



Pictured above are, front row, left to right: Norman Catlett, Raeford Fulghum, Dick Rogers, Jimmy Williams, James Davis, John Kernodle, Perry Moore, and Ronald Percise. Second row: Jerry Williams, Ronald Baker, Jack Harris, Ken Thomas, Scott McPhail, Bill Williams, Thurman Phillips, Durwood Vick, and Ken Fulghum. Not pictured are Bobby Horne, and Ralph Gray.



Summer is almost here and most of us are going home for a while. The basketball uniforms have been neatly folded and packed away in one corner of the equipment room and the baseball gear has been stashed in another corner.

Now it's time for all of the "armchair" coaches to take over and discuss the past year.

Basketball season was a long awaited event, and in the opening game during homecoming week the Bulldogs ripped into the Lynchburg Hornets, 104-71 before a capacity crowd. Hopes began to soar immediately and all over the state the 'Dogs were the scourge of the North State Conference.

Not long afterward, McComas took his crew to South Carolina where they locked horns with Presbyterian and Erskine Colleges only to come out on the short end of the score in both encounters. The AC boys pulled back into Wilson only to find an air of disappointment.

Then came preparation for the initial conference game. The boys worked hard for the battle with High Point and spirit was high.

The pay off came when AC raced to a 104-97 verdict. The Bulldogs kept going west after they left High Point. At Cullowee they met Western Carolina College. The Bulldogs overcame an 11 point deficit to win going away.

Seven more loop wins gave Atlantic Christian a 9-0 conference record and top spot in the league. Then came the East Carolina tilt, and these two bitter rivals clashed head-on at Greenville in a rivalry which matches that of Harvard and Yale. The Pirates marred AC's perfect record by downing them 82-77 before an overflow crowd in Memorial Gym.

Two more losses were to come to the Bulldogs before the regular season ended, and they went to the tournament in Lexington, seeded No. 2 with a 13-3 record.

Coach Jack McComas was a happy man as he cut down the nets after the game which made the Bulldogs North State Conference Champs, but he realized that the work had just begun for his boys.

Victories in two more games in the regional NAIA playoffs sent the local lads to Kansas City and the NAIA Tournament. There the Bulldogs downed Evansville College in their opening game and bowed to Arkansas Polytechnic Institute.

Their final overall record, 23-7, showed the tremendous success that was enjoyed by our club.

Baseball season came next and McComas welcomed several veterans back to the team.

The team opened with a 7-6 loss to Guilford which was to be the first of many hard luck losses. Not being able to deliver with men on base was the story in most of the losses as the Bulldogs lost several one run decisions.

Although it was a great season, it was by no means a flop. The boys looked good even in losing some of the games, and they looked impressive in their victories.

Now, cobwebs will accumulate in the gym and grass will grow on the infield at Fleming Stadium. All will be quiet for a while, but the "coaches" will relive every shot, every foul, every base hit, and every error of the 54-55 season here at Atlantic Christian.

## Athletic Awards Made To Men

On Wednesday, May 18, the following awards were given by the Men's Athletic Department.

The members of the basketball team and the managers were presented NAIA jackets. Receiving these jackets were John Marley, Charles Hester, Charles Hutchins, Billy Widgeon, Jerry Williams, Bill Beacham, Billy Tomlinson, Ronald Percise, Jack Ahern, Douglas Gregg, Jim Peebles, Ronald Baker, Kim Buchanan, Nick Lazzo, James Davis, and Phil Houchins.

Sweaters were given to Ralph Gray, John Kernodle, Bill Williams, Ken Fulghum, and Bobby Horne for having played two years on the baseball team. Offie Lockamy, the manager, was also presented a sweater.

Raeford Fulghum, Norman Catlett, Durwood Vick, and Dick Rogers were given letters for participating in baseball; and Charles Hester, Billy Widgeon, Bill Price, Joe Craft, and Joe B. Richardson were given letters for tennis activities.

Marriage is like a card game. They start with a pair, he shows a diamond, she shows a flush, and they end up with a full house.

## Tough Luck Tags Baseball Games

By PHIL HOUCHINS

The 1954-55 intercollegiate athletic campaign has come to a close for Atlantic Christian College. A twin bill with an old rival, East Carolina, rang down the curtain on the baseball scene.

Coach Jack McComas, squad did not have a great season, but with a few breaks here and there the Bulldogs could have changed the complexion of the whole race for the eastern division championship in the North State Conference.

The Bulldogs finished up one run shy of the winners in several games and at one time they had lost nine games by a total of 12 runs.

One bright note over the season was the pitching that AC got from its mound staff. The hurlers did fine work during the campaign but couldn't get the breaks they needed to win. Ken Fulghum lost a heart-breaking 2-0 mound duel to East Carolina's Tom Pruitt, as the 'Dogs couldn't muster enough base knocks. The same thing happened to a powerhouse Elon crew. In the second game of that day hard luck Ken Fulghum lost a 4-2 game.

Pamlico County's contribution to the Atlantic Christian baseball, Dick Rogers, also had some tough luck. He lost two 5-4 decisions to Guilford.

Norman Catlett, who switched from behind the plate to third base and then took to the hill to try his

## AC Adds Tennis To Athletic Program

Tennis came back on the scene here at school without a great deal of success, "victory wise," but hopes for success of future "racketeers" are high around the city and the college.

Coach Ed Cloyd spent a great deal of time with the team and had them outfitted in white shirts and trunks and blue and white sweaters.

The tennis team was composed of Billy Widgeon, "Chuck" Hester, Joe Craft, Joe Richardson, Nicky Lazzo, and Bill Price.

Tennis made the athletic program here at AC a 3 sport affair for the first time since the year 49-50 when football was dropped.

A well-rounded athletic program is a big part of college, and the first step in the revision of such was made by Ed Cloyd.

On May 11, the boys went to Elon to compete in the North State Conference tennis tournament. All the teams from both the eastern and western divisions competed.

hand at "chunking," was the most successful, percentage wise, of AC's pitchers. Highlight of his pitching was his "iron man" stunt against High Point late in the season. He twirled AC to an 11-6 decision in the first game and then spun a one-hit, 7-0 victory in he night cap.

The locals don't lose too many from this year's squad. Next year those one-run losses should be a different story.

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