



Manager Tom Roach looks on as John Liles long jumps against N. C. Wesleyan.

AC Finishes Second In District

By KENN CADY

Atlantic Christian placed second in the NAIA District 29 Track and Field Championship at Pembroke State Monday. The mighty Pembroke squad amassed 173 points, with AC scoring 35 points in which turned out to be a rain drenched afternoon. Lynchburg finished with 26 points, St. Andrews 23, and Campbell 13.

Pembroke took 15 of 17 first places with the remaining first places going to Dan Smith and John Liles. The field event men collected 24 of the teams 35 total points. Smith set a new District record in the long jump with a 22 foot 9 3/4 inches effort, and he narrowly missed first place in the triple jump. Liles won the

javelin, placed fourth in the triple jump and in the shot put.

Other place finishes went to Jerry Minton in the discus (5th); Marty Baird 5th in the shot; George Bancroft 5th in the triple jump, Berry Scheir 5th in the pole vault.

Kenn Cady placed 4th in the high hurdles with Ron Bowen in 5th place, Cady also placed 5th in the 100 yard dash and 3rd in the 400 hurdles.

Both relay teams finished 4th in the respective events. Jim Boykin ran his fastest 880 ever with a time of 2:02.8; however he finished 6th which did not place.

This track meet ended the thinclad's best season of their fifteen year existence as they finished with a 5-3 record.

Elon Defeats Bulldogs

Atlantic Christian's baseball team was defeated by Elon Saturday, 6-4, on a four-run outburst in the fourth inning. Going into the fourth inning, AC led, 3-2. The lead was not to last long, as Jim Hourigan of Elon singled to lead off. Scot Rush followed with a double to score Hourigan with the tying run.

Rob Facette then drew a walk to put runners on first and second. Elon's pitcher, Bill Shultz, attempted a bunt which rolled to the mound. Rather than go for a double play, the ball was thrown to first to put Shultz out.

Two more Elon runs scored as Morris singled to score Rush and Curly Haslett singled to drive in Facette. This pushed the lead in Elon's favor, 6-3.

Jimmy Rivers was charged with the loss, the Bulldogs' fifteenth of the season. Rivers worked for six and one-third innings before being relieved by Robert Speight. Speight went the final one and two-thirds innings,

giving up one hit, no runs, striking out none and walking one.

The Bulldogs jumped off to a quick lead as Joe Brogden walked. Harry Moser sacrificed him to second, and with two outs Sonny Bass was hit by a pitch. Tommy Rackley hit a single to score Brogden and Larry Moser drove in the other two runs with a double.

A mild comeback was staged in the eighth inning as Jimmy Robinson led off with a double that bounced off the center field fence. Sonny Bass walked and then Rackley singled in Robinson for the Bulldogs' final run.

The AC baseball team will participate in the District 29 tournament which opens three days of play on the Pembroke State diamond Thursday. Other teams in the double-elimination tournament are UNC-Wilmington, Pembroke, and Methodist.

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What's Wrong?

By TONY HERMAN AND ROY WINSLOW

Since we are approaching the end of the '72 school year at AC there are four main areas in which there needs to be some self-evaluation as they relate to the Physical Education Department. These four broad areas are: the administration, maintenance, teachers and students.

First of all, let us consider the administration. There are several areas of dissatisfaction with the Administration as Physical Education majors. These are as follows: we feel that the Administration thinks that the AC campus ends at Woodard Street, thus leaving out the needs and interest of the Physical Education Department. Since the P.E. major has more required major hours than any other major we feel that the Administration should try to work closer with P. E. majors in certain load limitations and privileges and disregarding certain irrelevant regulations.

Secondly, we are confronted with the maintenance department as it relates to the physical education facilities. There seem to be a lack of interests and response from the Maintenance Department in the following areas: the intramurals field has need to be properly landscaped for a long time yet this has been continually put off. Now that they have removed the tree at the end of the field they have left roots, holes, mounds and lakes which makes the field virtually unuseable for physical activities. They also need to inspect the cleanliness of the two gyms in operation, and it is also the job of the maintenance department to sweep water off the tennis courts after it rains, yet this duty has been left to a teacher. There needs to be some constructed walkway from the back door of the department to the tennis courts so as to do away with tracking mud into the gym.

