

Litton Named Head Football Coach

One of the nation's outstanding young coaches was named head football coach at Gardner-Webb, George Litton, Jr., athletic director and head football coach at Lees-McCrae College, accepted the position as Bulldog grid coach.

Litton succeeded Coach Norman Harris, who was promoted to administrative assistant. His responsibilities include working with former athletes in promoting the athletic program of Gardner-Webb and seeking funds for scholarships and recruiting athletes for the school.

The two-announcement was made by Dr. P. Eugene Poston, following a meeting of the executive committee of the school's board of trustees.

Coach Litton was head coach and athletic director at Lees-McCrae College, Banner, E.C., N.C., since July, 1962. During that period of time his teams

were among the best in junior college circles. His 1967 team had an undefeated season and was ranked number two in the nation among junior colleges. His 1968 team lost one of ten games and his 1969 team, with only five 1968 starters returning, lost one of nine games. In 1968 and 1969 Lees-McCrae was ranked tenth nationally among junior colleges.

He was named National Junior College Coach of the Year in the Eastern Division in 1967. Coach Litton is a graduate of East Tennessee State University and is 34 years old. He and Mrs. Litton have two sons, Len, seven and Pat, four. Litton will also serve as assistant professor of physical education as well as head football coach.

Coach Harris has completed twenty-two years as athletic director and head football coach

at Gardner-Webb. His career record with the Bulldogs is 107 wins, 71 losses, and 13 ties.

Harris is a native of Black Mountain, N.C., and played two years of football at Duke University before entering the service. Later he concluded his college gridiron days with High Point College. He came to Gardner-Webb from High Point.

In making the announcement of Harris' promotion Dr. Poston said: "This position is vitally important to Gardner-Webb as we move from junior to senior college status. Coach Harris will do a fine job for us in this area. His more than twenty years as a coach and athletic director makes him well-qualified to do his job. His many contacts among coaches, alumni and friends of the school will be important to him in his new position."

Bulldogs Take Two Of Four Tournaments

This year's Holiday Basketball Tournament marked the first time Gardner-Webb has hosted a senior college invitation. The Bulldogs have won the first three G.W. holiday tournaments, junior college invitations at the hotel.

Louisiana College faced West Virginia on the tournament's opening night. It followed two hours later by Gardner-Webb's tilt with Hampden-Sydney.

Webb was the underdog for the first time in the history of the Tournament. Louisiana College took the favored nod to finish ahead of the three other contenders. Louisiana was 5-2, including a victory over NCAA University Division member Mississippi State. They were led by Ed Spill Jones, a 22-point per game scorer.

Gardner-Webb had counted on the Spartans, led by 6-5 sophomore George Adams (22 points per game) and 6-4 freshman leader Steve Carter (17 points per game) to lead them through what head coach Eddie Holbrook termed "the roughest test we have faced in quite a while."

West Virginia State was currently 2-2, having dropped a heartbreaker to defending NAIA champion North Carolina, but blew a 15-point lead which they maintained throughout most of the night, losing by 6. State had a balanced attack.

Hampden-Sydney had a 3-2 record and was led by 6-5 Jeff Trombrow, whose a sophomore finished sixth in the nation in rebounding last year with a 15.1 per game average.

The Bulldogs completed their season's tournament play by clinching the Spinade Rotary championship with wins over Wofford and UNC-Asheville.

In four tournaments, the Bulldogs won two and placed second in two. Sophomore pivotman George Adams was named most valuable player in three, including the last one in Spinade.

Gardner-Webb hosted a double-header in Bost Gymnasium last Thursday night, going against Pfeiffer College following the seven p.m. preliminary game between Isothermal and Lees-McCrae.

Following the Pfeiffer game, G.W. traveled to Canton, Tennessee January 15 to meet Mars Hill in the third of four meetings between the renewed rivals this season. Originally G.W. was scheduled to visit Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but that tilt was cancelled and Coach Holbrook was unable to find a comparable match.

G.W. Gets Six Top Football Transfers

Litton is new grid coach.

Early this month Gardner-Webb's new head football coach, George Litton, announced the signing and enrollment at G.W. of six top junior college transfer students.

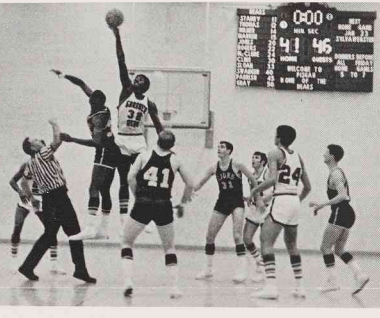
The six are all two-year veterans of nationally ranked Lees-McCrae, Litton's former coaching post, and five are defensive specialists.

The sixth, Bernie Sanders, is a placekicker and fullback. Last year, he was the nation's fifth top junior college placekicker.

