

# Lanier Regionals MVP

Bob Lanier, St. Bonaventure's 6-11, 275-pound center won the Eastern Regionals. Most Outstanding Player and headed the all-tournament team.

The four other players selected to the team were N.C. State's Vann Williford, who scored 71 points in two games, Niagara's All-America Calvin Murphy, Matt Gantt, also of St. Bonaventure, and Howard Porter of Villanova.

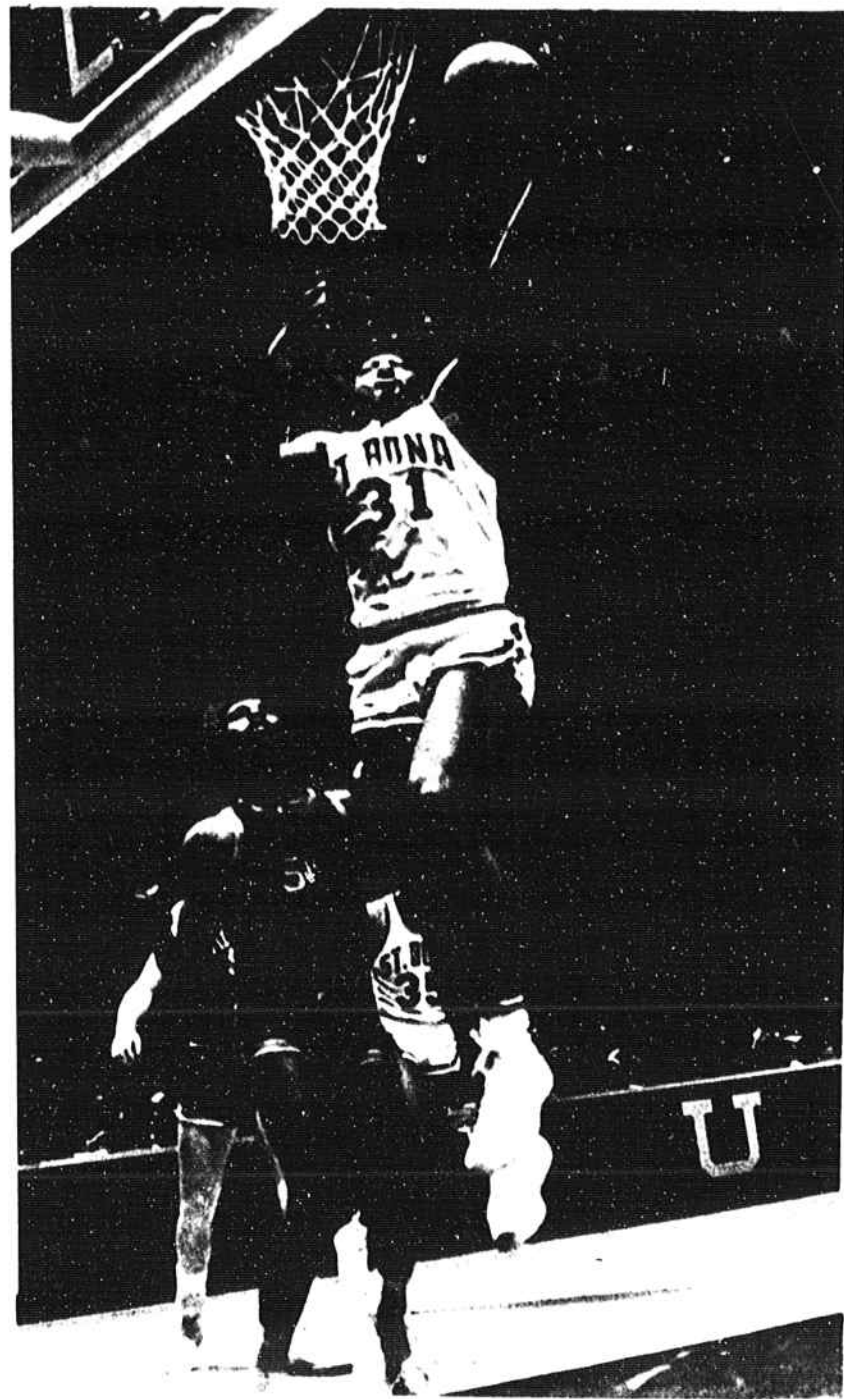
The tournament proved costly to the Bonnies, however. Although they routed Villanova in the championship game Saturday, 97-74, they lost Lanier, who suffered a ruptured tendon in his knee.

