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INTRA - MURAL SOFTBALL BEGINS MONDAY

Smith Announces Rules For Games

Inter-Fraternity Tournament Cancelled; Favor Of Larger League

By Bob Sparks

An intra-mural softball tournament, directed by Coach Lake Russell, will begin Monday, according to an announcement by Billy Smith. The inter-fraternity tournament, originally scheduled for the same time, has been cancelled, allowing the fraternity teams to enter the larger league.

The tournament is open to all organizations on the campus with the exception of the "M" club. Any student is eligible to participate, regardless of his previous baseball or softball experience; however, he may play with only one team.

Each organization desiring to enter must submit a list of players to either Billy Smith or Coach Russell, sometime today at the latest, so a schedule may be drawn up. No team can include more than fifteen men.

The tournament will be played at Alumni field every afternoon, with the first game starting at 2:30. Each team will meet every other team once and the team with the best percentage at the close of the schedule declared the college champions. In case of a tie, a three game series will be played to determine the victor.

All nine fraternities are expected to enter a team together with a non-frat team, a ministerial team, and possibly a team from the law school. Any other organization may enter however. Play starts Monday May 3.

WITH THE GREEKS

The Kappa Alpha's were entertained recently by Aurel Irwin at his home on College street.

The S.A.E.'s are planning a House Party at Saint Simon's this week-end. Fifteen members of the local chapter will motor down Friday with their dates.

Phi Delta Theta observed its Founders Day with a banquet at the Hotel Dempsey, Tuesday night. Seventy-six members, pledges, and alumni, representing ten southern chapters were in attendance. They announce the initiation of Harold Edwards, Atlanta.

Pi Kappa Alpha had a barbecue last Friday night at the home of James Balkcom. Members, pledges, and a few outside guests were present.

The A. T. O.'s announce the initiation of George Grant, Forsyth.

The Pi Kappa Phi's had a smoker for brothers, pledges, and alumni Friday night.

Pi Kappa Alpha announces the initiation of James Balkcom, James.

Members of the Alpha Lambda Psi fraternity had a picnic at recreation park last Friday night.

In The Wash

with Jack Tarver

ALUMNI FIELD, April 24—A bombshell was tossed into the local political situation here today, when Dr. Philopholus K. Wu, the eternal candidate, announced his candidacy for the combined offices of President and Dean of the University. A crowd estimated at 30,000, stood in a drizzling rain to hear the erudite one speak. This, of course, is only an estimation. However, one member of the press actually counted six persons and Susie, so there is no doubt but there was a tremendous throng.



P. K. Wu

Rival reports, emanating from the Dean's office, alleging that the multitude turned out because of a rumored barbecue are ungrounded, due to the fact that there was no barbecue. In truth the only thing closely akin to barbecue was a soiled ham sandwich which the mendacious one extracted from his pocket and ate with Gusto as he took his text.

His platform, the Doctor asserted, incorporates enough planks to refloor the Administration Building. In the main, however, he is relying upon three. They include:

1. Less Chapels.
2. More Cuts.
3. The Abolishment of Cole Slaw as an Institution in re Chichester's Hot Dogs.

Co-op, April 25—P. K. (Always a Candidate, but never a Bride) Wu addressed a crowd estimated at 23,451 here today in the interest of his campaign for President-Dean of the University.

The Prodigious Prestidigitator, attired in a suit of red flannel underwear, blasted his opposition for the nature of the campaigns they are carrying on. "Look at the Sissy-Britches," he charged, "Wearing coats, passing out cigars, and mewing around over the Co-eds. It is positively disgusting."

Neither of the present incumbents of the offices for which the learned Doctor is running could be reached for a statement tonight.

Sherwood Hall, April 26—Dr. P. K. Wu went on record here today as opposing the Sit Down Strike. "As to sit-down Strikes," said the great one, "I'm against anything that's a blow to the bases of the American workingmen. Certainly a strike at the Sit Down End of the laboring class must be brought from the rear, and is thus a cowardly act per se."

As to the Washington Situation, the Doctor cannot see the Senators this year. "I like the Yanks again," he added, "but you better watch Connie Mack's A's."

Wu drew cheers from the gathered throng (estimated at from 13 to 7,500) when he announced that his first official act as President-Dean of the University would be abolishment of all newspaper stories which start off: WELL, WE HOPE TO BE IN THE NEW LIBRARY SOON.

Tattnall Square Pharmacy, April 27—P. K. Wu (not to be confused with Peek A. Boo) was the guest of honor tonight at a banquet given by the Cluster Staff. Before laying down his pen to take in hand his Oratrical Cloak, Wu was a regular contributor to the Cluster.

In his address the agnostic Doctor pointed out that he was from a journalistic family. His Father before him was an old newspaper man. It is rumored that his Pater dealt in rags, trash and bottles, as well as old newspapers. His address included a brilliant condemnation of the present Family Seafest in effect at Mercer.

Chapel Building, April 28—Culminating a week of strenuous campaigning, Philopholus K. Wu addressed the greatest number of chapel-goers in the history of Mercer here today. At least half the group stayed awake throughout the lecture.

"My Countrymen," the doctor began his speech, "I call upon you to free this noble University from the throes of the Harvard and Money Changers' Influence. I beg of you to consider the conditions upon this magnificent campus. And I plead of you to go forth to right them with a vote for Wu."

