

# WAVELENGTHS

Voice of the Greenwave

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## New Proposal Remains Questionable

State tightens up on graduation requirements

BY CARIE WILLIAMSON/News Editor

A proposal for new graduation requirements has been made by the North Carolina State Board of Education (SBE). A public meeting was held on January 13<sup>th</sup> where questions and concerns were addressed.

Ashbrook principal Page Carver attended this meeting and represented Ashbrook with questions and apprehensions.

"I have some mixed feelings about it," Carver told the *Gastonia Gazette*. "There are a lot of issues here. I have my concerns."

Currently, exit standards consist of passing scores on competency tests, successful completion of 20 course units in grades 9-12, demonstration of computer proficiency and successful completion in one of four courses of study: Career Preparation, College Technical Preparation, College/University Preparation, or Occupational Course of Study. All students must meet state and local requirements in order to graduate and receive a high school diploma. Students following the Occupational Course of Study (OCS) are not required to pass the competency tests or the computer skills tests.

In October 2004 the North Carolina SBE proposed using performance on the five required end-of-course (EOC) assessments and a senior project as the framework for the new High School Exit Standards. The five required EOCs are Algebra I, biology, English I, civics & economics, and U.S. History.

The greatest change will be requiring a senior project. Projects are a performance-based component that could be community or volunteer-type work. Students will be developed, monitored, and scored at the local level using the state adopted rubrics. It can include service-based learning or work-based learning experiences.

In the past, the EOC has counted one-fourth of a class. A student could easily fail the EOC but pass the class by making high grades in class. In 2003-2004, 69.5 percent of high school graduates passed at least four of the five required End-of-Course tests. If this few amount of students continues to pass, Gaston County may see graduation rates drop.

One proposal suggested that students be required to pass only four, whereas another required all

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## Meredith Bolin named Miss Ashbrook 2005 Welcome to Hollywood

BY CATHERINE STOVER/Staff Writer

Eleven exquisite ladies brought Hollywood glam to the Ashbrook stage on January 21<sup>st</sup> as they competed for the title of Miss Ashbrook.

Senior Meredith Bolin came away with the title at the end of the night. Freshman Meagan Balsom was first runner up and the winner of the Ellen E. Griffin Talent Award. The second runner up was senior Lauren Caldwell.

"There are not really words to describe how excited and honored I am," Bolin said. "I will do my best to represent Ashbrook well."

Bolin was awarded first place in the competition by receiving the most points. She performed a vocal selection of *Pie Jesu*.

The ladies in the competition voted Laura Tamberelli Miss Congeniality. Miss Congeniality is awarded to the lady that the other contestants feel

was the most personable, and a pleasure to be with throughout the week.

"Laura is such a sweet person to be around," said fellow contestant and freshman Anna Winters. "She deserved the award."

Balsom received the Ellen E. Griffin Talent Award as well as being first runner up. The award is granted to the contestant that earns the most points in the talent area. Balsom played a piano selection of *My Tribute*.

"I was very surprised to win the Talent Award," said Balsom. "It was a real honor to win first-runner up as a freshman. It was a great night."

Second runner up Caldwell performed a jazz dance to *Sparkling Diamonds*.

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## New Program Creates S.P.A.R.K.S



photo by Heather Smith  
Junior Bashard LaFleur helps a student with her Algebra homework. The new peer helper program allows students to get assistance from upperclassmen rather than teachers.

BY JOURNEY QUEEN/Staff Writer

As of this semester the new peer helper system is hoping to spark the minds of many Ashbrook students.

Members of S.P.A.R.K., Supportive Peers As Resources for Knowledge, are directly helping their peers with their academics and getting them prepared for their competency test. The program will take the place of the previous Peer Helper classes offered at Ashbrook.

Ashbrook Guidance Counselor Grant Sparks already sees the positives of the program.

"I think it sounds like it's doing well," said Sparks. "The peer helpers are actually being peer helpers and are doing what they're supposed to do."