Lanier will reportedly have to undergo surgery while the team plays in the NCAA finals in College Park, Md. Thursday and Saturday. Jacksonville, New Mexico State and defending champion UCLA will be the other three teams in the finals.

N. C. State blasted Niagara in the consolation game, 108-88. It was the first time that a varsity team had ever scored more than 99 points in Carolina Coliseum.

Williford had a career high of 36 points to lead all scorers. Rick Anheuser had 28 points and Paul Coder added 24. Murphy had 35.

After the game, Niagara's Coach Frank Hayden said that number 23 would be retired from the Purple Eagle's roster. This has been Murphy's number his three years at Niagara. He scored 35 points against State for his last collegiate game.



Big Bob Lanier —Will Peters

# Baseball team to open with Furman tomorrow

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The 1970 edition of USC baseball will debut under new coach Bobby Richardson tomorrow against Furman at the Paladins diamond. Senior Jimbo Smith has won the nod on the mound for the Gamecocks. Smith has been a top pitcher for the last two years.

The rest of the lineup is still not complete. At first base last season's top hitter Buddy Caldwell returns after a knee operation. Caldwell is a long ball hitter who also hits for average.

A real battle has developed at second base between outstanding freshman Tommy Moody and a veteran from last year, Gregg Wolfrey. Moody has had the edge lately and seems likely to start at Furman. Moody, a A. C. Flora graduate, turned down a half-scholarship offer from Clemson to play at USC. He is a sure fielder with a knack for getting on base.

Junior Butch Anderson has the shortstop job sewn up after a year at third for the Carolina varsity. Anderson is a high average hitter who is capable of giving the ball a long ride. A former American Legion Player of the Year, Anderson has had several feelers from the pro scouting ranks.

Third base is being contested between junior Billy Petosky and freshman Bruce Pudlock. Petosky is back after sitting out a year

while Pudlock is considered a blue chip prospect. Last year while playing in the Dutch Fork semi-pro league Petosky hit over .400 and was his club's only selection to play in the all-star game. Pudlock, big and strong, is a long ball hitter.

In the outfield freshmen Jackie Brown and Howard Barfield have nailed down the center and left field spots, respectively, while veterans Don Stanley and Ronnie Fulmer wage war for the right field position.

Brown, a former infielder, is a switch hitter with good speed. Barfield, on football scholarship, has good speed and is a good hitter. Both Stanley and Fulmer started last season but have been beaten out by the younger men. In Coach Richardson's youth movement five players will see extensive duty as freshman.

Joe Land and Tony DiVonese



STARTING PITCHER SMITH CATCHER BUDDY CALDWELL

will share the duties behind the plate. Land is a converted pitcher who swings a good bat. DiVonese has a rifle arm and great defensive moves at the receiving spot. Land is expected to start tomorrow with DiVonese slated for action against George Washington. The Generals are here for a twin bill the 21st.

Besides Smith in the pitching department the 'Cocks can call on freshman Allen Hilliard, one of the most sought after high school pitchers in the country last year. Gary Lance, a starter at shortstop

## Rugby Club plays last game of season

The Rugby Club will play what may be their last home game of the spring season this Saturday at 2 against N. C. State on intramural field B.

Rugger Jack Claser said the rugby team will definitely work hard to beat the Wolfpack. "They're good," Claser admitted, adding that the Duke squad which beat USC, 17-10, was the best team they'd played all season.

The rugby team lost to the University of North Carolina Saturday, 8-3, in Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels put together a successful penalty kick, a try and a conversion against one try for USC. The penalty kick came on an offside call, Claser said. In rugby a player kicking the ball must either touch the ball next himself or a player who was behind him when he kicked the ball must touch it next.

If a player who was in front of the kicker when he kicked the ball is the next person to touch the ball, an offside penalty is called.

The opposing team then has the option to either run the ball, with the offending team stationed 10 yards back, or to kick the ball through the uprights in football field goal fashion.

The option depends on the point of the infraction. If the infraction occurs within kicking range, the team with the option will kick. The

infraction against UNC occurred about 20 yards from the goalpost, Claser said.

D.R. Jim Wynn, assistant professor of pharmacy, scored the only USC try.

