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HISERT ANNOUNCES 1966-67 HOOP TEAM

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1966 - 1967

Wednesday, November 30	Fulton-Montgomery, away
Friday, December 2	Albany State Frosh, home
Saturday, December 3	Adorindack, away
Tuesday, December 6	Hudson Valley, away
Friday, December 9	Auburn, home
Saturday, December 10	Monroe, home
Tuesday, December 13	Hudson Valley, home
Thursday, December 15	Broome Tech, home
Saturday, December 17	Dean Junior College, away
Tuesday, December 20	Mohawk Valley, home
Friday, January 6	Mohawk Valley, away
Saturday, January 7	Morrisville, home
Wednesday, January 11	Delhi, home
Saturday, January 14	Oneonta State Frosh, away
Saturday, February 4	Albany State Frosh, away
Friday, February 10	Monroe, away
Saturday, February 11	Auburn, away
Wednesday, February 15	Delhi, away
Saturday, February 18	Open
Tuesday, February 21	Fulton-Montgomery, home
Friday, February 24	Jefferson C.C., home
Tuesday, February 28	Morrisville, away

DRAFT ESCALATION

(ACP)—The Pentagon's lowering of mental standards for the draft has begun to bring undue pressure on every member of the academic community regardless of attitudes toward the war, comments the Cio-Camus, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

As of October 1, standards were lowered in a move to take an additional 20,000 draftees this year. The Pentagon said it would issue further steps early next year to qualify another 20,000 registrants who would otherwise be deferred in the I-Y category. A I-Y classification specifies that a draftee is "qualified only in time of war or national emergency."

The Pentagon announcement came as a follow-up to Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's announcement August 23 of his plans to take 40,000 men by June 30, 1967, and 100,000 the following year.

By this ruling the terror of grades is escalated to the point where it brings unnecessary pressure in a student's attempt to receive a college education.

Grades were never and can never be an adequate measure of the knowledge and academic worth of a student. The assumption that grades determine human quality and that quality is exempt from destruction is unjust.

Edwin Robinson, University of Michigan student government president, said recently, "The draft causes a distortion of the educational process by forcing students to be more concerned with grades than with real educational achievement."

The escalation of the grading standard might mean that this year we save students who have C averages or better, the following year those with B or better, until there is none left except an elite.

THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, TWEEEEEEEEEEEE, next drill !!!

You probably do not recognize the above sounds unless you happen to be walking through the lobby of Bouck Hall and scurry on over to glance in the gym. As you gaze into the brightly lit home of the hardwood, you behold this year's candidates for Coby Tech's HOOP TEAM. Ever since October 15 they have been on the move, constantly running, shooting, dribbling, sweating, passing, hurting and running some more. Six days a week with double practices on Saturdays, and a rest on the Sabbath.

As your eyes wander over the expense of bleachers, lights, backboards, rims, and humanity you see movement everywhere. In fact the only place you do not see movement is the spot where the short guy with the blond hair and green shorts wanders. If you do not know already this man is Coach Hisert. As you watch, he jots little things down on his clipboard, checks his stop watch, and keeps the players on their toes. If you watch closely you see him watching, observing, analyzing, over and over deciding who will get the honor to represent Cobleskill out on the court this winter. Possible changes may be made due to Cross Country and Soccer Candidates.

Returning this year to form the nucleus of the team are Lettermen Willie Bonds, Dave Carpenter, Paul Hart and John Zazach. Willie and Dave returning as starters and Paul and John coming off last year's bench to add their experience and skill to the team.

Coach Hisert reveals that progress is excellent and that we should have an even better team than last year. He also says that we have a much stronger bench depth wise to back up the starters. Mr. Hisert lets out that we have two highly regarded Frosh in Jim Emple and Ernie Kahn, both averaging over 20 points a game last year in high school competition. As standouts defensively we have two boys, both hailing from Hinsdale Central High School in Dan Smith and Larry Woodruff. Hisert will have a hard time selecting the five starters, because of the equal potential that has been exhibited by the players.