S.P.A.R.K. tutors focus on biology, geometry, algebra 1, physical science and English 9. The program mainly targets freshmen but it is open to anyone who needs tutoring. S.P.A.R.K. members could possibly help freshmen with the transition to high school but that is not their main focus at the moment.

Program coordinator Rosemary Routszong feels that the program offers more incentive to struggling students.

"The students are more encouraged to do better," said Routszong. "They have an upperclassmen that cares about them and is cheering them on."

Currently, Ashbrook's program has 28 peer helpers. A S.P.A.R.K. member must be a junior or senior with at least a 3.25 average and truly wants to help.

"I wanted to be a part of S.P.A.R.K. because I really care about helping the students," said junior Bashard LaFleur. "When I was younger I didn't get the help I needed so I want to assist my peers with the help they need."

The main hope for the S.P.A.R.K. members is to help their peers do better in their academics and help them reach their goals.

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## Who Will be Your Ashbrook Idol?

BY HEATHER SMITH/Staff Writer

Even though Simon Cowell isn't judging, "American Idol" has taken the stage at Ashbrook.

Ashbrook Idol is a contest where students of Ashbrook sing and compete to raise money for Relay for Life.

The idea came from Mary Layton's creative writing class. They got the idea from the popular show "American Idol".

A video of each contestant will be shown to the student body. The student body then votes for their favorites by placing money in jars. All money will be donated to Relay for Life.

There are a total of six contestants: senior Jason Eckard, senior Allyson Bassett, senior Monique Davis, junior Will Gaddis, senior Brandi Hamilton, and senior Rochelle Kendrick. Each submitted a tape of their performance which the singers recorded themselves. Gaddis is the only contestant who is not singing, he will be playing guitar.

Eckard sang a song written by Michael Black named "My Perfect Day". Tyler Bess was the back up guitarist while Eckard is singing.

"The reason I wanted to compete in this contest is to use my random talents," said Eckard. "And to build up my self dignity."

The winner will be announced on Valentine's Day by how much money the contestants have raised. During lunch students have the chance to put money in a jar for their favorite Ashbrook Idol. The contestant that has the most money in their jar is the winner. The money that is raised from Ashbrook Idol goes to Relay for Life. The winner's reward is a surprise.

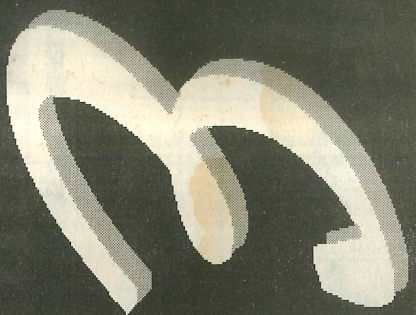
Relay for Life is an event to raise money for research and programs for

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Photo provided by Carolina Photography  
Former Miss Ashbrook Lauren Workman prepares to crown Meredith Bolin after the announcement of Miss Ashbrook 2005.





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# DIETORIALS

## A Love-to-Hate Relationship

Loathe. Abhor. Detest. Despise. Disdain. Anathematize.

These are all words that describe the feelings behind the rivalry turned hatred between Ashbrook and the 'F' school. Students displayed these words at the most recent basketball game against Forestview. A mass of white t-shirts showing these feelings was unveiled right before the varsity men's game, after a 'preppy' arrival in polo shirts and popped collars.

On another night when Ashbrook faced Forestview, we painted our faces, put on spirited kilts and charged the football field in tune to bagpipe music. Our school spirit obviously outweighs theirs, as shown by our clever plans for sporting events. No events have been planned for games against other rivals such as South Point or Huss.

Until this school year, Ashbrook girls have always taken on Forestview in the annual Powderpuff game. However, due to individuals going too far to endure pain upon their opponents, Ashbrook has had to change to a Juniors vs. Seniors rivalry. Though a disappointment, this change was probably for the best because we pound them harder and harder each year and this just might have been the year that we would have sent a girl to the emergency room.