## Peterson signs with Carolina basketball

South Carolina has announced the signing of Ed Peterson, a 6-4 guard sought by 300 schools.

Peterson, averaging 27.1 his junior year and 26.1 his senior year and 26.9 his senior year, led Montgomery County, Md. in scoring for the last two years.

Described by his coach, Bill

## Lancaster wins 75-62

Lancaster ran over Spartanburg 75-62 in the finals of the Carolina Regional Campus Tournament at Myrtle Beach Saturday.

Steve Thomas of Lancaster scored 35 points to lead the Lancers to their sixth tournament championship in the seven years of the Regional Campus Tournament.

Tommy Ward and Tony Starnes chipped in 15 and 13 respectively for the winners, while Elbert Jones hit 22 for the losing Bantams.

Coastal Carolina won the consolation game with a 113-73 win over Union. Dan Peavy had 29 and

Kyle, as "a dedicated player who makes the clutch points." Peterson cited USC's "class" as his reason for choosing South Carolina.

Coach Frank McGuire noted that Peterson was "a big backcourt man who has tremendous shooting ability from the corner."

Peterson played at Springbrook High School in Silver Springs.

Mike Holmes 25 for Coastal. Top scorers for Union were Bob Bolin and with 23 and Gary Wilbanks with 19.

Six of the regional campuses of USC participated in the three day event held annually at the end of the regular basketball season. As in the ACC tournament, the winner of the tournament is the league winner.

This is the third year that the tournament has been played in Myrtle Beach. In past years it has been held at Allendale and Florence.

last season, is also expected to see mound duty. Other top pitchers are Larry Erbaugh and Arnie Marzullo. Both were starters last year.

Other freshman expected to see action are Bon Kleinhecht at first base, Gary Walsh on the mound and Tommy McGee in the infield.



bill currie

## MOUTH of the SOUTH

Frank McGuire is the loudest and most vehement critic of the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament as a means of determining the basketball championship. But he is by no means the sole critic. Most of his coaching colleagues—even those consistent losers to whose advantage the tournament works—agree that the regular season champion should go on to the NCAA glories.

Certainly I can see and understand the feelings of the coaches which are expressed in such fiery tones by the Fighting Irishman. Yet, the tournament is a great sports event which captures the imagination of countless fans, and more important, it makes a barrel of money.

Now, of course, the ACC has so much money in its treasury that the members are never assessed anything to belong anymore. On the contrary there is a split of the swag every now and then. Really, then, the conference no longer requires the revenue from the tournament to operate successfully. Too, the tournament causes all sorts of headaches and problems because there are simply not enough seats anywhere to accommodate all those who want to see it. Not even enough for the folks who put up the heavy sugar to help secure ball players. There are many compelling arguments that tend to sway reason against the playing of the tournament.

Granted that it is unfair, unnecessary and troublesome, it is still the premier event of the whole year as far as interest is concerned. If the coaches want to play big time—and they do—then they have to consider the fans whose interest makes it all big time. Fans like the tournament because it does give seven clubs a second chance. Playing the tournament, without the aspect of championship would be a sterile as playing tennis with no strings in the racquet. Playing at Christmas would be ridiculous; better to revive the Dixie Classic.

The world of sports is replete with precedents for such a tournament. In baseball, for instance, each division and then each league must hold playoffs before the World Series entrants are determined. The same is true in professional football. It does not necessarily follow that the team with the best regular season record will scoop up the post season goodies. You must be able to win when the chips are down.

McGuire merely repeats what every other coach contends when he says giving a team a third chance to beat you after two regular season games is inviting the underdog to triumph. He believes this, and so do most of his contemporaries. But I really wonder if a team is likely to win a third game more than say a second or a fifth.

The fact is that the ACC is likely to continue its tournament for a long time to come. To disapprove is natural for the coach who feels he is likely to see a whole season of success negated by one slip up in post season play. But to discontinue the tournament would be to lessen the interest of fans.

More people, remember, are interested in the seven clubs which are not winning the regular season title than are interested in the front runner. The tournament keeps the interest high all over the league.

Important: Major contributors to the athletic scholarship funds are encouraged to dump bigger bundles because they can buy tickets to the basketball tournament. Whether it is a palatable pill or not, nobody can gainsay the fact that money is vital to athletic success, and nothing will likely be done to unsettle the generosity of the big, cheerful givers.



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