

# ASU Athletic Teams Have Grown To Be Source Of Campus Pride

Appalachian State University's entire athletic program has steadily improved during the last several years, but never has the stride forward been so noticeable than in the last four years.

Since 1966, the total athletic

budget has more than doubled and so has the annual number of athletic scholarships. Four years ago there were 36 grant-in-aid scholarships offered by ASU. Today there are 78 allowed in intercollegiate sports played by the university.

Also during the last four years, the Mountaineers have begun playing varsity schedules in swimming, soccer, track and cross country. Competition in these minor sports has given Appalachian a superbly balanced program superior to those

offered by many larger colleges and universities in major conferences.

This year fencing has been added to the athletic program, making the 11th sport in which ASU students may participate. Skiing, a popular and growing sport in the Boone area, is being contemplated as a possible addition for intercollegiate play. Three sports—baseball, tennis and field hockey—have been added for women on an intercollegiate basis.

Perhaps the most noted accomplishment during the last few years was the construction of beautiful Varsity Gymnasium, a spacious \$2 million structure which seats 3,000 spectators

and will house the varsity basketball team as well as a variety of physical education classes.

Eight new tennis courts have also been constructed on campus, and the varsity football team has begun holding practice drills on the ASU farm about two miles off campus.

The athletic offices have been completely revamped with modern facilities being made available for coaches of all sports. The new offices feature wall-to-wall carpeting throughout.

The Appalachian coaching staff has also grown larger. Within the last couple of years, two permanent basketball assistants have been added to the

staff, giving the Apps a three-man staff. Three full-time coaches have been added to the football staff, making a six-man crew. A trainer has also been employed to take care of all the ASU varsity athletes. A doctor has also been acquired to serve as director of athletic medicine for the university.

The university has also hired its first athletic director in Roy Clogston, who served in the same post at North Carolina State and St. Lawrence Universities during the past 32 years. At the same time ASU made James F. Jones, the assistant director of athletics, Garry L. Ballard, ASU's first full-time sports publicist was also hired by the school this

year. ASU's athletic teams have grown to become a source of mammoth pride for the institution and its students. Now removed from the limitations of the Carolinas Conference, Mountaineer teams will be moving slowly into competition with schools of comparable size. The transition will not be realized overnight, but the university began playing some NCAA schools in basketball last season and the football team plays one major college this year.

Last year the Mountaineer athletic teams experienced their most successful year in the history of the school, recording 114 wins, 33 defeats and one tie. During the last 10 years, the Apps have won 668 events, lost 462 and tied 21.

Tennis and golf have been the most successful sports at ASU within the last four years. The netters have won three Carolinas Conference crowns in three tries and copped three NAAIA district championships in four attempts, placing 10th nationally in 1969, seventh in 1968, eighth in 1967 and 11th in 1966. The golf club has also won three Carolinas Conference titles, three of four NAAIA district events, was ranked second nationally in 1968 and 1969 and 13th in 1966.

also advanced to the national wrestling tournament during the last four seasons.

Last year the baseball team won the NAAIA district title, the Area VII title and competed in the national tourney, placing seventh in the nation with a 27-7 record.

The Appalachian football team logged its best record in nine years in 1968 with eight wins and two losses. The Apps barely missed a post-season playoff berth in the process and were ranked 11th nationally in the final NAAIA poll.

Basketball, expected to be a strong program of the future with the added recruiting help of Varsity Gym, experienced a 12-15 record last season. The Mountaineers won the Carolinas Conference title in 1967 with a 21-8 mark and were runners-up for the district title.

The track and cross country teams were both second in district play last year, and the swimming team broke even for the first time in history. The soccer team suffered through a 1-9-1 record last year, but is expected to have a great year in 1969.

The three women's sports also had good years during the last school year. The field hockey team finished 12-1-1, the tennis team won 8-0 and the basketball team 10-2.



**MIDGET PACKERS**—Members of the Packers team, sponsored by Coe Insurance Co., are (front row) Scott Henderson, Billy Johnson, Mike Moretz, Terry Wagner, R. Greene and Greg Isaacs. Second row is R. Jones, Harley Cole, Sidney Triplett, J. P. Moody, Mike Wagner and G. Cola. Back row is Jerry Coe, Coach Tom Taylor, Jimmy Coe, Chris Greene, Davy Maples, T. Moore and Coach Charles Taylor. (Staff photo)

## Area Forest Service Study Is Entering Second Phase

Mr. Alfred A. Houston, Director of the Blue Ridge Economic Development Commission, has announced that the TDO Feasibility Study being done by the U. S. Department of Agriculture—Forest Service and the Blue Ridge Economic Development Commission is entering its second phase. During this phase there will be personal contacts with owners of timberland, industry and agencies to ascertain information regarding a Timber Development Organization.

When this is completed, the questionnaires and personal

interviews will be compiled and a recommendation will be made on the establishment of a Timber Development Organization, and the type.

After the study is completed, and if a TDO is recommended, then public meetings will be held in each county regarding the establishment of a TDO. More detailed information will be given at that time of what a TDO will mean to its members. Landowners will be given a chance to indicate if they want to join and they will be given other information pertinent to their participation in such an

organization.

