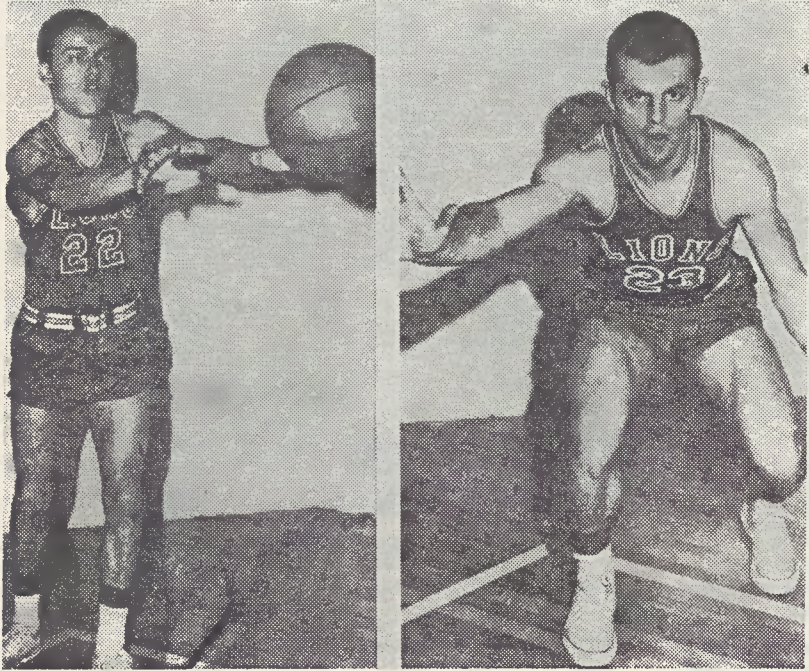


# Lions To Host Lee Tonight



The Lion basketball roster was strengthened at the beginning of the second semester by the addition of guards Doug Pickard (left) and Buddy Windle. Both have already seen action for Coach Harrell Wood's team and should be a big help in the home stretch. Both have adapted themselves quickly to the team's type of offense and defense.

## Road Weary Cagers Play 8 at Home

The Lions' host intersectional rival Lee College (Ky.) tonight at 8 o'clock.

In the last meeting between these two schools Lee topped the Lion cagers 115-60 but game experience since should prove this an exciting contest.

In the second semester premiere, the Lion cagers dropped two games on the road losing to the highly touted Wingate Bulldogs in the first tilt 83-44. Scott Conner took individual scoring honors with 18 points followed by four Wingate players in the double figures and Bill Loven with 10.

In the second game on the road, Spartanburg topped Mars Hill 93-80. The game was turned into an official's nightmare as the referee seemed to be playing a game of their own and the Lions had 37 fouls to their credit. Mars Hill had four players in the double figures led by Kermit Eller with 22 and followed by Jabbo Bennett with 17, Bill Loven with 13 and Bill Eure with 12.

The team was crippled somewhat by the loss of reserves 6'5" center Gary Tucker and 6'0" guard Darrell Arrowood, but gained two guards who have progressed well as second semester action got under way. They are Buddy Windle of Loudon, Tenn., and Doug Pickard of Greensboro.

In other conference tilts, Wingate led by Jim Parrish and Cliff Gibson, romped Gardner-Webb later last week to post their 10th straight conference win. Tagging closely behind fighting for the runner-up spot are North Greenville — led by All-Conference performers Harvey Tankersley, former South Carolina All-Stater, and Big Jack Halford, 6'7" center — and Brevard, the defending champions are led by "Hot-Rod" Huntley and Joe Forte.

On down the WCJCC ladder are the Asheville-Biltmore cagers sparked by 6'5" David Wolfe and 6'2" Arch Smith. Both are top scorers while Wolfe is one of the league's top rebounders. Rounding out the remainder of the conference ladder are Gardner-Webb, Spartanburg, and Lees-McRae with Mars Hill being the cellar team.

The Lions played Brevard away Tuesday and the game with the North Greenville Mounties Thursday started an 8-of-9-game streak to be played at home. Monday the Lions will host the Lees-McRae Bobcats.

## The Lion's Den

By JOHN BASKIN

When I talked to Jim Anderson of the *Greenville News*, last week, one of the main points stressed in the continuation of our football program was the profit angle. And well it was a main point for it is the pursestrings that are choking our athletic program . . . here it is up to our alumni to recognize their responsibility.

I am not one to advocate the commercialization of athletics as the major factor in intercollegiate athletics but it is a realistic viewpoint as far as Mars Hill is concerned. I believe that money could be made on a football program here, but it will take money to make money. The consensus holds that the Land-of-the-Sky City would not support our football teams if we play in their stadium. Whether this would hold true for our senior college team I do not know . . . but with the proper publicity program Mars Hill could have the necessary supporters. But first they have to know we are playing a ball game.

