

### AC Cagers Lose At L-R, Appalachian

Atlantic Christian's Bulldog cagers captured two close decisions in games played since the last edition of the Collegiate and one of the victories was over arch-rival East Carolina in a game played in Greenville.

In the victory over the Pirates of Coach Wendell Carr, the Bulldogs played their finest game of the year in defeating the Pirates for the first time in four years. Alton Hill led the Bulldog quint with 21 points but more importantly, also captured 15 rebounds to lead both teams in this department. The high scorer for the Bulldogs was Bill Fugate, who pumped 27 points through the nets to increase his already impressive average of 19.8 PPG.

In the opening minutes of the game, both teams played the worst kind of basketball imaginable and as a result, only 5 points were scored by both teams in the first 6 minutes of play. Both squads were guilty of bad passes, traveling and other violations which cost them ball possession. However, both crews then began to get untracked and played a fine half of basketball and went to the intermission with the score tied at 42 all, each team having led by as much as five points only to see their opponents whittle away at the lead and eventually go ahead.

After the rest period, EC came out and began to slowly build a lead that reached 9 points with about 12 minutes remaining in the game. But the Bulldogs were not to be denied and fought back to within one at 69-68 with 9:40 showing on the clock when Jerry Ashworth hit a jump shot. They then went ahead on a follow shot by Hill with 9:04 left on the clock and continued to build their lead until it reached 10 points at 87-77 with 58 seconds left on the clock but EC managed to score 6 more points while holding the Bulldogs scoreless to make the final margin only 4 points at 89-85.

The contest saw some of the finest shooting anyone could ask for as the Bulldogs shot a torrid 52 per cent from the floor and 65 per cent from the charity line. The Pirates hit 50 per cent from the floor and 60 per cent from the gratis line. Jerry Ashworth led the Bulldogs from the floor as he hit 5 for 5 and also was successful on his only two attempts from the foul stripe.

Bill Otte was the big gun for EC as he poured in 30 points to lead both teams in the scoring column, Bobby Kinnard was second high for EC with 18 markers.

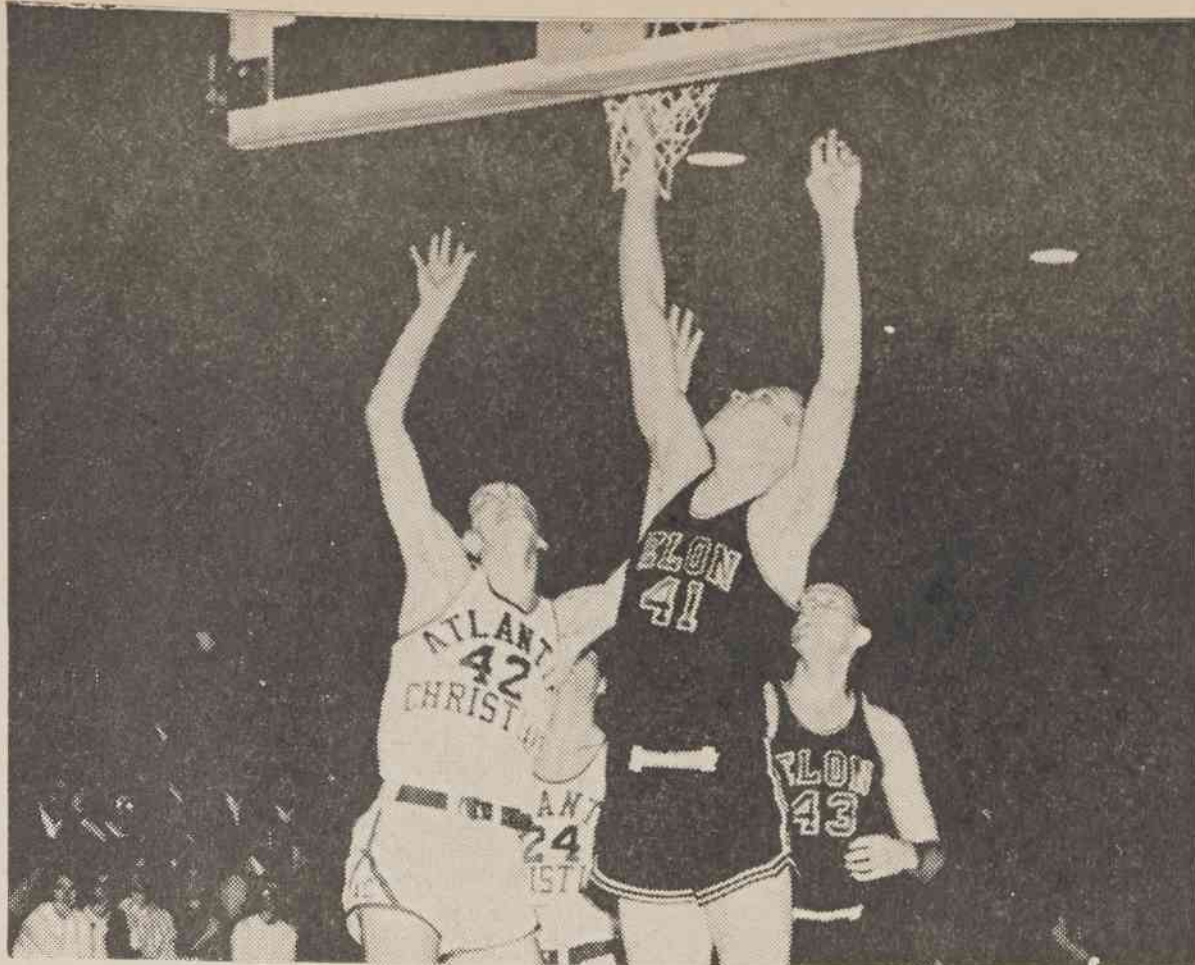
Against Guilford, freshman Elmer Hobbs came through with his finest performance of the year as he scored 12 points and pulled off 13 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs to a 67-64 victory. He also received plenty of help in the scoring department as Bill Fugate hit for 23 points to lead all scorers in the game.

