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Bulldogs Meet Mars Hill Tonight

A-B Seeks 4th Win

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Fresh from what coach, Bob Hartman terms a successful road trip into Georgia, the Asheville-Biltmore cagers host the Mars Hill Lions tonight at 8 o'clock in the A-B gymnasium.

Described as probably the most exciting team to wear the blue and white, the Bulldogs will travel to Wilmington for a game Dec. 17, then to Newberry for tilts with Newberry and Presbyterian, Dec. 30-31.

The Bulldog mentor commented that Mars Hill is a "good outfit" although the Lions have an impressive 0-4 record. The Lions dropped a 92-85 verdict to Mulligan, a team Asheville-Biltmore trounced, 96-66.

Lion coach Harrell Wood describes his team as "a balanced scoring attack with Bob Gibson, Bill Kenny, and Don Suggs, but we don't have a playmaker."

Hartman said Mal Blankenship, who has improved tremendously since adjusting to A-B's style of basketball, will get his first starting assignment for the Bulldogs against Mars Hill. The former North Buncombe High School cager will be filling in for Tom Lindley who sustained a knee injury in the Pembroke game.

Although Blankenship has been used in a reserve role this season, he has emerged as the team's second leading rebounder with 39, and teamed with Arrick, a 6-8 center, should give the Bulldogs an excellent duo to control the offensive and defensive boards.

Blankenship's field goal percentage is also tops for the Bulldogs. He has hit 14 of 24 for 58 percent, and has also dropped in 11 of 12 charity tosses for 91 percent. Blankenship has scored 39 points in six games.

Batsel continues to lead the Bulldogs with a 20.1 scoring average, garnered on 49 field goals and 23 foul shots. MacElhaney follows closely with an 18.5 average while Lucas and Arrick both are averaging 10.5 points per game.

Arrick is the leading rebounder with 60 and has established a new A-B single game rebounding mark with 18 against Milligan. As a team, the Bulldogs have outscored their opponents, 492-456.



DRIVING FOR A TWO-POINTER is Steve Lucas, 30, a junior forward. The action took place in the recent Tip-Off Tourney championship game with

Shorter College. Other A-B players in the action are Larry Arrick (33), Jim McElhaney (20) and Guy Batsel (22).

Fuller Interview

He Speaks Of Universe, Learning

At times he speaks haltingly. With a slight stammer he gropes for the right word to express his thoughts.

Then a few moments later the words come tumbling out as if a dam has broken in his brain. He must deliver his inspired thoughts before they are lost.

That he is a brilliant man, a genius perhaps in many fields, is a fact often dwelled upon by those who attempt to describe him. That he is a man with such complete detachment that he can look at himself objectively, make fun of his own folly with such humor that everyone must take time out to laugh, is a fact that may be too often overlooked by those who try to describe him. But it is a fact important in his makeup, and one that certainly endears him to his audience.

He is a speaker who doesn't speak but merely talks and rambles out his thoughts. He is one of the great thinkers of our time but unashamedly admits that when speaking to an audience he deliberately makes a point of never thinking of what he is going to say.

When addressing an audience of world distinguished scientists in Russia year before last he told them that they were important: They speak of the beautiful setting sun when they -- of all people -- should know that the sun doesn't really set.

The man, Buckminster Fuller, is indeed an intellectual giant - a genius - but he carries his genius beautifully. His gentle

manner portrays kindness. There seems to be a touch of humility in his make-up.

In his lectures he frequently speaks of the way things are in nature. He admits that his use of the triangle both in its plane and solid state was copied by him from nature. Nature knows how to build things with "structural integrity," he says.

In a special interview he said that the college student learns best when there is a close and personal relationship between student and instructor. In his lecture the next day he spoke of the learning process of young children.

He pointed out that by the time a child is seventeen years of age he has reached the peak of his ability to learn. He then, with a touch of ironical humor, pointed out that most of the money granted the government for education goes to students over that age.

Toward the end of his lecture he pantomimed stretching a rope. He then explained that the energy used in an expansion also produces a contraction, in this particular case, a contraction of the tissues of the hands that stretch the rope.

Using this principle of expanding and contracting forces he thus reasons the following: -- Since the physical universe -- that which we can see --- is expanding in a disorderly manner, the metaphysical universe --- that which we cannot see -- is contracting in an orderly manner.

That Mr. Fuller is in such

awe of the universe, that his feelings seemingly border on reverence is evidenced throughout his lecture. He speaks again and again of the unseen forces. He speaks of mental telepathy, the destiny of man, the relevance of all things -- everywhere. He believes that man not only inhabits the earth. In fact, there may be many planets in the universe where man lives.

But man does not really look into the future, says Fuller, no, not really. He spends most of his time looking backward. That's why his civilization is sliding backward into the future.

The lecture by Fuller could be described as humorous, thought provoking, educational and above all, inspiring.

A-B Biologists

800 Mile Field Trip Is Taken

Grand Dad used to boast of his 10-12 mile hikes to school.

But even he might blink at Asheville-Biltmore College biology majors and professors who regularly seek out isolated mountains as the A-B biologists proved the other day when they journeyed a total of 800 or so miles.

The destination: Duke University's Marine Laboratory at Beaufort on the North Carolina coast.

The reason: There's a lot of difference between the field study opportunities offered by the mountains and the ecology of the shore line.

Asheville - Biltmore College Alumni will hold their first meeting since A-B received senior college status when they gather at 3 p.m. Sunday in A-B's Oliver C. Carmichael Humanities Lecture Hall.

Recently incorporated as a non-profit institution, the Sunday meeting will vote on proposed by-laws of the reorganized group and elect officers for the coming year.

Speakers for the occasion will be Congressman Roy A. Taylor, one of A-B's first alumni in the junior college days, and Dr. William E. Highsmith, president of the college. Congressman Taylor will speak on the college's

early development and Dr. Highsmith will discuss the present status and future plans.

Prior to the meeting, at 2 p.m., alumni will be given refreshments and tours of the campus with student guides.

Working on the reorganization of the college's alumni has been a committee with George Bryan Jr. as chairman. Other members include Dr. Joseph Schandler, Tom Walton, Ray Elingburg, Mrs. Doris Sanders and Miss Carole Carson.

All members of the earlier alumni association as well as members of the first senior college class, which received degrees last June, are urged to attend.

Taking part in the field trip were Dr. Richard M. Johnson, chairman of A-B's Division of Science and Mathematics; Dr. John J. McCoy, head of the Biology Department; Steve Smith, a senior biology major and Roger Lankford, a junior biology major.

The four-day trip meant two of those days on the road. They stayed at the Marine Lab dormitories as guests of Dr. C. G. Bookhout, the lab's director. Lab facilities include five research buildings, three classrooms and three dormitories, with the facility affording specific research and training for field work in

marine biology and biologic oceanography as well as graduate courses in botany and zoology.

The A-B quartet concentrated on the study of shorebird migrations in the fall and Dr. Johnson indicated a return spring trip would be necessary to round out the study. Dr. McCoy is a specialist in the ornithology area while Dr. Johnson leans toward reptiles and amphibians.

Both they and the students found full opportunity to implement their mountain specimens with additions from the coastal plain.