Maybe, in my one-man crusade, I am over-emphasizing athletics but in my way of thinking they are a most vital part of an educational program. Mars Hill will no doubt strive for a university status within an unbelievably short number of years and with the same scholastic aptitude which has made it a nationally ranked junior college may profess ambition to become the "Harvard of the South." Nevertheless, a school of this size and prominence needs a football program, for without it, in the words of Vince Lombardi, coach of the world champion Green Bay Packers, it is "always in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall."

The problem does not lie entirely with a lack of interest from our faculty. To quote a specific incident, I've noticed Dean Lee's enthusiasm during this past football season.

I've seen him walk up and down the sidelines with the team and noticed the fervor written on his face.

Another factor lies with the limited social aspect of Mars Hill College life. An emotional outlet for many of the students is found only in athletic participation, whether in varsity or intramural competition.

Is it fair to the student body to yank the rug from under the football program? Look at boys such as All-WCJCC halfback Buddy Windle, who red-shirted this year just to play for Mars Hill next season. All-WCJCC guard Ron Henderson is back this semester and plans on playing next semester. All-American halfback Larry Honeycutt and former co-captain Scott Conner look toward the future with a certain puzzled air. Will they have to leave Mars Hill to further their athletic careers and their education?

Let us hope that our leaders, alumni, and trustees will feel a sense of obligation to preserve an equilibrium on campus, for these are the men that control the future of our athletic program.

In conclusion I recall something I once read in Plato's *Republic*. ". . . music, if carried too far, renders the weaker feminine, the stronger irritable. And in like manner the well-fed athlete if he has no education, degenerates into a wild beast."

The new year opened new horizons for several Mars Hill griders. Richard Famiglietti left for Arkansas State last week. He received a football scholarship and flew out to Jonesboro, Ark., in time to register for second semester . . . Neal Gruetter, 235 lb. tackle received offers from Clemson and N. C. State recently. (Another interesting fact about this 5'9" athlete is that he averaged 17 points a game for the Lee Edwards cage team of last season.) Buddy Ware, 200 lb. guard, received an offer from VPI. An honor roll student, Ware was one of the starting ends on the 1960 Miami Edison High team which was ranked second in the nation among prep powers . . . Jerry Chandler, All-City guard from Richmond, Va., added his name to the list of scholarship ball players as he recently received one from Randolph-Macon in Ashland, Va.

# Anderson Appraises Our College Athletics

By Jim Anderson  
Sports Editor

The *Greenville News*

When Chicken Little ran shouting, "The sky is falling," it was not true, of course.

Some speakers at sports banquets today apparently try to say "the sky will fall" if we do not have athletics.

The pigs who did not build their houses of brick found that the wolf could huff and puff and blow them down.

Part, and let us emphasize the word! Part of building the American Way of Life in brick is to have a sound physical fitness program.

We have extremists in an outlook towards athletics. There is the one who would emphasize sports above all else. There is the other who would give sports activities little or no place.

The most important thing needed is the middle ground. A sports program needs to be as much a part of the educational system as the chemistry lab, the history books, the English compositions, the music recital.

Perhaps too much stress is given the words "character building" by those speaking out for sports. Yet a sinew is given the man who has known sacrifice of personal time, obedience to a coach, cleanliness of body, loyalty to his team, and courage to face violence and adversity.

These are the things that make the best citizen. Often they are only installed in a man on the athletic field.

The men who rode in a posse hunting down rustlers; the men who piloted the planes and ships in defense of this country; the men who uncover the mobsters, who direct community enterprises, who build industries to provide more employment — these are the type men who have been subjected to physical fitness.

On my desk is a story of a basketball game played at DeLand, Fla., between Stetson and Mercer Universities. Both of these institutions at one time went too far in emphasizing athletics in the lust for all-winning football teams. Then they swung to the other extreme, without intercollegiate competition. Now they have returned. They are restoring athletic programs to suit their locations and means.

I believe the morale of the student bodies will be better for having athletic teams. And I know the student athletes will be better for participating in sports.

Athletics need to be a part of our lives. We need the influence for a more rounded development — to be better citizens.

## Intramural Cage Teams Lead Off

In the opening rounds of intramural basketball competition, the Myers Bushmen and Euthalia jumped to an early lead with identical 2-0 records.

Myers edged Melrose 28-26 by the sharpshooting of Lou Hill, who hit a jump shot from behind the key with two seconds remaining to pull the game out for the Bushmen. Myers, led by Dave Livengood, also topped Brown while Euthalia trounced Philomathia. Later in the week Eu bit Spilman No. 1 38-32; while Eu was led by Richard Ramirez and Jerry Grant with 10 buckets each, Larry Honeycutt sparked the losing cause.

In other tilts Spilman Annex topped the Upper Cottages while Brown, led by James Cook, lost to the Spilman Celtics, and Melrose paced by Carl Conley, routed Spilman Annex.

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