



# New Look Lions Show Spark, Drive

## Battle ETS Freshmen

by TOM HALYBURTON

The Lions make their third start of the week tonight when they tackle the East Tennessee State freshman squad at Johnson City. They battled Milligan Tuesday and Emory & Henry last night.

From this vantage point with the season more than half over and armed with the truth about exam fatalities, it is time to survey the team's progress and peer into the future.

What of the record to date? A casual observer, merely looking at the scorebook, might feel the team has been only fair or perhaps inept; however, no team can show the spark and hustle the Lions have and be considered less than good.

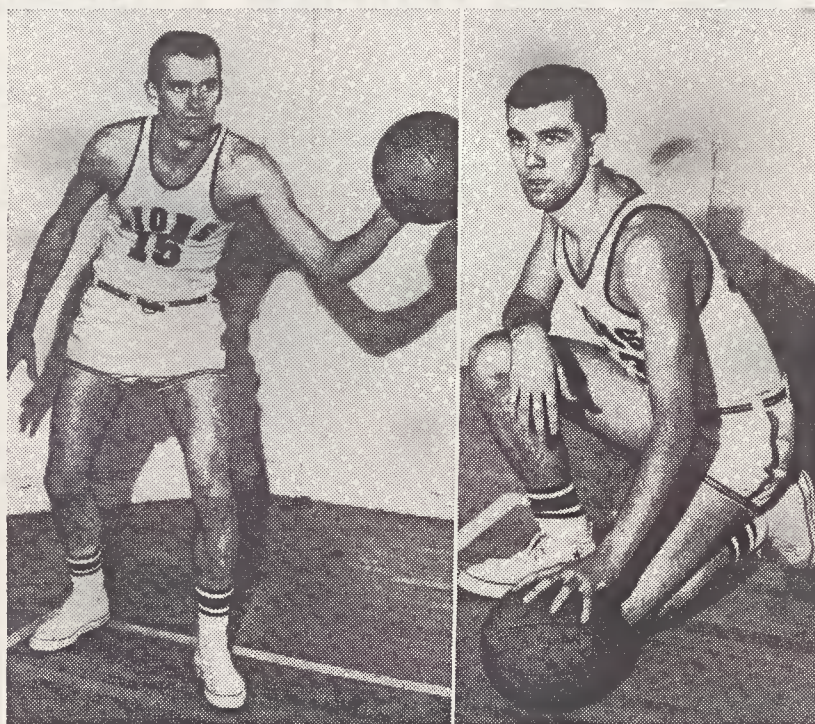
Faced with a schedule of senior colleges for the first time, our players have come together as a real team. Important victories of late have boosted the record of 5-7 (not counting last night's tilt) and should serve as a warning to remaining opponents that the Lions will be tough. Frequently players become really molded into a unit by midseason and do outstandingly well toward the close of the race.

A look to the future shows the Lions will face two teams they have already beaten and three other capable squads. High scoring will be an important factor, and MHC has several capable of just that. **Dave Hughes, Don Martin and Bill Loven** are leading the pack with **Jabbo Bennett** running a fast fourth.

Through the game with Milligan, Hughes had 134 points, Martin 135 and Loven 132. Bennett, who has been seeing more action lately, is moving up; he has 93.

The recent loss of **Scott Conner, Doug Pickard, Dave Beaman and Bill Eure** has hurt the team, but there is still plenty of power to carry the Lions to a winning season. Since the semester break, Loven and **Steve Young**, center Martin and guards Hughes and Bennett have been the starters with help from **Mackie McLendon, Pat Sams, Don Colbert, Kees Auer and Manly League**.

Practice is important in any sport and basketball is no exception.



Bill Loven Dave Hughes  
Basketball team and campus personalities

## Spilman Bachelors Add Prowess To Lion Squad

To most students this year's basketball team co-captain needs no introduction. At 6-1 and 170 pounds Dave Hughes has been one of our most effective players and sports an 11.4 average, tops for the team. A junior, he attended MHC in '59-60 and '60-61, when he was co-captain, as well as outstanding at guard and forward. Last year he worked for Carnation Milk Company and scouted high school games.