This rivalry against Forestview increases fan turnout for most every sport, even the less popular ones such as soccer and tennis. It has surpassed the Huss and South Point rivalries in the eyes of most students and has grown tremendously in the past few years. But why does such strong dislike turn into defacing of school

property and profanity shouted across the athletic field or court?

Because we hate them. Why do we hate them? It doesn't matter, we just do. The verb "hate" means to feel hostility or animosity toward something. Some may say hate is too strong of a word, while others would say that hate is an understatement.

This competition has brought about acts of vandalism at each school, though the most extreme this year at Ashbrook has resulted in the letters FHS spray painted on the football stadium and an indecent male body part displayed across the 'A' at center field. Vandalism is usually at it's highest before and after rival sporting events and as retaliation. Though the vandalism harms our school, it also boosts emotions and helps athletes to gain a hunger to win.

Fall sports resulted in championships across the board. Although Forestview eked out a few wins over Ashbrook teams, we ended with conference championships in men's and women's cross country, men's

soccer, and Football. Women's tennis resulted in a conference win as well. Women's golf finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Conference over Forestview. With all of these titles, Ashbrook has clearly shown its ability to withstand an opponent despite a large amount of talk on and off the field.

"There's a lot of trash talk about the players' moms and girlfriends," said junior soccer player Patrick McConnell. "Since I know most of the players, it's pretty easy to talk trash about them."

Despite the constant rivalry, many Ashbrook students are friends with their opponents off the field. They know each other from church, recreational sports teams and middle school. Many spend their weekends together as the best of friends.

Feeder schools into Ashbrook are chiefly Grier and Holbrook Middle Schools whereas Forestview's predominant feeder schools are Cramerton and South West Middle Schools. The only reason for this extreme rivalry that



photo by Carie Williamson

### Letter to the Editor

Over the past six months, *Wavelengths* has gone to great lengths to make sure that this forum exists in the true nature it was intended. *Wavelengths* republished letters from previous years that had been changed beyond the point of recognition before their publication.

The staff has eliminated the "Letter from the Principal" and "Letter from the President" columns to assure that the playing field is leveled for everyone and that no one person receives special consideration for publishing.

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mistakes and space available, but attempts to leave the letter true to the intentions of the writer.

On many occasions, however, the student body and faculty have ignored the fine print located on page two and presumed that the staff and I are solely responsible for the ideas, opinions, and observations that the letters express. I myself cannot begin to count the times that I have been the target of a person's misdirected reaction to a letter published in the paper.

The *Wavelengths* readership should realize that the staff expresses their opinions through the individual and staff editorials published in our pages. We accept and hold responsibility for the ideas and thoughts that are expressed by our own pen. We are not responsible for the opinions expressed in the letters to the editor. We do not endorse or condemn the ideas of a letter. A reader's wrath

most think of is the Grier-Cramerton rivalry carrying over into high school.

Also, had Forestview not been built, a majority of their students would be attending Ashbrook. Perhaps their hatred for us exists due to their bitterness because they lost their chance to attend such a fine school as Ashbrook.

The common conception of their supposed greatness is wealth. Most can take a glance at a Jag fan and judge by the Ralph Lauren polo shirts, Louis Vuitton purses, jawbreaker pearls, and pleated khaki pants that Forestview is all about the Benjamins.

"They think they're the best in everything," said junior Donnie Yavelak. "They think their popped collars will prevent the rays of the sun from burning their necks or messing up their hair."

We also have more than a couple Forestview transfer students. These students know firsthand what makes Ashbrook so much better.

"Ashbrook is just more laid back and comfortable," said junior transfer student Brett Conner. "Everything's just more friendly and worry-free here."

Today Forestview will visit Ashbrook in a rematch of the most recent rivalry match between the two teams. Though they may be expecting one of our usual genius plans, we are really going to surprise them this time. Students should come out in full-on green and white with Zoo Crew shirts and other spirited Greenwave attire. Expect to leave tired and have sore throats the following day.

