



LARRY SHRADER

## Shrader Is Strong Basketball Reserve

By DALE GADDY  
It was a cold, windy night about two years ago when the Appalachian Mountaineers encountered the Crusaders of Belmont Abbey. The last half of the nip-and-tug basketball game was down to its final seconds with the Boone team two points behind.

Just as the final buzzer sounded, a Crusader fouled Larry Shrader of the App quint. The referee indicated that it was a one-and-one shot. The crowd hushed. Shrader stepped to the free-throw line, drew a deep breath, and with the finesse of a pro, sank the first shot, putting the Apps within one point of the opposing team.

Shrader bounced the ball once or twice as he stepped to the line again. The ball was up in the air, hovered momentarily above the rim, and fell through the nets to send the hotly contested game into overtime.

The Apps lost the game in the extra minutes of play, but to Shrader the game has been his most unforgettable one thus far.

Now a senior, Shrader is one of Coach Bob Light's strongest reserves. At 203 pounds, the 6'4" center is the heaviest man on the team.

Although he has seen only limited action this year, Shrader has managed to push through four points and snag five rebounds in two games. His shooting average stands at 50 percent, "but that doesn't mean much, considering I've played in only two games," he laughed one evening during the Christmas holidays.

However, records show that during Shrader's second season with the Mountaineers (when he first lettered in basketball), he made 47 percent of

his shots. Last year, though hampered by injuries, he made 42.8 percent of his field goal attempts for a 6.6 points per game average.

At his Hardin Street apartment, Shrader related how he "more-or-less" became a basketball player by chance rather than choice. "I enjoy basketball a lot," he said. "But until recent years football was my sport."

At George Wythe High School in Wytheville, Virginia, Shrader was a four year participant in football, basketball, and track. He played the guard, tackle, and end positions; according to some newspaper clippings at the college, he literally sparkled on the gridiron. Among the several college football offers made to him was a scholarship at William and Mary.

But, as fate would have it, Shrader suffered a broken leg during his fourth season with the Virginia high schoolers. Later a bone sisk appeared, and Shrader was advised by his doctors never to participate in football again.

And so, Shrader shelved the idea of attending college. After being graduated from high school in 1959, a friend of Shrader's invited him to the ASTC campus. Shrader made the trip to Boone, became interested in the college, and enrolled as a freshman that fall.

"I liked sports too much to just give up," the dark headed senior said. "I decided that if I couldn't play football, I'd try out for basketball."

As for the 1962-63 season, Shrader says, "If we play team ball, we will win the conference race."

"Our games with High Point, Elon, Western Carolina, and Lenoir Rhyne will determine

## Light Brigade To Meet Bears

The Appalachian Mountaineers, currently unbeaten in Carolina Conference action, host the Lenoir Rhyne Bears this Saturday in a showdown battle. The test will be the toughest yet for the high-riding cagers of coach Robert Light, as the Bears have lost only once in conference action.

Appalachian's last outing was the Spindale Tournament in which the Mountaineers lost the opener to Erskine but came back the second night to take honors over Campbell College. Guard Jack Lytton and forward Wayne Duncan set the pace in the win.

Lenoir Rhyne also took part in a tournament last weekend, winning both games in its own tournament in Hickory.

Both teams have games on Thursday night. Appalachian will be seeking revenge here at home against Wofford for the opening game defeat by the Terriers. Lenoir Rhyne hosts Western Carolina, another conference power, on Thursday.

Appalachian officials are expecting standing room only for the Saturday night game. The two teams have played before packed houses for the past two seasons in their annual tilt in Boone and this year should be no exception.

## Know The Weather

By E. H. SIMS

Is snow white?

No, snow is not white but looks white because of the great reflection of light. Likewise, the sky is not blue. Space and air are actually colorless and if one goes far enough into space, and gets away from sunlight, everything will be black.

The reason the sky looks blue is that blue, of all the colors, refracts most easily, and therefore the light from the sun makes the sky blue.

Dust refracts red, which explains why the sun's light makes the evening sunset, quite often, appear to be a rich red.

the outcome of the season," he added.

Shrader is married to the former Miss Pat Ellington of Cherryville. (The couple has a daughter who was born the day following the interview with Shrader.)

He is president of the ASTC National Education Association, is president of the North Carolina colleges' NEA, is active in the "A" Club, Chi Lambda Chi, intramurals, and house council. This autumn he was named to the national publication, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

"We have eleven lettermen on our squad this year," Shrader said as he walked to the door of his apartment. "Again I say we can win the conference title if we play team ball."