As for his qualifications, it was pointed out that the Doctor was once tapped by a Savannah Policeman. Fraternally, he holds the position of Corresponding Secretary for the Anything Up To Twenty Cents Club. In addition he is a first class second lieutenant in the I Eat Krinklies Breakfast Food Society.

In drawing his campaign to a close, the eminent Doctor took one more scathing blast at his opposition when he concluded, "Let my opponents stay here and kiss all the babies they want to between now and election day. Personally, I've got worms, but I'm going fishing anyhow."

Owen Leads Team In Exhibition Game

By Clyde Calhoun

Five hundred spectators, composed of Mercer students and high school pilgrims from over the state, saw Al Owen, Mercer back lead the "Orange" team to a 7-0 victory over the "White" squad in an intra-mural exhibition game played on Alumni field last Friday afternoon.

Al Gerhardt and "Wimpy" Jones did a bit of flashy work for the Whites; Joe Gazafey, of the same crew, also getting away for several long runs. The Oranges were coached by Coach Lake Russell and Billy Smith, veteran quarterback while Allan Bloodworth, another veteran back, coached the Whites.

This game, the second exhibition scrimmage of the year, ended spring practice for the Mercer Bears.

Russell Interview

By Jack Tarver

"If we get a fair break on the kicking game, we should have a better outfit than last year," Coach Russell declared yesterday. The big feller, who was in his usual jovial mood, is looking forward to next fall, with the punting situation the only unsolved problem carried over from Spring training.

The Bruins, despite the loss of Bloodworth, Dodd, Varner, Smith, Tyson, Morris, Hicks, Mehrens, Hagler, Bryant, Mamalakis, and Johnson bid fair to have a better all round team next fall than the aggregation which started the season last year.

Center Play Promising

"I believe our center play this fall will be superior to that of last season," the affable mentor continued. "Our guards will be as good, our tackles as good or better, and offensively, we'll have the best end play in a long time."

As for the backfield, prospects seem very good, in spite of the fact that the Bears lose three-fourths of last year's starting line-up through the graduation of Bloodworth, Smith, and Morris. The ball carrying will be up to par while the passing attack promises to be greatly improved.

Spring training proved unsuccessful, however, in that it failed to find someone to fill the shoes of Bloodworth when it comes to kicking. Time and again last fall the educated toe of the Mighty Midget served to get the hard pressed Bruins out of the danger zone. Until a suitable punter can be located, then, the outcome of next year's gridiron combats remain unpredictable.

New Men

Although none have definitely been decided upon, probably a half dozen Junior college men will be in evidence next fall, Coach Russell announced.

"What," we asked Coach, "about Tech and Georgia?"

"You may say," he concluded, "that we will play them both."

Contestants Submit Qualification Scores

Coach Calls Off Spring Practice For Basketball

There will be no spring basketball practice Coach Lake Russell announced Wednesday. It had previously been planned to hold the spring training in an effort to combine the height of the freshman team with the experience of the varsity. The freshman could put a team on the floor all of whom were over six feet, while the varsity had no six footers.

However, as the new gymnasium will not be dedicated until the commencement exercises, it will be unavailable for the practice. Also the old gym is under construction in the making of a student activity center.

For the same reason the annual round-robin fraternity basketball tournament has been postponed.

Ridley Announces Golf Tourney Rules

Qualification scores in the official school golf tournament must be in no later than Thursday, Charles Ridley, in charge for the Athletic association announced today.

Play in the preliminary tournament has been discontinued to allow the contestants to enter the new tournament, to the winner of which a school Championship Trophy will be awarded.

All qualifying rounds must be played at Idle Hour country club, and turned in to Manager Ridley, accompanied by an affidavit from three other persons with whom the match was played.

It is now planned to have only eight players to the flight, with as many flights as student reception demands. Manager Ridley is also planning a partnership tournament to run in connection with the singles if warranted by student interest.

Bears Meet Yellow Jackets; Bulldogs On Grid This Fall

Next fall, for the first time in 20 years, Mercer will meet the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech. The Orange and Black team will then have a "breather" of two of the hardest teams in the Dixie Conference and then they journey to Athens town to meet the Red and Black Bull Dogs of the University of Georgia.

A game that will compare favorably with the Ga.-Auburn game and that will be played in the same town is the Mercer-Birmingham-Southern game that will be played in Columbus on Friday, October 15. This is a game that Columbus has wanted for a long time and if the plans are carried through and it is the success that it is expected to be, it will be made an annual event.

The high spots of the season will of course be the trip to Atlanta to meet the Tech team and the trip to Athens to meet the Bull Dogs.

The complete list of Mercer's opponents is as follows:

- Sept. 24, Friday—Macon S.G.T.C
- Oct. 2, Saturday—Atlanta Tech
- Oct. 9, Saturday—Birmingham —Howard
- Oct. 15, Friday—Columbus —Birmingham-Southern
- Oct. 23, Saturday—Athens —Georgia
- Oct. 30, Saturday—Macon —Oglethorpe
- Nov. 5, Friday—Clinton —Presbyterian College
- Nov. 11, Thursday—Tampa —University of Tampa
- Nov. 25, Thursday—Chattanooga —University of Chattanooga

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