And you know why? Because we hate them.

or admiration should be directed toward its source.

The most suitable reaction is for an affected party to write their own response. It will be given the same consideration as all other letters. The same people that read the letter in question will more than likely see the second. If published, the audience for one's opinion will grow from just me to a possible audience of over 2000 people.

Granted, it takes more courage to speak to the masses, but the reward is much greater. It takes much more effort to plan and write an intelligent response, but the effect outweighs a two minute tirade to whoever happens to be close by.

So I heartily encourage our student body, our faculty, and any one else who is associated with Ashbrook to use this forum. Find out for yourself that the pen is truly mightier than the sword, the insult, or the dirty look.

Chad McAlister/Teacher, Adviser



# Head of the Student Body

BY CATHERINE STOVER/Staff Writer

Batman and Robin, Bill and Hillary, Siegfried and Roy, Shaggy and Scooby, Sonny and Cher, Patrick and Craig.

Patrick Nelli and Craig Rawe are leading Ashbrook out of the dark ages of the past and into the light of green and white as president and vice president of the student body. The student body has noticed differences in the school under this new leadership.



game, Nelli and Rawe wanted to do something big and get students excited about the game. In organizing a *Brave Heart* night, they purchased green and white plaid fabric to sell to students so they could make kits and sashes to wear to the Forestview football game. At the tailgate students put on their war paint and *Brave Heart* attire. The student section charged toward their seats to bagpipe music.

"It showed kids it could be fun to do stupid stuff," Nelli said. "It was definitely worth it."

At the Forestview basketball game students were organized yet again by the brilliance of Nelli and Rawe. The Ashbrook boys mirrored the Forestview side by sporting multiple pastel colored Polos with popped collars. The girls were dressed in skirts and had pearls around their necks.

Before the tip off of the men's varsity game the students took off the preppy clothes to reveal shirts that expressed their true feelings toward the opponent.

Rawe and Nelli have many responsibilities that go along with the title. They are constantly thinking of ideas that can be done that will be fun for the student body, such as the Forestview activities and planning spirit weeks.

They are on the announcements daily to be a face to the student council and keep the school informed of what is going on. They promote upcoming events, get things down to the cafeteria to sell, run pep-rallies, and do all the little things that are often overlooked.

"We do everything in the world," said Rawe. "Behind the scenes and in front, but way more time behind."

Nelli and Rawe still excel in school on top of all the time they spend making sure the school is at its best. At this time, Nelli is ranked number one and Rawe is ranked fourth in the senior class.

Patrick Nelli was a soccer captain of the Conference winning team. In the Gazette Cup, held in the fall, Nelli was awarded the John Braxton award. This is

awarded to the player who shows good character, good sportsmanship and a love for the game.

"The award is the ultimate sportsmanship award, he showed the qualities during the Gazette Cup," said teammate Chris Long. "He was the perfect recipient."

Nelli was on the swim team this winter and plans to play tennis in the spring.

Rawe was a captain of the cross-country team this year and last year. Rawe led the men's team to a county championship by placing second overall. He also led the men to a conference championship by placing fifth. Rawe was very successful at the Regional meet placing 14<sup>th</sup>, qualifying him to run in States. In the state meet he represented Ashbrook alone and placed 34<sup>th</sup>. Rawe swam on the swim team and plans to run track in the spring.

At the beginning of the school year student council organized Homecoming activities, as well as a pep-rally and a dance after the homecoming football game. They organized the Powder-Puff game between the Junior and Senior girls in the fall. In December student council collected cans on behalf of "Kans for Kids".

"Student council has been proactive in



Left photo courtesy of Carie Williamson, right photo by Catherine Stover  
 Right: Patrick Nelli pumps up the crowd before the Braveheart events at the Forestview football game. Nelli was a key leader in planning this event and buying the fabric to make kits.  
 Left: Nelli and Craig Rawe talk before making morning announcements. They are the faces of Ashbrook, presenting timaleys and noteworthy information to the student body.

unknown who will monitor the projects and who will score them."

