



**A VALUABLE ADDITION**

The bowling league has proven to be one of the best things started at Mercer in the past few years. It draws the whole Mercer family together in an informal manner and provides clean competition that is not based on luck, but skill.

Monday afternoon is an interesting day in the student's life. It is real sport to watch the growing tenseness of the players as the match progresses. Some of the most sophisticated co-eds are down at the Center giving their all for the team. Also 'tis an amusing sight to see the faculty members' scores drop in the final games of the match. The ole gray mare ain't what she used to be, but she won't admit it.

All this play is in the spirit of fun and relaxation that is developing friendships. Everybody lets their hair down and finds that the other fellows aren't so bad after all.

**IS IT WORTHWHILE?**

What value does this pause that refreshes have for the participants and spectators? Well, for years bowling has served mankind with healthful exercise that was not too strenuous. It has always been popular with students; so much so that at one time bowling was made unlawful because it was deemed as an interference with study. Not so with the Mercer league which has taken the first step towards establishing a Mercer spirit that will be comparable to the enthusiastic loyalty of the past.

**HORSEHIDE NEWS**

For those students who are baseball fans and are anxious to see some real practice, we suggest a visit to Luther Williams field in Central City park, where the Montreal Royals are holding spring drills. Among the name players on hand are, Van Mungo, Lou Fette, Woody Jensen and Red Lucas, all of whom have had illustrious big league careers. Stan Wasiak, Weldon West and Cy Block played with Macon last summer but now have moved up to the Class AA league. Probably the most familiar figure to Mercer students will be Joe Smith who played on the Nehi Red basketball team that eked out a close win over the Bears this winter. Practices usually begin at 11 o'clock and run from two to three hours.

**HERE AND THERE**

The results of the Georgia scrimmage held on March 9, spelled one thing: Sinkwich. It seems that our Bears are going to have their hands full in stopping this 190 pounds of dynamite who hails from Jim Wary's home town.

It was mighty good news the other day when the papers published an item concerning one of South Georgia's leading footballers last fall. This boy, Joe Davis, apparently wants to come to Mercer to stay under the guidance of Coach Hooks.

Mercer had a bit of hard luck on the trip to the Dixie Conference tournament. On arriving in Jackson, Coach Dougherty was informed that he could only use nine men in the games. Then, in the first contest, Billy McCowen hurt his ankle and was hampered the rest of the time.

Ned Barbre is planning a bowling match between the champion of the Georgia league and Mercer's winner. He is trying to make the arrangements now.



TONY PAGE was switched to fullback this Spring and took over his duties in fine style. His play throughout Spring practice was on of the bright spots.

**BOWLING**

**SCHEDULE**

March 24—  
Ministers vs. Non-sorority.  
Faculty vs. Phi Deltas.  
ATO vs. ADPI.  
SAE vs. Non-frat 1.  
ALT vs. Kappa Sig.  
Phi Mu vs. KA.  
AXE vs. Non-frat 2.

March 31—  
Faculty vs. ATO.  
Non-frat vs. Non-sorority.  
Ministers vs. SAE.  
ADPI vs. Phi Deltas.  
KA vs. Non-frat 2.  
Kappa Sig vs. AXE.  
Phi Mu vs. ALT.

April 7—  
Phi Deltas vs. Ministers,  
SAE vs. ADPI.  
Non-frat 1 vs. ATO.  
Non-sorority vs. Faculty.

April 14—  
Non-frats vs. Faculty.  
Non-sorority vs. ATO.  
SAE vs. Phi Deltas.  
Ministers vs. ADPI.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

League No. 1	W	L
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	9	0
Alpha Delta Pi	8	1
Ministers	7	2
Phi Delta Theta	6	3
Non-Frat 1	3	6
Faculty	1	8
Non-Sorority	0	9
League No. 2	W	L
Non-Frat 2	7	2
Alpha Lambda Tau	6	3
Kappa Alpha	6	3
Phi Mu	4	5
Kappa Sigma	3	6
Alpha Chi Epsilon	1	8

**Tennis Begins With Furman On Wednesday**

**Eight Home Matches Arranged For Team**

The Mercer varsity tennis team will launch its biggest home schedule ever attempted with a match against Furman university, Wednesday, March 26.

This will be the first of eight home matches Coach Richard Hagan has arranged for the 1941 racquet squad. The coach has set the large number of matches for the Mercer courts in order to build up the interest in tennis and develop a program that will benefit a large portion of the students.

