

# LIONS RECEIVE BOWL BID

To the delight of all the football-mad students and administrators at Mars Hill, the Lions this week received an invitation to attend their first bowl game in the school's illustrious football history. The site for the Lions initial bowl appearance will be Jacksonville, Florida, home of the prestigious Gator Bowl. Television coverage will be supplied by ABC and a capacity crowd of 70,000 is expected to view the spectacle.

When reached for comment about the Gator Bowl invitation, the coaching staff was characteristically exuberant and loquacious. Expanding upon the impact of the invitation on the future of athletics at Mars Hill, one coach remarked, "Naturally we're all thrilled to accept this invitation. We all felt deserving of this trip to Jacksonville. This invitation should put an end once and for all to that jabbering about football being overemphasized and a drain on the school's academic reserves. Why, we only spent slightly more than a tenth of a million dollars of the school's money for football, and look where we ended up! If these narrow minded school officials would only allot us more funds, there's no limit to what we could accomplish. A few more telephones for the coaches and a few more pairs of white shoes could carry us all the way to the Cotton Bowl!"

Contributing to the conversation, a second coach added, "I'd like to just beat the hell out of some of those academic radicals who think Mars Hill is some kind of intellectual playground for spoiled kids who expect scholarships just to read books and write papers. All this bull

about athletes taking crip courses and wasting potential money for other departments should be shoved right down their throats. So what if we have to drop a couple of departments because of football? First things gotta come first. Hell, I love America and I love football, and if those stupid weirdos really were Americans, they'd love football too!"

Thus, it seems as if the hundreds of thousands of dollars that Mars Hill has thrown into the bottomless football pit has finally paid dividends. I, for one, feel that a hardy round of congratulations to the football team and their coaches is in order. Congratulations!

Incidentally, for all those wishing to see the Lions in the Gator Bowl, they will be sitting in Section H, rows 55 and 56.

The birds, animals & flowers are dying to tell us... "Give a hoot, don't pollute."



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# Lions take over No. 1 in CC

The pre-season prediction for the C. C. read Elon No. 1. Last Tuesday night, the Lions changed a lot of minds by defeating Elon by a 58-50 score. The cagers had already defeated Claflin College 68-62 in Orangeburg; and taken third place in the Turkey Classic at Elon, losing 58-50 to Belmont Abbey and beating High Point 63-60.

The Lions played a good first half against Elon, going into the dressing room with a 10 point lead. Being the sports that they are, the lions came out and promptly gave up the lead. The pressure was on — and the lions showed Elon and their supposed superman Diffy Ross how to handle pressure. Ross had been reading Joe Bridges shoe sizes while his shots were being rejected. In the closing moments and with Elon in a position to win, Ross turned down two wideopen lay-ups.

The lions played good team ball, showing a lot of power in the starting five and reserves. Ben Williams and Seth Metcalf giving impressive performances.

Since Elon, the Lions have defeated powerful Newberry 83-79, U.N.C.-A. 90-77 (the largest margin ever over U.N.C.-A.), and lost to Erskine 75-70 taking second place in the Lander Invitational. They now stand at 5-2, a very respectable record against strong competition.

SCHEDULE		
Jan.	18	Wake Forest.....Cullowhee
	19	Elon.....Cullowhee
	22	Appalachian.....Boone
	29	West. Carolina.....Mars Hill 7:00
Feb.	1	High Point.....High Point
	2	UNC-G.....Greensboro
	4	Wingate.....Mars Hill 6:00
	5	West. Carolina.....Cullowhee
	7	E. Tennessee.....Johnson City
	9	Milligan.....Mars Hill 2:30
	12	Brevard.....Mars Hill 6:00
	19	Furman.....Mars Hill 7:00
	22-24	State Tourney.....Greensboro



BRIDGES AGAIN... leads scoring and rebounds against Elon

# Lions Roar Past Claflin

Joe Bridges pumped 28 points and 15 rebounds to pace the Lions in last Tuesday night's victory over Claflin College 85-67. This did not appear to be the same contest that went on at Claflin in our first game of the season

where we edged the Panthers only 68-62. This was the 2nd in a row of Lion victories at home in as many games.