ED WINTERSTEIN

## New York Grappler Is Promising On Mat

By DALE GADDY

Coming to ASTC fresh from a 13-2 season on the mats, wrestler Ed Winterstein of Binghamton, New York, is one of Coach Frank Meyer's most promising freshmen.

Winterstein, holder of various wrestling awards, is fast, aggressive "and knows wrestling," according to Meyer. Already this year Winterstein has won two matches out of two attempts for the Mountaineers.

"I like to wrestle," Winterstein said in a recent interview. "It's a good sport."

The 1962-63 season is his fifth year on the mats. Wrestling last year for a military academy in Virginia (where he posted the 13-2 mark), Winterstein faced "what likely will be Appalachian's hardest team to beat this year"—Virginia Military Institute. "Fort Bragg will be a tough team, too," he added.

Prior to attending the Virginia school, the beefy New Yorker worked for a year with

IBM. He was graduated from Binghamton's North High School in 1960 where, during his senior year, he posted a 12-5 season.

"I was out for the season my sophomore year because of an ear injury," Winterstein recalled. "But I wrestled during my freshman, junior, and senior years."

The not-boastful ASTC student accumulated at least three notable awards during his three preceding grappling seasons. In 1958 he finished second in the Windsor (New York) Christmas Tournament. The following year he placed third in section 4 of the New York state finals.

And last year, at Augusta Military, the six-footer finished third in the AAU meets held at Richmond.

In addition to wrestling, Winterstein was active in high school football and track.

He is majoring in social studies at ASTC.

## Comment On Sports Dwight Critcher Winner In Holiday Bowling Tourney

By PETE FRITCHIE

Washington, D. C.—The bowl promoters in places like Philadelphia and New York are brave men. Some years these new bowl efforts find the big day one of lush and snow and bitter cold.

Sometimes the games are lops. Few teams want to play in these northern bowls. But the promoters keep going. The Liberty Bowl staged a contest between Villanova and Oregon State December 15th, and 17,000 fans turned out for it. Reporters wrote they were "frost-nipped" fans.

Up in New York, that most tubious of all bowls, the Gotham Bowl, staggered through its second year. The effort was begun in 1960, but no game was achieved that first year. This year the temperature in the Gotham Bowl was a mild and pleasant eighteen degrees.

The game, however, was red hot—almost as hot as the fires lit in the stands by the freezing fans. Miami managed to lose the game to Nebraska by the count of 36-34, which almost sounds like pro stuff, which it almost was because of a couple of gifted quarterbacks. Nebraska also had great scat backs.

Miami had a fellow named George Mira, who is being publicized as another all-time great. His job of quarterbacking got Miami 34 first downs and 502 yards gained but wasn't enough. (Nebraska had 12 first downs.)

The game, therefore, was good enough if the weather wasn't. And the weather wasn't. So the question remains: "Will the northern bowls make it after all?"

They might if each year they could feature a George Mira (Gotham Bowl) and a Terry Baker, who starred in the Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia the other day. But the years ahead will not bring perhaps college's greatest passer (Mira) and its greatest back and Heisman Trophy winner (Baker) to these bowls. This year they were unusually blessed.

The sports writing fraternity refers to these bowl games with such accolades as "lamentable nonsense" and to playing conditions as "Tropical Splendor."

The promoters, in the face of all this, persist. They are brave men. They have seen financial

Dwight Critcher hit games of 205, 199 and 167 for a scratch set of 571 and a handicap set of 655 to win the Holiday Bowling Tournament at the Skyline Lanes. Critcher's 571 set was the high scratch set posted in the tournament and along with his handicap got him a 35 pin lead over runner-up Joe Maples. Maples had games of 201, 147 and 188 and with the three game handicap of 84 turned in a 620 for second spot. Third place prize went to Dean Danner on a 618 set which included games of 199, 186 and 170. Clarence Cole posted the second high scratch set of 562. Individual single game hon-

## World War I Veterans Seek Increased Pension Program

An effort to increase and expand the pension program for veterans of the First World War is the major objective of the Veterans of World War I, Inc., when the new Congress convenes January 7.

Edward J. Neron, of San Diego, California, National Commander of the Veterans of World War I, urges all eligible veterans to contact the National Headquarters of the VWWI, at 40 G Street, N. E., Washington 2, D. C., in order to be informed on just what plans are being made for the proposals which will be presented to the new Congress. Neron asks that all men who served in 1917 and

1918 forward their names, addresses and serial numbers to the headquarters and in return they will be supplied with complete and specific information concerning the legislative program of the Veterans of World War I.

The latter organization is a comparatively new veterans group but on December 31 had enrolled over 225,000 members. It was given a Congressional charter by the Congress in 1958 and now ranks as the third largest veteran organization in the country.

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