After having the score tied at 5-all after one minute of play, the Bulldogs continued to slowly add to their lead until they went into the dressing room at the half with an eight point lead at 39-31. It was

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**ELON VS. ACC** — Alton Hill sets for a rebound in the game against Elon at the Wilson Community Center. In the background is Bill Tice, ACC forward, to aid Hill.

## Bulldogs Beat Pirates; Take Win Over Guilford

Coach Jack McComas took his Bulldogs on the road last weekend for games at Lenoir-Rhyne and Appalachian State and dropped both contests by narrow margins. The Bulldogs fell before the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears by 72-68 and dropped an overtime thriller to Appalachian by 97-90.

In the L-R game, the Bulldogs went to the half-time break with a nine point lead at 39-30 but saw that lead disappear quickly in the second half as they lost three men

on fouls and had a fourth playing with four personals. The foul situation and errors of commission and omission played the major role in the downfall of the Bulldogs. The Fugate was again the high point in the number of shots attempted as the Bears shot 80 times from the floor to only 58 for the Bulldogs.

a slow process and a tenacious Guilford five that refused to be shaken played a very disciplined game and had Alton Hill in foul trouble late in the first half and this proved to be one of the reasons AC could never build a substantial lead. After the intermission, the Quakers of Jerry Steele started a slow comeback which cut the AC lead to only two points at 62-60 with three minutes left in the game. Gary Johnson, AC's fine guard, had been forced to leave the game with about six minutes remaining after he injured an ankle and he was replaced by Bill Tice, normally a forward. Tice performed well and aided Jerry Ashworth in controlling the ball in the closing minute of play and the game was actually put on ice when Hobbs grabbed a rebound after Ashworth missed a foul shot with less than a minute to play and stuffed it back to put AC ahead by five at 67-62. Guilford then scored a quick bucket and Ashworth and Tice controlled the ball for the remaining 22 seconds.

They hit two more field goals than the AC boys and both teams hit 20 shots from the charity stripe.

Fugate was again the high point man for AC as he tallied 19 before fouling out with three minutes left in the game. Gary Johnson, who was saddled with four personals for most of the second half, added 16 points and Alton Hill contributed 12 before he also fouled out.

Against Appalachian, The Bulldogs were down by 6 at the halftime

### WRA Basketball To Begin On Monday

In WRA activities completed thus far, Phi Sigma Tau has captured the Co-Educational volleyball tournament and plays are in the making for a round robin basketball tournament to begin one week from Monday. Games will be played at 6:00 p. m. each afternoon in the gym. Anyone interested in playing should sign up with their team captain.

Since complication of the Co-ed volleyball, there has been "free-play" in the gym each evening at 6:00 for the girls. Anyone who has any free time is invited to join the play. The central attraction seems to be basketball and everyone has fun.

but battled back to tie the score at 81 all at the end of regulation as a desperation shot by Fugate fell short as the buzzer sounded. Fugate had tied the score only seconds before as he hit one of his patented set shots and then grabbed the rebound when Wayne Duncan missed for Appalachian with only 5 seconds on the clock.

In the overtime, Jack Lytton, a 5-8 reserve guard, tallied 8 points and Duncan counted 6 to lead the Apps to their final margin of victory. Gary Johnson made a courageous effort to keep AC in the game as he tallied 7 of the Bulldogs' 9 points.

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