Jimmy Graves, Jerry Hayes, and Kenny Ward all got in double figures in scoring. It first appeared that the Lions would blow Claflin off the court but the Panthers gave a fine second half scoring effort against the Lions second team, to leave them only 18 down at the final gun.

I feel that this was a most significant victory for the Lions as they prepare for the Cosmic Tournament this Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13 and 14 at UNC-Asheville Gymnasium. The Lions, now first place in the Carolinas Conference after knocking off Elon last week, can now build a reputation that will make all teams fear to enter the Lion's Den.

# Co-ed Cager — Ready to Rally

— Ben Sprouse

girls are really coming through and that counts just as much."

Aside from good looks, our Lady Lions possess the ability to make this season a really good one for women's basketball at MHC. With the quality coaching of Dr. Hollingsworth, better known as "Coach", the '73-74 squad has truly developed into a strong unit.

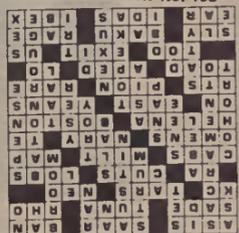
Says Coach Hollingsworth, "We look promisingly to a good season. We have six girls returning and they will probably be the backbone of the team. Our new

The team has practiced hard for the past three weeks. Coach Hollingsworth said that the girls looked real good for this time of the season.

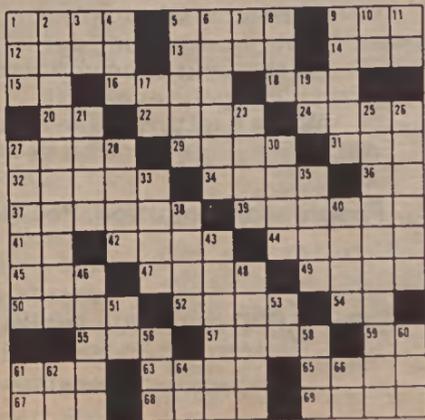
The Co-ed Cagers open their season on January 18 against Wake Forest and January 19 against Elon. Both games will be played in Cullowhee. These Lady Lions need our support too. So back the Lady Lions — back the BEST!

## Crossword puzzle

Answer to Puzzle No. 103



- ACROSS**
- 1 In its present state (two words)
  - 5 tributary of the Moselle
  - 9 Prohibit
  - 12 18th Century deviate
  - 13 Fish
  - 14 Greek letter
  - 15 Knights of Columbus (ab.)
  - 16 — and feathers
  - 18 Prefix: new
  - 20 Regular Army (ab.)
  - 22 Slices
  - 24 Certain tennis strokes
  - 27 Taxis
  - 29 Fish sperm
  - 31 Chart
  - 32 Signs
  - 34 Not any (coll.)
  - 36 Tea in Granada
  - 37 State capital
  - 39 State capital
  - 41 Right — I
  - 42 One of the twin that shall never meet
  - 44 Gives birth to a lamb
  - 45 Rights (ab.)
  - 47 Pawn
  - 49 Unusual
  - 50 Tailless amphibian
  - 52 Copied
  - 54 Interjection
  - 55 Excessively
  - 57 Way out
  - 59 Pronoun
  - 61 Foxy
  - 63 Russian oil center
  - 65 Anger
  - 67 Unit of corn
- DOWN**
- 1 Inquire
  - 2 State capital
  - 3 Ego's partner
  - 4 Tennis term
  - 5 Pluck (a guitar)
  - 6 State capital
  - 7 Article
  - 8 Raced
  - 9 A new one sweeps clean
  - 10 Interjection
  - 11 Type of Japanese play
  - 17 Suffix: characteristic of
  - 19 — Paso
  - 21 Brother of Cain
  - 23 Flat, broad piece
  - 25 State capital
  - 26 Pantry (dial)
  - 27 Associate
  - 28 Koko's weapon
  - 30 Priam's city
  - 33 Speak sharply
  - 35 French river
  - 38 Continent
  - 40 Afrikaans
  - 43 State capital
  - 46 Faun
  - 48 Tie between members of a series
  - 51 Perform
  - 53 Roman gods
  - 56 Japanese sash
  - 58 Used with angle and pod
  - 60 — and the Single Girl
  - 61 Compass point
  - 62 Note of scale
  - 64 Paid notice
  - 66 College degree (ab.)



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