This year Cobleskill will be playing in a new league, the State University Junior College conference. This newly formed conference is composed of some of the two year state colleges. The opening game will be against Fulton-Montgomery up in Johnstown on November 30. The home opener being against the Albany State Frosh on December 2, so

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1966-67 TIGERS



Left to right are: Larry Woodruff, Doug Miller, Paul Hart, Earnie Kahn, John Menzer, David Carpenter, James Emple, James Proskine, John Zazack, Charles Haigh, Barry Collward, Paul Wise. Squatting are Willie Bonds, Captain, and Coach Gerald Hisert.

EDITORIAL

STUDENT SUPPORT

The athletic future of Cobleskill looks to be very bright. If the records of the Soccer and Cross Country teams are any indication. Under the leadership of Mr. Price and Mr. Bennett, both teams posted winning records. In addition, the basketball and wrestling teams both look very promising. The team members and will put out their best efforts for Cobleskill. Isn't it fair that the students do something in return for the athletes?

With a student body of around 1200 students, it seems that Cobleskill should be able to have a decent attendance at the athletic events. Last year, the attendance at basketball games was miserable. Even though, the team won a great deal of their home games, only a handful of students were on hand to support the team. This is no just reward for a winning team.

Many of the students here participated in a sport in high school. How did you feel in high school? How did you feel when you played your heart out before empty bleachers? This is just how you're making Cobleskill's athletes feel. This should not be so.

The purpose of this editorial is not to make you come to the games. It is simply to encourage you to do so. The teams need and want your support, so let's give it to them. Attendance at soccer games and cross country meets showed signs of improvement. Let's hope this keeps up. Remember, it is our support that helps the team win, so let's get out and watch our teams run all over their opponents. Good luck to the basketball and wrestling teams, and congratulations to the soccer and cross country teams.



COACH SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Gerald Hisert, Cobleskill's returning basketball coach, has found that athletic and scholastic activity supplement each other very well. According to Mr. Hisert, "Sports deserve attention in any school." This sport has played an important part in Mr. Hisert's life. Ever since his high school days at Fort Plain, where he lettered in baseball, basketball, and soccer, Mr. Hisert has mixed education with athletics.

After graduation from Fort Plain in 1953, Mr. Hisert attended Cobleskill. While at Cobleskill, Mr. Hisert's baseball ability attracted the professional scouts. Upon graduation in 1955, Mr. Hisert played his ball for Bristol, Virginia, a Yankee farm club. After two years, he went into the service to fulfill his military obligation.

While in the service, he still found time for sports and played basketball, basketball, and soccer. Both his baseball and basketball teams won the division titles. He also played soccer in a German industrial league. When he returned to the States, he enrolled at St. Edward University in Austin, Texas. Here, he completed one semester of work in the

summer of 1960, he once again returned to the baseball circuit; this time for Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Erie, Pennsylvania.

In the fall of 1960, Mr. Hisert enrolled at Albany State, and while studying, coached from baseball and basketball for three years. It was here that he met Dr. Sauer, a man who has greatly influenced his career as a coach. He received his Bachelor's Degree in January 1963 and continued for one semester of Master's work. Upon leaving Albany, he accepted a position here at Cobleskill, where he is currently teaching Accounting and Math. In his four years at Cobleskill, Mr. Hisert has coached both baseball and basketball, although he now is coaching the latter, due to increasing academic demands.

Coaching a college team is more than just getting the boys ready for a game, as Mr. Hisert well knows. Since Cobleskill is no athletic school, Mr. Hisert must personally contact promising high school players or their coaches and convince the players that they would be academically happy here at Cobleskill.

Mr. Hisert looks for three

things in his prospects: (1) Good, coachable players. (2) Players who are willing to take criticism. (3) Not just ability, but desire. He feels that the boys on the current team have met these qualifications. Mr. Hisert states that "Athletes here at Cobleskill are under increasing academic pressures, and any varsity participant is a credit both to the school and to fellow students."

When asked of the prospects of this year's team, Mr. Hisert said that Cobleskill would be hampered by lack of size, but aided by an increase in speed. Returning seniors Carpenter, Hart, and Bonds will provide the needed experience, while freshmen Kohn, Eppie, and Haigh are expected to form the nucleus of the scoring punch. In comparison to last year's team, Mr. Hisert expects the present team to do as well or better. Broome Tech, Hudson Valley, and Mohawk Valley are expected to present the best opposition.

Mr. Hisert is an example of a man who has learned to mix athletics and education into a notion which proved rewarding. Good luck to Mr. Hisert and the 1966-67 basketball team!

