4 points per game, hit the 40-point mark six times and had a single-game high of 56 to lead the state in scoring.

He was named South Carolina's Player of the Year by several organizations and snagged MVP honors in the South Carolina North-South All-Star Game.

Greensboro Day School prodigy Aaron McMillan averaged 15.2 points and 8.8 rebounds a game during his senior year.

McMillan led GDS to the state independent schools championship game and received All-Guilford County honors from *The News & Record*. He is the brother of junior women's basketball player Emon McMillan.

Robert O'Kelley was a first-team all-state selection after averaging 29.6 points per game for White Station High in Memphis. As a senior he led White Station to a 23-7 record and a league and district championship.

Gate City, Va., prodigy Josh Shoemaker averaged a double-double and earned regional player of the year honors after his senior year.

During his three starting years, Gate City High compiled a record of 60-18 and made the playoffs all three years.

The Demon Deacon's second European find is Rafael Vidaurreta. This Spaniard played his high school ball at the New Hampton (N.H.) School and averaged 16 points per game last year, leading his alma mater to an overall record of 18-7.

New Bridger Field House nears completion

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room was also added to the new field house equipped with whirlpools. This will allow the trainers to tape ankles and fingers of players and perform all other necessary treatment at the stadium. Previously, players had to dress on campus and then travel up University Parkway to the stadium for the game.

Associate Athletic Director Mike Pratapas, 85, knows how important an upgrade in a facility can be for the program. "Before the locker room was embarrassing and took away from the whole experience for players. They had to rush out and get on a bus which sent the wrong message to recruits."

The field house will definitely benefit recruiting. It makes the statement that we are making a commitment to having a first-class program, and perception often becomes reality."

The most astonishing fact about the field house is that of the over \$8 million needed to construct the facility, not a single dollar came in the form of corporate funding and no debt was incurred in the massive construction effort.

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coaches' locker room to Bill Faircloth, the assistant athletic director for football, who Pratapas described as "a guy really devoted to Wake Forest University."

According to Pratapas, the fact that all money raised for the field house was from private gifts comes as no surprise. "The alumni donors want to help the football team because they saw the impact that Joel Coliseum had on basketball. It also sends a message to recruits about how generous folks are. Wake Forest folks are generous."

Also on the second floor of the field house is the Norman Snead Club Room and the Bill Barnes Sports Lounge. Teammates of Snead and Barnes led campaign drives to have these rooms named in honor of them.

The Club Room has the capacity to entertain up to 600 people at a time and is where the Stadium Club festivities will be held prior to each home football game.

The Club Room has floor to ceiling clear glass windows that provide an excellent view of Groves Stadium to watch the action on the field.

Abalcony adjacent to the Club Room overlooks the field and gives the guests an even closer view of the gridiron action.

The Bill Barnes Sports Lounge is connected to the Club Room and will be the site for cocktail receptions.

The beauty of the Club Room and the Sports Lounge is that they can be used for more than just sports events.

The university itself will have access to these facilities for its banquets and receptions, further demonstrating the field house's multi-purpose nature.

Although the first two levels will be open for the opening home football game, the third floor, which is to house the Demon Deacon Club offices and the Sports Marketing department, is not scheduled for completion until late October of this year.

According to Pratapas, the field house will not be formally dedicated until next year's Spring Game when the fund raising campaign is concluded.

The first official university activity to be held in the field house will be the Coaches Luncheon on September 4.

Legendary "Bones" McKinney dies at 78

By Danielle Deaver
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His 1962 team remains the only Wake Forest squad to advance to the Final Four.

The team lost to Ohio State in the NCAA semifinals in Louisville.

McKinney's overall record with the Deacons was 122-94. He was named ACC Coach of the Year in 1960 and 1961.

McKinney's off-the-court style contributed much to his popularity as a coach. He often wore red socks and a bow tie for good luck.

Because of his habit of often vigorously protesting official's calls, McKinney once had a seat belt attached to the bench to keep him out of trouble.

McKinney's colorful personality served him well in other aspects of the ACC. After retir-

ing from the university, McKinney worked as a com-

mentator on the ACC basketball telecasts.



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"Bones" McKinney sits with a former player.

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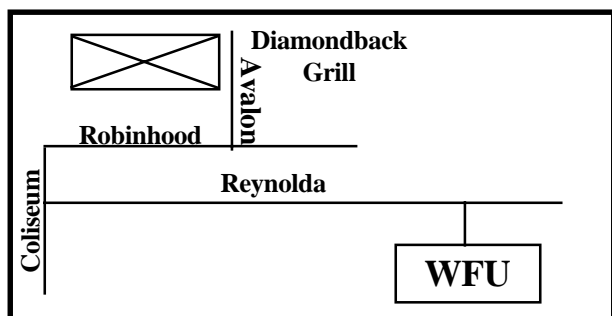
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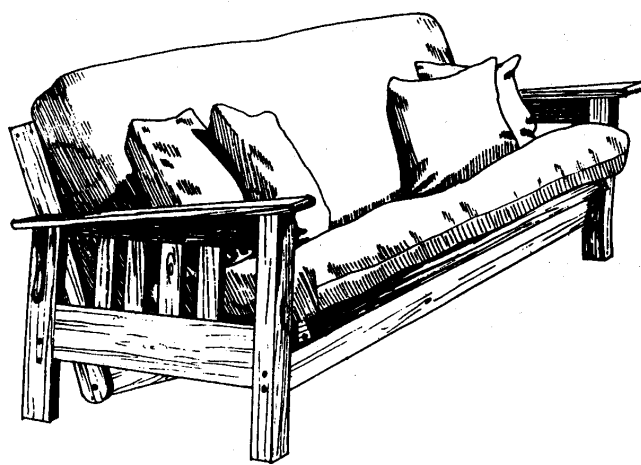
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