The others are Tommy Wray, 5-9, 190-pound defensive half-back; Danny Seme, 6-1, 210-pound defensive end; line backer who was All New Jersey as a prep player; Leo Thompson, 6-2, 215-pound line player and an All Region Ten selection last year; Gary Cline, 6-0, 190-pound line-backer; and Bob Lynch, a 215-pound football safety man.

The six griders are enrolled in school for the current semester and will participate in Spring Practice.

Litton has been actively recruiting other Lees-McCrae players as well as high school prospects.



Dogs control tap as they led by five over Mars Hill's Lions.

Adams Continues To Lead Bulldogs And NAIA Scoring

Gardner-Webb's sensational sophomore, George Adams, continues to lead the Bulldogs to a successful finish in their first year of senior college basketball competition. The 6-5, 205-pound pivotman was leading the nation's scoring during last week and boosted his average by scoring 35 against Mars Hill.

The 106-101 victory left G.W. with a 10-4 mark, not counting an early season win over U.S. Marine Service team, NAIA rules prohibit counting such games in records or statistics. Despite the fact that as a first-year associate NAIA member Gardner-Webb is ineligible for post-season playoffs or honors, individual players are eligible for statistical titles. Should Adams maintain his current average, he would have a good shot at the scoring title. "He's not a showboat or a flash," remarked G.W. head coach Eddie Holbrook. "He's a cool efficient power player who gets the job done. And that's the type that will consistently win games for you."

In the 88-72 win over Pfeiffer College, the Gardner-Webb guards continued to show improvement in running the club. Sophomore forward Richard Thomas came through with another sterling defensive performance as he held Pfeiffer's leading scorer, Jim Burkhart, to four points. Reserve high post man Tony Spagnola appeared recovered from small colleges with another injury. The sophomore scored 16 points and got as many rebounds in the Pfeiffer game.

Gardner-Webb traveled to Canton Thursday night January 15, for their third game with Mars Hill. The Bulldogs held off a late surge by the upset Lions for the victory. Mars Hill, led by Eddie Miller's 26 point performance, rallied from an 11 point lag at the beginning of the second half. However, a couple of baskets by George Adams brought the dogs back to a five point victory over their new biggest rival.



Big George makes tape for WSOC's Sportcast.

Gardner-Webb's George Adams more than lived up to his billing as a great tournament player in the Holiday Tournament here December 29 and 30 in breaking a half dozen scoring records and being named the tournament's most valuable player.

Adams, 6-5 sophomore from Kings Mountain, broke all Gardner-Webb individual scoring marks with a 49-point output the first night against Hampden-Sydney. He followed this with 35 points in the title game against Louisiana College despite jamming tactics to keep the ball away from him.

The 49-points, in addition to giving Adams a new career high, gave him the record for most points ever scored by a Gardner-Webb player, breaking a record he set only five weeks earlier at 47, most field goals made (23) by a Gardner-Webb player; most points ever scored in the Holiday Tournament; and most points ever scored at Bost Gymnasium.

P.E. Department Transfers

Baseball Coach Jerry Bryson

Jerry Bryson, Gardner-Webb College's young baseball coach, was named Coach of the Year in District Eight of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The district is composed of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi.

Bryson, a native of Gastonia, N. C., flew to Washington, D. C. District headquarters last week. The presentation was made by Peg Marston, Chairman of the District Committee for the American Baseball Coaches. He is head baseball coach at Phoenix College in Phoenix, Arizona.

Basketball Statistics Through 14 Games												
NAME	G.W.							NAME	PER GAME			GAMES
	FGA	FGM	FT	FTA	FTM	PCT	REB		PTS	AVG	PER	
ADAMS	375	193	82.6	98	69	72.6	294	455	32.5	14		
CARTER	189	86	45.5	98	30	31.7	121	202	14.4	14		
McGILL	177	30	16.9	25	15	60.0	28	75	5.4	13		
THOMAS	167	76	45.5	41	29	70.7	32	181	12.9	14		
LAND	124	58	46.8	33	24	72.7	29	140	10.0	14		
GRAVES	61	33	54.1	25	13	52.0	35	79	5.6	13		
SPAGNOLA	22	9	40.9	3	17	57.5	49	65	4.6	13		
BROOKINS	20	9	45.0	2	6	66.7	11	20	1.4	13		
WEATHERMAN	3	0	0	2	2	100.0	1	2	0.2	3		
WALLACOURT	4	1	25.0	3	2	66.7	4	4	1.0	3		
GUFFEY	1	1	100.0	0	1	100.0	0	1	1.0	3		
	1033	510	48.4	319	204	63.9	582	1224	37.4	14		

NOTE: Statistics and record excludes exhibition game with Service Team.

Record: 10-4 Home: 4-2 Away: 2-1 Neutral: 4-1