

## BULLDOG SPORTS

By Ken Corn



The Gardner-Webb Bulldog basketball team has increased its record to 22 wins and 3 losses. The 'Dogs have had impressive victories in the last week over Warren Wilson, Elon, UNCA, and Livingstone.

Three seniors have been the big difference in another 20 or more wins season for Coach Eddie Holbrook. Jim Blanks is averaging almost 20 points, Alvin Jones is averaging 16 points, and John Searight is also averaging 16 points and leading the team in rebounds, averaging 11 rebounds per game. Billy Ellis, John Pait, Doug Turner, and George White have all been instrumental in the 'Dogs success this season as the playmakers.

Offensively, the team is averaging 97 points a game and allowing 75 points defensively. The field goal percentage is 49 per cent and free throw percentage is 70 per cent.

The Bulldogs have one game remaining in regular season play. This will be with Baptist College of Charleston Feb. 22 in Bost Gym.



INTEREST IN INTRAMURAL SPORTS CAUSES CROWDED CONDITIONS.

## Gudger Joins G-W Football Staff

GW News Bureau

James Gudger, Jr., a former East Carolina football star, has been named an assistant football coach here

at Gardner-Webb. Gudger, 26 years old, is a graduate of Sylva-Webster High School, Sylva, N.C., where he was a four-letter man in football, baseball, and basketball. At East Carolina he lettered two years in football playing offensive back, defensive tackle, and defensive end.

His coaching experience includes offensive and defensive line coach at Raines High School in Emory, Texas, 1971-72, and head football coach at West Craven High School, Vanceboro, N.C., 1972-73.

Coach Gudger comes to Gardner-Webb from Western New Mexico University where he was offensive line coach for the past two years. He will fill the same position here as offensive line coach, according to Bulldog head coach Oval Jynnes.

The new assistant is a native of Asheville, N.C. and earned his bachelor's degree from East Carolina University

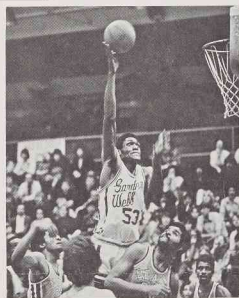
in health and physical education. He earned his master of arts in health and physical education from Western New Mexico University.

### Bradford Signs

Brad Bradford, a 235-pound football star for Andrews High School, Andrews, S.C., has signed a grant-in-aid with Gardner-Webb College. Bradford played both offensive and defensive tackle at Andrews.

Bradford lettered three years in football and was an all-conference tackle on offense and defense his senior year. He was also named to the All-Georgetown County team and most valuable lineman by his teammates.

Brad said he chose Gardner-Webb because "I like the campus when I made my first visit, plus the fact that the coaches seem to be very nice. I like a small school and feel that I can get a good education here."



SEARIGHT — PREACHER MAN AND BASKETBALL PLAYER.

### Personality Focus

## John Searight: The Minister

Most everyone knows John Searight, the basketball player, but very few know John Searight, the ordained Methodist Minister. Yes, John Searight, who is one of Gardner-Webb's top scorers on the basketball team, is also an ordained Methodist Minister.

When young, John had a desire to help people, especially children. This desire remained with him and began to bear fruit when he attended A & T University in Greensboro, N.C. during his

freshman year in college. It was during that year at A & T in 1971 that he became burdened about going into the ministry. Having been raised in the Methodist denomination, John began writing letters to his minister about giving a trial sermon. Upon completing summer school and receiving approval, John preached his trial sermon. He then was issued a trial license for a period of one year.

John attended Alabama Christian Junior College

during his sophomore year in college. During the course of that year, he preached a few more times. After completing the spring semester of 1972, John was ordained. His official license was issued to him on September 2, 1972, by Rev. Kirkendall at the Southeast Alabama Conference in Montgomery, Alabama.

John's aim is to help people rather than having a regular job preaching in a church, even though he would not mind speaking at different churches. John also emphasized the fact that the denomination is not important; being a Christian is what is important.

John, whose major is Physical Education, was recruited to Gardner-Webb at the beginning of his junior year by Coach Roger Banks. The main aspect that influenced John was the winning tradition of the basketball team since he had played basketball his previous two years in college.

John's wife, Shirley, is also a student at Gardner-Webb. After four years of dating, they were married on August 12, 1973 at New Hope Baptist Church in Luverne, Alabama. They have a 10 month old daughter, Kalundra.

## Howell and Laws Honorable Mention All-America

Rick Howell, a junior from Columbus, N.C., and Dave Laws, a senior, from Durham, N.C., won Honorable Mention All-American honors last Saturday during competition at the 10th Annual NAIA Indoor Track Championships in Greensboro. Both were contestants in the 2 mile walk, placing fourth and sixth respectively.

The competition was the first national meet for the Bulldog track team, as a small group placed 29th with five points scored. Only two other North Carolina schools placed higher, Pembroke State with 12 points and North Carolina Central with 10 points, as 61 colleges and universities from across the United States met in the two-day annual affair.

The two placings gave the school its first All-American honors ever in track and field, only one year after the school produced its first two All-District track men, Phillip Snoddy, now a sophomore of Greenwood, S.C., runner-up in the District 26 cross country meet, and Allen Newell, now a sophomore of Charlotte, N.C., District 26 champion in the 440 yard intermediate hurdles.

A team of five men represented Gardner-Webb at the national meet. Rick Howell and Dave Laws competed in the two mile walk, Allen Newell reached the semi-finals in the 60 yard high hurdles, Phillip Snoddy ran in the two mile run, and Todd Blackwell, a freshman from Gaffney, S.C., competed in the 60 yard dash.

## Intramural Sports

By Richard Simpson

Fast, rugged, and exciting describes this year's G-W men's intramural basketball. There are twenty teams divided into two divisions: the National and American leagues.

After six games, first place in the American league is held by the Beason's boys with a 6-0 record. Second place is Spangler, 5 wins to 1 loss, also in second place is Kool and the Gang with a 5-1 record. Third place is held by Lutz-Yelton II 3-3.

Meanwhile in the National league, Mauney Dorm has first place with a perfect 6-0 record. Tied for second place

is Mauney I 5-1 and Spangler III, also 5-1.

Two outstanding players on this year's teams are Elvin Webber of the Beason's Boys and Po Rogers of Spangler II. Rogers is the intramural scoring leader with well over 100 points. Webber is also over 100 points for the season. Both men have excellent jumping ability and are exciting to watch.

Other intramural stars are: Roger Beaty, Frank Smith, Danny Beam, Ken Corn, John Ivars, Johnny Walker, C.T. Johnson, Randy Bynum, and Charles Parker.