In the event that a student fails, a portfolio is taken and examined by a review board. Administrators are concerned that storage for the portfolios will be a problem.

"We are busting at the seams when it comes to filing paperwork," said Wilson. "We've turned offices into closets and closets into offices. I just don't know where we will fit those portfolios."

The new graduation requirements still have long way to go before they are finalized. Question and answer meetings have been held around the state, one being in Gastonia.

"The way I see it, the program isn't broken," said Wilson. "So why fix it?"

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

As of January, Teddy Burger takes the role of Ashbrook's head security officer.

After being a custodian, Burger took the place of Don Wilbanks as head security officer. Burger expects no problem adapting to his new position since he already has experience in the security field.

"I've had security jobs here and there," Burger said. "I was with a sheriff's office, the Atlanta Casino, and at the Charlotte Mecklenburg prison, as a prison guard."

Wilbanks held the position for a year and a half. He accepted a job off campus, opening the position for Burger.

carrying out activities that have been planned instead of just planning them," said junior Laura Abernethy. "We chose leaders who do their jobs and who make everyone else want to do their jobs."

Student council brought back the Zoo Crew, which is a group of enthusiastic basketball fans who wear green tie-dyed shirts to show their support at the basketball games. Green bracelets, similar to the Livestrong wristbands, are being sold to raise money for Tsunami victims.

Student council has several upcoming events on its calendar. There is a pep-rally before the home basketball game against Forestview on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Student council has a school clean-up scheduled with the help of the Booster Club, where the parking lot will be painted, the walls of the school will be painted and the school will see many improvements.

"They are doing a good job organizing and advertising all of the events that student council has been involved with," said student council adviser Jeff Guzauskas. "My job has been limited to shooting down all the bad ideas instead of coming up with or implementing the used ideas. They're doing a great job."

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the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life lasts up to 24 hours. Throughout the event teams of people gather at schools, parks, or fairgrounds and take turns walking around a track. You don't have to be a special member, because it is a community gathering and anyone can participate.

"I love to sing," said Davis. "But I also like the fact that the money is going to Relay for Life."

## 'Miss AHS' from page 1

"Lauren had a well choreographed dance," said junior Hannah Dickson. "She is a very talented girl."

The judging of the contest took place in three categories. Beauty was worth 20 points, talent was worth 50 points, and an interview was worth 30 points.

The competition commenced with an opening number of "Hooray for Hollywood" sung by the Ashbrook Men's Concert Choir.

Psychology teacher Karyn Love served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the night. Ashbrook choral Director Tripp McGill organized the event. The background of the stage was a Hollywood image drawn by Brett Conner and painted by Alden Brooks and Stephen Love.

A special talent presentation was performed by Miss Wingate University 2004

Heather Martin, an Ashbrook graduate. Miss Ashbrook 2004 Lauren Workman made an appearance and performed a clogging routine. Other special guests included 2004 Homecoming Queen Amanda Evamega, and 2004 Carrousel Princess Leah Hollar. The UNC Clet Hangers also made a special appearance, singing several songs.

"I thought everyone did a great job and I'm happy for all the girls," said Winters. "It was a lot of fun and a great opportunity to get to know a wonderful group of girls."

## 'S.P.A.R.K' from page 1

"I used to tutor in the past and I've seen the rewards from doing that," said senior Amanda Evamega. "I just want to help as many kids as I can."

## 'Proposal' from page 1

The new exit standards will take the place of the competency test requirement but will not replace the 20 course requirements or the computer proficiency requirement. Students entering ninth grade in 2006 will be the first class expected to meet the standards.

A concern facing administrators is the funding for a senior project.

"I have a concern that the senior project is going to need some extra funds," said assistant principal Rebecca Wilson. "It is still

Burger hopes that he can make an impact during his tenure at Ashbrook and that he can make a difference while he is here. He wants to bring peace between students and teachers.

"Having good communication skills with the students and teacher will help," said Burger.