Thirdly, we need to consider the problems with the teachers in the Physical Education Department. The majority of the teachers in the P.E. Dept. try to stress professionalism among the majors, yet they lack this quality themselves. Some of the teachers in the department need to update their material, restructure their teaching methods, exercise more student-teacher relationships, and emphasize more practical public school experience in relation to their teaching. A few teachers in the department have shown incompetence in their duties by missing too many class meetings by allowing too many class cuts and free classes on rainy days, yet they do not hesitate in giving failing grades for what they consider incompetent performances. There needs to be some overall changes in the attitude of the teachers in the department which must start and be constantly enforced by the Department Chairman. The chairman of the Physical Education Department must be the person to take the initiative and a firm stand in getting the ball rolling in the right direction.

We have hit on several areas of dissatisfaction in the department and other related areas; although we have not mentioned them all, we do hope this will start each and everyone on the right track toward self-evaluation. With self-evaluation of the administration, maintenance, teachers and students, this combined effort will help build the type of physical Education Department we all desire.



The 440-relay team anchored by Senior Rodger Easley.



Barry Sheier shows classic form in pole vaulting.

Thinclads Place Fourth In Conference Meet

The Carolina Conference track meet was held Tuesday, May 2, at Catawba College.

Although they didn't finish on top, the thinclads of AC provided several exciting moments as Danny Smith set a conference record in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 8 inches. Smith, in addition to his record-breaking long jump, captured first place in the triple jump with a distance of 43 feet, 5 inches.

John Liles, strong man on the AC squad, also won a first place for AC as he took first in the javelin with a toss of 198 feet, 2 1/2

inches. This distance topped the AC school record of 189 feet which Liles set earlier this spring.

This was not all though, as Roger Easley took fifth place in the high jump for AC. In the mile run, Jim Boykin of AC crossed the finish line in fifth place. Ron Bowen, a strong contender in the 120 high hurdles, captured fourth place in this event.

In the mile relay, AC came in fifth place and also finished fifth in the 440 relay as High Point, winner of the meet, swept both of these events.

Sports Editorial

By JIM BOYKIN

Monday, May 8, 1972 the Atlantic Christian Track team concluded its season with the best record in the team's history, 5-3 overall, third in the Carolinas Conference and second in N.A.I.A. District 29. Presumably the school's athletic committee and coaching staff would be pleased with such a showing, however, this is apparently not the case.

At a meeting of the Athletic Council Sunday night, the committee voted to cut the allocation for track scholarships from one full scholarship to three quarters of one.

The irony of the matter is that the one-quarter taken from track will be used for additional grants in baseball and tennis. Even more shocking is the fact that the measure was proposed by outgoing baseball coach Larry Thompson. This year's baseball team ranks last in the C.C., and is struggling to achieve a .333 season.

Since neither the track or baseball teams bring in any revenue, and since both squads are comparable in number, it is hard to realize why one team should receive more aid than the other, especially when the team with the worse record is given the upper hand.

Since I am a senior, I have no personal interest in this matter. However, I do pity all of the hard working members of the track team who will not receive financial assistance next year because the money is not available. Many will probably choose not to compete. So don't be surprised if next year's track team leaves a little to be desired.

Golf Team Finishes Third In Conference

By KENN CADY

Billy Potter led the Atlantic Christian golf squad to a third place finish in the Carolinas Conference at Salisbury. Potter was AC's medalist, and placed third overall in the two day event. He shot 77-72 for a 149 total score.

Garey Pittman shot 78-76 — 149; Sid Bruton 79-76—154; Mike Benton 84-78 —162; Jackie

Turlington 79-85 — 164; and Steve Jones shot 82-87 —169 to cap off the scoring.

The golf team had one of its best seasons, and as of publication, are in second place during the opening day of the District 29 golf tournament in Conway, South Carolina. Carey Pittman was the first day medalist for AC by shooting a three over par 75.