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THREE STUDENTS VENTURE TO FLORIDA

Bill Burke, Steve Cammelbeck and Bond Love accompanied by Coach Bennett, left Thursday by plane for Florida to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Tournament. The race will begin tomorrow morning at 11:30 a.m.

Also this weekend the soccer team will venture to Erie County to compete in the regionals with Auburn, Hudson Valley and Morenci will also be present.

The results of the above events will appear in the next edition of HILL WHISPERS.

Hisert Announces

mark it down and make it a date to come out and cheer the Tigers to VICTORY.

Two of the stronger teams on our schedule are perennial powerhouses Hudson Valley Community College and Mohawk Valley Community College. The Tigers, however, look to be a team to watch in the conference standings and are out to repeat as one of the top defensive teams of small colleges in the NATION.

Be home or away, day to day, we're behind our team all the way!

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

DAVE GARFENTER



Dave, returning as a starter from last year's squad, looks to see some action under the boards this season, after averaging in double figures. Dave, a 5'7" 200 pounder, returns as a Senior after averaging 10 points a game last year. At 6'5" and 200 over 10 points he could well be making a mark in the rebound department. He has friends in West Hill as "CAPRI" is a Business Administration major from Norwich, where he attended Norwich High.

WILLIE BONDS



Willie comes back this year as the other returning starter who also averaged over 10 points a ball game. Willie comes back from his home in Albany as the "crossed player" with his arching jump shot from the corner, his aerial maneuvers in rebounds and his outstanding defense work on the opponents top scorer.

PAUL HART



"Hearts" as he is known to his friends on campus, plays from Clinton, just outside of Albany. Paul often came off the bench last year and gave the team the quick hit it needed. Paul starts out this year as a strong rebounder with lots of aggressiveness and good moves. Paul, also a starter on the basketball team is an excellent center/forward and player on the New York State American Legion Baseball Championship team.

JOHN ZAZACH



John didn't see too much action last year, because of a broken nose early in the season. John, at 6'1" and 175 could help the team in the rebound department and should play more this year. He is a member of Theta Gamma Epsilon and lives at the house.

JIM EMPIE



Jim comes to Cobly Tech after leading scorer in Oswego County. This is his last year and gave the road edge in Worcester, where he averaged 29 points a game. Jim was voted the Most Valuable Player his Senior year at Worcester. Jim is an Accounting major and also plays baseball.

ERNIE KAHN



Ernie comes from Fort Plain where, at 6'2" and 185 (points) averaged 22 points a game. Ernie was a guard and forward in high school and was also given the Most Valuable Player award for his team.

CHARLES HAIGH



"Charlie," at 6'1" and 180 pounds, was also given the Most Valuable Player award in his basketball team last year at St. John's in Rensselaer. He is an Accounting major and is a member of Phi Beta Lambda.

JOHN MENZER



John is from Scotia, where he attended Scotia-Glenville High. This is his last year, he played center and forward and was chosen in the county. John also played football, cross country and track and enjoys racing cars.

DOUG MILLER



At Middletown High School, Doug was Student Council Vice-President, played football, baseball, and basketball. Doug was chosen in the county as the "Middle Bears". His favorite Pro team is the Philadelphia 76ers.

PAUL WISE



Paul coming from Marcellus near Syracuse played on two championship football teams. Being only 6'2" but 185 pounds Paul could be useful in the back court.

BARRY COLLWARD



Barry comes to Cobly Tech from Williamson Central, where he played basketball, soccer and baseball. Barry is a 6'9" Ag. Business major. A good guard he should provide the needed rebounding support.

JAMES PROSKINE



Jim received the most improved and inspired player trophy while at Norwich. What there he played forward on a team that had an 8-2 record. Jim is an Animal Husbandry major and plans to go into farming when he graduates from Cobleskill.

LARRY WOODRUFF



"Woody", and Ag. Business major came on the hill from Hinsdale Central where he played guard and was chosen in the team. He is 6'3", 185 pounds and plans to go into business after he graduates from Cobleskill.

DAN SMITH



Dan also comes from Hinsdale Central, while there he won two golf tournaments. He also participated in Track, Football, Golf and Baseball while in high school. At 10' he is expected to be the speedster of the team.