The study should be completed early in 1970. It is noted at this point that a TDO will be recommended for this ten county area.

Shepard is dismissed as Pi-rate manager.

The ASU wrestling team has

## Recreation News

In last week's Midget football play, Tuesday's game saw

### Bowling Highlights

BY FRANK JESTES

**CHURCH LEAGUE**  
Stan Smith led the Church league with a 567 set. High games were, Stan Smith, 229; Leo Yates, 206; Jack Gragg, 204; Robert Hodges, 202; R. Hayes, 201; Tom Greene, 200; Jerry Jones, 190; H. C. Moretz, 191; Dick Winkler, 189; W. L. Baird, 189; Stanford Edmiston, 187; Ronnie Barnes, 187; Clay Phillips, 186.

**STANDINGS**

	W	L
First Baptist	5	3
Oak Grove-Bapt.	4	4
Park Baptist	7	5
First Pres.	7	5
Rumple Racers	7	5
Bethany Blazers	6	6
C. C. Spares	5	7
C. C. Strikers	4	8
Beth. Bouncers	4	8
B. R. Baptist	3	9

### LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

BY MAXINE BROWN

The Ladies League got started off this week with a nice start.

The high game sets were: Jean Suddreth with a 485 set, Ruby Greene with a 469 set and Ruth Edmiston with a 467 set.

The high game for individual girls were: Jean Suddreth 182, Ruth Edmiston 168, Ruby Greene 163, Cecilia Trivette 163, Phyllis Moretz 156, Pat Shore 147, Ann Koon 156, Diane Miller 160, Cat Cole 153, Gloria Eggers 151, Leota Triplett 155, Maxie Brown 123, Sarah Wilcox 118, Cathy Wilson 127, Mamie Graig 139 and Becky Triplett 143.

**Team Standings:**

	W	L
Triplets Plumbing and Heating	3	0
Buff Motors	2	1
IBC Strikers	1	2
Blue Ridge Shoe	0	3

the Packers defeat the Falcons 14-0. The Packers' scoring came in the first quarter on a 15-yard run by fullback Moody and an 18-yard run by Moody in the second quarter. Moody also carried the extra point.

Wednesday night's game saw the Colts defeat the Cardinals 29-6. The Colts scoring in the first half came on a Wright pass to Randall for 38 yards. Robinson carried the extra point. Wright connected twice more in the first half with touchdown passes to Yates for 40 yards and Randall for 33 yards.

### Riding Club Seeks Set Of Bleachers

The Cove Creek Riding Club needs bleachers to seat the crowds attending its summer horse shows.

The situation was discussed the first Friday in October at the regular meeting. For two summers, the group used Appalachian State University bleachers which it understood were part of the institution's surplus. However, the university had need of them and recently recalled them.

Club treasurer Gene Sherwood of Zionville says he would like to hear from anyone who has information about bleachers the club might use.

Wright carried one of the extra points.

In the second half, the Cardinals' lone score came on halfback Corne's 15-yard run. The Colts scored once more on a five-yard run by Harmon.

Thursday night's game saw the Browns defeat the Redskins in a close ballgame, 16 to 14. The Browns' scores came on runs by Reynolds and Gilstrap, with Gilstrap making both extra points. The Redskins' touchdowns were scored by fullback, Bill Greene, who also carried one extra point.

The Watauga County Senior Citizens will hold their monthly club meeting today (Thursday) at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the Grace Lutheran Church.

### Boone Golfers Set Up Aces

**NEW YORK**—Four Boone residents are eligible to win \$1,000 and a trip to Scotland as a result of scoring holes-in-one recently, all at the Boone Golf Club.

Bud Barber, Lewis Gaston, John Critcher and Glen Causey were entered in the annual Rusty Nail Hole-In-One Sweepstakes, a national competition for aces.

The winner will be announced early next year.

## Soccer Team To Travel Again

Appalachian State University's soccer team, off to a fine start, hits the road this weekend for two big matches.

The Mountaineers, holding a 2-1 record on the season, are scheduled to play at Jacksonville University in Florida on Friday, and the Apps are at Voorhees on Saturday. The ASU club returns home on Monday to battle Duke University.

Coach Eric DeGroot's Mountaineers have posted both of their victories over Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The Apps beat North Carolina State 3-1 in their opener last week. They then fell to tough Warren Wilson College 2-1 last Saturday before rebounding to beat the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by a 2-0 margin on Wednesday.

Mark Gustafson scored Appalachian's only goal against Warren Wilson, while Harry Foley tallied both goals against UNC. Goalie John Byrd was praised for a beautiful game against

the Tar Heels with Rick Frazier also playing a good defensive match.

Coach DeGroot commented that the ASU bench had played a big role in the two victories thus far.

## Cross Country Team Is Winner

The Appalachian State University cross country team chalked up a perfect 15-50 victory over Mars Hill in a home meet last Friday afternoon.

The Mountaineer runners swept the first five places to notch the easy win giving them a 3-1 record on the season.

Art Barber set a new course record with a time of 23:22 to nail down the first place position. Alfred Taylor was second with a time of 23:39, Steve Wickler was third with a time of 23:46, Glenn Harvey was fourth with a 24:42 time, and Tim Hadder was fifth with a 24:50 cloaking.

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