Most Ashbrook students know Burger, and it makes it easier for them to approach him.

Assistant Principal Torben Ross said he and other administrators feel comfortable with the change.

"He has a pretty good record with the students," said Ross. "He has had prior experience that we needed to fulfill the job requirements."

Ross believes that anytime there is a change, it should be for improvement.

"I do believe we made a wise decision in choosing Burger," said Ross. "I think he will bring a lot to Ashbrook."

## Corrections

In *New semester for student involvement* in the January 21 issue of *Wavelengths*, it was reported that the Mister Ashbrook fundraiser for Relay for Life is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Any other corrections found in any issue of *Wavelengths* may be sent in the same manner as letters-to-the-editor to the staff e-mail address.



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## A Few Good Words

Powell Latimer

Over the course of the 2004-2005 athletic year, one thing has struck me as incredible: the renewed school spirit. It seems that for every Ashbrook athletic event, the majority of the fans were green and loud.

For the football season, all the Ashbrook faithful need to hear is *Brave Heart* to bring a smile to their faces. During the Greenwave's heroic last-second rally against South Point, the entire crowd flapped their arms and called for "angels".

For the basketball season the Zoo Crew has been resurrected. Fans line the court, at every home game, both to cheer for their team and to heckle the opposition. Often times the crowd serves as an effective sixth man for the basketball team, getting inside their opponents heads and taking them out of the game.

However, the best evidence lies in the sports which grab less glory but have no less heart: swimming, cross country, volleyball, soccer, and tennis.

These sports, where the athletes are both the performers and the fans, best illustrate Ashbrook's intensity and passion.

In the two soccer matches against Forestview, Ashbrook brought fans and one colossal green sign with a simple message: "Hate Forestview"

At a cross country meet in Wilmington, N.C., members of the men's cross country team wanted to create a chest club. When no paint could be found, the runners painted A-H-S on their chests with mud.

The rise in school spirit is a breath of fresh air to me, especially after school spirit dipped dangerously close to apathy last year. I don't blame any person in particular for the lack of spirit last year, only observe that there's been change for the better. Has anyone noticed that our rock has never gone more than a day without being painted? I believe there is a student council committee whose job it is to paint the rock every single day. What a turnaround from last year when the rock remained South Point colors from October till Christmas.

Who last year would have thought that 150-plus people would be willing to dress up in kilts and charge down a hill? As cool as that charge looked, every single person in the crowd felt ridiculous at some point.

But that's the beauty of school spirit: when at its best, it makes people do incredible things, things that seem laughable at first, but when you pull it off goes down as legend.

# SPORTS

## Ashbrook Men Win Four Straight Men tie for first, earn share of conference title, women take second place

By POWELL LATIMER/Sports Editor

Last-second heroics are not often associated with a swim meet. The Ashbrook men's swim team, however, used just that to win a share of the conference title.

With the Greenwave neck-and-neck with East Lincoln all through the meet, the conference championship came down to the last leg of the last event. Ashbrook came into the 400 meter freestyle relay down six points, and in need of a win to tie the meet and earn a share of the conference title. Just before the pivotal race, senior captain Austin Munnell took his teammates aside.

"We are not going to lose this race," Munnell said. "I've never lost this event in four years and we're not going to lose it now."

Munnell proved true to his word on the final leg of the relay, putting the Ashbrook men on his shoulders and carrying them from second to first in the relay.

"With the meet on the line, the last leg, fastest against fastest, I wanted my senior captain on the anchor leg of that relay," said Coach Lloyd White. "And I knew when he went into the water, there was no way that he was going to lose that race."

Munnell's heroic anchor leg culminated perhaps the most dramatic meet in the last four years. Untouchable until this year, Ashbrook met its match with East Lincoln. The Mustangs held with the Greenwave every step of the way and proved to be Ashbrook's literal equal.



photo by Carrie Williamson  
Rebecca Roberts swims opposite Allie Hess in the 200 meter Freestyle. Roberts is a member of a women's swim team that placed second in their conference meet to South Point. The men's team tied for first.

more conference event, and all were part of winning relays.