"My line-up is not set as yet, but I hope to start Bill Yarborough, Billy McCowen, Charles Evans and Roger Nelson," said the amiable mentor in an interview. "For the 'fifth spot,' he added, "Fred Marshall, Ben Bowdre and Harold Hollingsworth are waging a merry battle."

It is hoped that the weather will permit the boys to get the courts in playing shape this week and allow at least a couple of days practice for the team.

The first six matches for the Mercer team are scheduled at home and will furnish the students with much entertainment this spring.

**Faculty Beats Co-eds In Colorful Clash**

The faculty soundly defeated the Mercer co-ed basketball team last night by a score of 32-18 in their annual game.

**Sophomore Star**

**Billy McCowen Gives Promise Of Becoming Hardwood Flash**

One of the tallest men on the Mercer basketball team this year was lanky Billy McCowen, whose expert passing and shooting made him a valuable team man.

Under the baskets, Billy used his height for getting the ball off the backboards or batting wild Bear shots through the nets. He has combined with the other tall men on the 1941 squad to give Mercer her rangiest team, in several seasons; a factor that has meant much in compiling their fine record.

Billy is a Macon boy, having played on the 1939 championship team from Lanier high school. He learned his basketball from the Lanier coaches, Selby Buck and Buck Anderson, and has benefited greatly by their efficient tutelage.

Last year Billy was a leader on the Mercer freshman team and set some kind of a freshman scoring record when he racked up 31 points in one game. At that time, he was playing the center position because of his added height. Normally he is a forward, but he has been used at guard in emergencies.



**Plays Tennis**

McCowen is also on the Mercer tennis team and will probably hold down the No. 2 position this spring. As he is only a sophomore, many great things are expected from him in the next two seasons. No doubt those things will be realized; for Billy is one of the hardest working athletes in this school.

Billy had to play in his first Dixie tournament under a great handicap, as he hurt his ankle in one of the opening games.

**Intra-Mural Spring Sports Program Set**

**Board Arranges Extensive Schedule For Golf, Tennis, Softball, and Track**

Coach Joe Daugherty met with the Intra-mural board Tuesday and drew up an outline of the Intra-mural Spring sports program.

The following dates and events were approved by the board:

**Ten Players' Scholarships Are Stopped**

Announcement was made yesterday that five more athletes, Leo Lazar, Holly Mitchell, Harry Karsney, Johnny Aitken and Elton Wall, had lost their financial aid because they had failed to make the stipulated "C" average.

This brought the total number affected to 10, as the loss of five others, Carl Stager, Jolly Dizadyk, Bob Wagner, Wallace Lumpkin and Don Spice had been made known Monday.

The athletic board acted on the recommendation of Coach Bobby Hooks who revealed that these 10 had failed to make the required average. The ruling on grades is a part of the deemphasis program which is just getting under way at the school.

**Aitken Lost**

Aitken was the only boy who was entirely on a basketball scholarship. Spice, Lumpkin and Karsney were important members of both teams while the other five participated in football only.

It was hoped that other boys would register this Spring who could take these athletes' places, as Coach Hooks is already facing a grave shortage of manpower.

Monday, March 24, Boys' softball tournament begins.

March 31, Boys' horseshoe tournament.

March 31, Girls' tennis tournament.

After April 1, Boys' tennis tournament. (No definite date for this; the teams will arrange a mutual time.)

May 5, Boys' golf tournament.

May 12, Girls' softball tournament.

May 17 (Saturday), Track meet for boys and girls.

Trophies for these events have already been bought. The events will be handled by the Intra-mural board, with the help of an advisor to be elected at the next meeting.

On March 24 the boys' softball tournament will begin. Every team will play every other team once, and the four teams with the highest average will play in the finals.

Boys' horseshoes starts a week later. Each team is to have two members. Also an individual trophy will be awarded. Matches will be played each afternoon after dinner.

Girls' tennis also begins on March 31. Four girls constitute a team. This will be a round robin tournament, the trophy going to the team with the highest number of points.

Boys' tennis starting date will be after April 1. This will be a bracket tournament, varsity or junior varsity players ineligible.

Boys' golf will consist of four men to a team playing 36-hole games. It will start on May 5.

Girls' softball details will be worked out later but will begin May 17.

May 17, Track meet with trials in the morning and finals in the afternoon will be held.

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