From Frank, N. C., Dave is a physical education major and president of the P. E. majors' club. He has maintained a B minus average while in college.

Dave enjoys playing basketball for Mars Hill. In the off-season and during the summer he takes pleasure in water skiing and stock car racing, as well as

reception. A layoff, such as that caused by exams, can really hurt a team. Realizing this, the players gave up their between-terms break to continue workouts and to play two practice games. They topped the Asheville Jaycees 72-61 but dropped an 88-94 decision to a Lenoir all-star squad.

The remainder of the schedule (after tonight's game): Feb. 11, at A-B; 15, William Jennings Bryan University here; 16, at Western Carolina (frosch); 21, at Emory & Henry; 22, at Bryan U.; 23, at Maryville.

an occasional basketball game. He says, "the greatest thing that could happen to basketball at Mars Hill would be a new gym."

Proud of being a Spilman third floor bachelor, Dave says of girls, "I can take 'em or leave 'em, but since we gotta have an opposite sex, they'll do."

Mild of manner and quiet of speech, Bill Loven has proved to be one of our team's greatest assets. A sophomore, he has shown to all observers that he helps to make the Lions the potent team they are. His eye-catching shooting motion ("often imitated but never duplicated") has been effective enough to maintain an 11.0 average with a 22-point high game.

A math major, Bill has kept a B average while playing basketball and baseball. At 6-4 and 180 pounds, he continues to be an effective player as well as a respected student and personality.

Bill maintains that he would like to finish four years at MHC but is not entirely decided. Says he on basketball and sports in general at Mars Hill, "Sports here are good but could be better. A little money could go a long way."

Another proud resident of third floor Spilman, his only important interests are basketball and baseball.

## The Lion's Den

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WITH THIS ISSUE the Lions Den has a new policy. There will be opportunity for the student body to voice its opinions. Athletes and spectators alike are free to express themselves on the whole range of Mars Hill. Try to remember three things, though: praise for accomplishment is always welcome, constructive suggestions are best if criticism seems necessary, and a long way toward getting a good reception for your opinions.

FIRST OF ALL, Hoby Harmon, who has been announced that he is still a member of the basketball team.

ALTHOUGH BASKETBALL is still in full swing, coaches are already planning for spring sports: track and tennis. The track men have already started and are looking forward to a good season. About 400 have begun workouts with weights; others interested in baseball will start within 30 days, Coach Henderson says, and all interested should inform him of their intentions.

SPRING FOOTBALL practice is as important as new players each year. Conditioning for spring football is expected to begin at the end of the month. The college is asking any interested student to try out for the team. Those coming to return next fall are eligible and will be given priority to earn a position on the squad. We know of numerous boys in the student body who could be added to the team, boys who have done well in high school as good athletes.

WINTER RAINS and snow have created a redoubtable barrier on the stadium site behind the cafeteria, giving rise to the hope that Mars Hill may field a water polo team.

## Three Activities to Highlight WRA Calendar Next Week

Three major activities are planned by the WRA for next week.

There will be a skating party Monday. Those wishing to go should contact Miss Hart and be ready to leave by 6 p. m.

On Thursday (Feb. 14) there will be an important general meeting in the gym at 7:15 p. m. All WRA members are urged by the officers to attend and help take care of much important business.

Friday night is the last home basketball game and the WRA wants to be sure the team is shown how much the student body appreciates their play. A competitive pep rally will be held at 7 p. m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to come prepared to "raise all hell."

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## Football Schedule

Six football games have already been scheduled. Coach Henderson has four more. Already scheduled are: Sept. 21; New Marion, Oct. 17; Lenoir, Oct. 26; Carson-Newman, Oct. 26; Western Carolina, Oct. 26.

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