



Bulldog netters Jim Adcox and Ed Gwaltney watch Gary McMahan's forehand, while just above the tennis courts, Gene Harrell breaks loose in Alpha Sig's 6-0 loss to Hackney II. Tennis ended and intramural football began this week.

# Tennis "Okay"

Atlantic Christian tennis coach Tom Parham closed out fall tennis practice yesterday with a promising nine-man team of two superstars, two scrappers, and Gary McMahan, 1968's number five. Jim Adcox, Henry Yancey, Rodney Boldin, Joe Harwood, and George Konstant complete the squad.

"These are good kids", Parham says of his fifth team at A.C. "They've got an all-around good attitude. We'll do okay."

The biggest reason they'll do okay is Rand, a sophomore with good form who lacks the size to be a power hitter. Rand, who played number one at Raleigh's Broughton High, makes up for his lack of power with a variety of effective serves and a devastating cross court backhand. Parham contends, however, that Rand's biggest weapon is his ability to psychout opponents.

Rand has perfected this technique so thoroughly that last season he used a feigned almost apologetic attitude to life himself past the top player in the Carolinas Conference.

### Frosh Star

Pushing Rand for his number one spot is freshman Thompson, half of last season's top high school doubles team in North Carolina. Thompson will team with Rand to establish AC's number one doubles team as a definite threat for the next three years. Thompson's twist service is probably the best part of a singles game which Parham aserts "needs a little work."

The two "tough competitors" enter their last year as A.C. netters. Gwaltney and McMahan will probably make - up Parham's other doubles team. "Both boys have given me three good years," says Parham. "Ed and

Gary will be tough again this year. Gary's doubles have improved a lot." McMahan, incidentally, was runnerup in his flight in last season's Carolinas Conference Tennis Tournament—the highest finish any of A.C.'s players made.

The fifth and sixth spots on Parham's team are still tossups although Parham indicated that Adcox and Yancey, both in their first year out, had been impressive.

### Wants Winners

Parham, who had admirable 11-6, 13-3, and 14-6 records in his first four years as coach, has devoted his practices to round robin matches to pick-out the winners on his squad. "I want people who can win; form is secondary." Parham has been concerned enough about form, nevertheless, to drill his beginners constantly on their backhands.

Since Parham's arrival as coach, A.C.'s tennis team has accomplished a great deal with less than world class players.

Teams from all four campus fraternities, both men's dorms, and the day-student body play each other under the rules of flag football.

Signa Phi Epsilon won the intramural football title last year.

## Intramural F-ball Opens

Intramural football opened its one-month stand at A.C. Monday.

Sig Ep dropped Hackney I, 13-0 and Delta Sig upended the Day Students 9-6 in Monday's openers, while Hackney II popped Alpha Sig 6 - 0 and Sigma Pi tied New Dorm I 7-7 Tuesday.

Each team in the eight-team league plays nine games. The four-and-a-half week schedule features double-headers starting at 4:00 Monday through Friday. All games are played on the two athletic fields adjacent to A.C.'s tennis courts.

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# Spider's Web



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If Atlantic Christian's basketball Bulldogs are to win big — as they should — this year, that peculiarly American institution known as school spirit will have to rear its ephemeral head around old Lee Street U.

Success in small college basketball, unfortunately, depends on home-court success. An integral part of success-at-home is the support of a frenzied crowd.

2,500 people, screaming their heads off not two feet from the court, can be quite disconcerting. For the home team, up-liftingly disconcerting. For the visiting team, disastrously disconcerting.

Support for the Bulldogs in recent years has been less than frenzied. More like polite. Much of this apathy has arisen from student disinterest in a team with a reputation of dying about midway through the season. Of course, A.C.'s cheerleaders aren't exactly famous for expending great amounts of energy for the most publicized team on campus. Adding to this student-cheerleader apathy is a relative lack of support from Wilson's 35,000 residents.

Wilson's apathy can't be helped. A.C.'s can. For example, the cheerleaders could arrange a few mass pep rallies on campus the days of big home games. The cheerleaders could also concentrate on a few simple but excessively loud cheers during games (noise is woe to a visiting team).

Students can alleviate A.C.'s apathy simply by using their privilege of getting into all home games free. The apathy will vanish as soon as the Dogs start playing their inspiring run-and-gun game.

### PICKS

My first week as a predictor was a crashing success. Five out of seven right. That's 71.4 per cent. If this keeps up, I'll become a bookie.

My two misses came when Purdue wiped-out Notre Dame, and Detroit upset Green Bay. Purdue won because Leroy Keyes is unbelievable on offense and defense. Who knows why Green Bay has lost its magic — this is the first time since 1958 that the Packers have lost two of their first three games.

One off-the-subject pick before I go into this week's predictions. Don't be surprised if Detroit takes the Series from St. Louis in seven games.

Now, here are my prognostications:

**WILSON FIKE 28, ROCKY MOUNT 10**—Fike started late in last week's 17-7 win over Broughton. This week, the Cyclones will start early.

**WAKE FOREST 35, MINNESOTA 31**—Freddie Summers finally gets warmed-up.

**N. C. STATE 20, S.M.U. 14**—Mustang Q.B. Chuck Hixson hit 37 of 69 passes in losing to Ohio State. But he had five intercepted, all inside the State 20. State, of N. C., will do at least as well as State, of Ohio.

**MISSISSIPPI 14, ALABAMA 7**—Ole Miss will roll back the Tide. **SOUTHERN CAL 24, MIAMI (FLA.) 14**—California O.J. is much better than the Florida variety.

**LOS ANGELES 21, SAN FRANCISCO 17**—Roman Gabriel will outfox the 49'ers.

**BALTIMORE 31, CHICAGO 21**—The return of Johnny Unitas will spark the Colts over the resurgent Bears.

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