Freshmen Sam May, who placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meter butterfly, and Tripp Lewis, who placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the 200-meter

The men's team was led by their five wins in individual events and victories all three relay events.

Alex Lytton, Bryan Cockfield, and Josh Rutherford each won one or

individual medley, also performed well, providing key depth.

Ashbrook's victory was made possible by their core group of seniors. Lytton, Cockfield,

**These Kids Can Play**  
The JV Boy's Basketball team has gone 14-2 thus far in the season and has registered impressive wins over all the teams in the Big South Conference. Their success indicates that the future of Men's basketball is in good hands.

## Women's Basketball Improves, Seeks Consistency

By POWELL LATIMER/Staff Editor

The women's basketball team has made notable improvements coming into the middle of their season.

While the women's basketball team has not experienced success in the last years, they have found a way to win in several games this season, and manage to stay competitive in most others. Their total of seven wins thus far in the season has more than tripled their total from last year and some have voiced the possibility of going to the playoffs.

The team's seniors have in their last season, leading the team in scoring and effort. Most notable is Bethann Urban, who has scored 36 points in her last two games. Urban is the teams best outside threat, making three three-point shots in a loss to South Point.

The Green wave offense is led by point guard T'era Smith. Smith, while never breaking a game open,

steadily scores points as Ashbrook's second-leading scorer. However, Ashbrook doesn't get wins from its offense. Instead, they rely on a stifling defense that can suffocate opponents. Summer Trull provides a dominating force in the low post, while Urban and Smith defend on the perimeter.

Off the bench, Junior Jenna Landstoffer provides depth inside, while Sophomore Jordan Bolick is flexible enough to play several positions. Freshman Savomah Magee has also contributed as a spark off the bench, scoring points in almost every game.

The one major problem still facing the team is consistency. While one game the Greenwave may dominate their opponent, the next may be just the opposite. Coach Juan Smith recognized this problem, telling the *Gaston Gazette* that this is a "Jekyll and Hyde sort of team". Fortunately, the team's good side is good enough to

compete with and beat any opponent in the conference.

If the Ashbrook women can bring their best game every time out, then they have a legitimate shot at making a postseason run. Looking at the solid core of seniors this team has, the question may not be if, but when the greenwave will finally put it all together for a serious win streak.

An important point to remember is that even with an inconsistent offense, the Ashbrook women are still hovering just below the top tier of the conference. Quite a turnaround from last year's two wins.

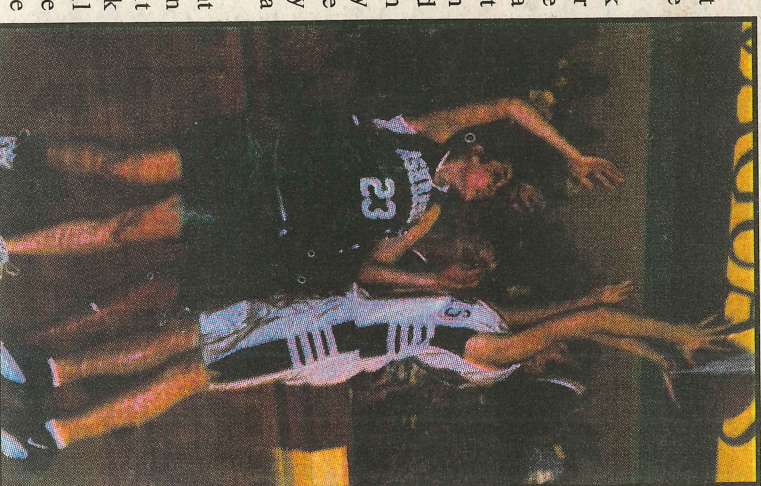


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Sophomore Jordan Bolick (23) defends the basket against a forestview player. the ashbrook women have performed surprisingly well thus far.