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# BEAR'S DEN

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## Football Competition to Start Soon

In the early part of next week, football, with all the thrills and excitement of real competition, returns to the Mercer campus. No, dear Mercer student, Mercer has not taken up inter-collegiate athletics again, but intra-mural football is here once more. The touch football competition among the various organizations on the campus is scheduled to start sometime next week. Teams are being entered by each of the six fraternities, the non-frats, and the ministerial association. Several of the teams have already been practicing, so we can really look for some hot games. The rules have been altered somewhat over those used last year, so every student ought to get a copy and look them over. Otherwise you might not know what is going on. The game as it stands now is much more similar to basketball than football. But, I'm sure that every student whether he be spectator or player, is glad that the intra-mural season is ready to start.

## Girls Can Play Too

Yes, girls, there is a place for you in the intra-mural setup. Tho' I doubt if they will allow you to play football, there are many other forms of competition for the sororities to take part in. I'm sure that girls' volleyball will start in the very near future, but until it does, you gals can get plenty of lung exercise by cheering on your fraternity in the football games.

## New Competition for Fraternities

Billy McCowen, new associate playground director for the city, is working on a new form of fraternity competition in connection with his playground work. He plans to have each fraternity sponsor a midget football team. These teams are to be made up of boys from the various playgrounds, and the fraternity sponsoring the winning team will receive a trophy at the end of the season. Billy says that his plans are not complete yet but that he will let us know more about it later.

This sounds like a swell plan to me and I'm sure that all the fraternities will be glad to get into this new form of competition. Midget football has been tried in Macon a few times before; some seasons were successful, others were not. I'm sure that this plan will guarantee another successful season.

## Your Sports Editor Goes Rambling

Your reporter would like to remind the ardent sports fans on our campus of the major upsets that have occurred during the last week. Last Saturday was a disastrous day for some of our major football elevens. Tulane was defeated at the hands of Auburn; a mighty Duke Rose Bowl team was humbled by Wake Forest; and our own Georgia Yellow Jackets handed Notre Dame its first licking in 11 games. And on top of all this, Georgia's mechanical kicker, Leo Costa, whom Mercer students remember quite well, actually missed two of his attempts to kick the point after touch-down in the Bulldogs' triumph over Furman.

On the baseball side of the Sporting Fence, the Cardinals were doing the virtually impossible. That is, defeating the New York Yankees four straight games in a World Series. That just goes to show you; you never can tell what will happen next. They're even talking about dropping the World Series for the duration.

Well, that's all for this time; see ya' next week.

# Intra-Mural Set-Up Rules Are Explained

Following is a complete description of the organization, program, and eligibility rules for intra-mural activities, as made up by Dr. Vance:

The intra-mural activities are a vital part of the program of health and physical education. Intra-mural teams are composed of fraternity and non-fraternity groups. These divisions will compete within themselves for intra-mural points as described below and the league championship. Intra-mural medals will be awarded the winners of the league championships and the fraternity or non-fraternity group with the most points at the end of the school year will be awarded a challenge trophy.

There are no coaches for the intra-mural teams but the activities offered in the intra-mural program are taught in the required program of Physical Education.

This year the activities will be arranged in the following manner:

**Fall quarter:** Tag football, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, and archery.

**Winter quarter:** Basketball, wrestling, soccer, volleyball, foul shooting, badminton, and table tennis.

**Spring quarter:** Softball, baseball, track and field events, tennis and archery.

### Intra-mural Council

Each fraternity, and non-fraternity group has an athletic manager who is the students' representative to the Intra-mural department. These managers will receive all information relative to their groups, organize teams, arrange practice periods, make entries in the various activities, have their teams on hand to play when scheduled by the department, to make known the desires and wishes of the students, and are really responsible for the success of the program. These managers form the Intra-mural Council, and this Council will meet at least once each quarter or more often if necessary.

A committee composed of five faculty members serves as the Advisory Committee, the duties of which are:

1. To approve the budget.
2. To approve the action of the Intra-mural council.
3. To handle problems that cannot be handled by the Intra-mural Council.
4. To advise the director when deemed necessary.
5. To have final vetoing power in all matters relative to intra-mural activities and their management.

All activities will be played on the team basis. In tag football, basketball, volleyball, and softball, each team will play every other team, and the team having the highest percentage wins. Other activities will be played in team-tournaments fashion with single or double elimination. Foul shooting and track will be conducted as meets, while wrestling will be the only individual tournament on the program.

### Eligibility Rules

1. All students of the University are eligible to enter any event except as provided further activity promoted by the department in these rules.
2. All active members, members registered in the University, and pledges of a fraternity may

# Co-ed 'M' Club Has New Entrance System

Mercer's co-eds can still become members of the "M" Club in spite of the fact that co-ed tennis and basketball have been disbanded for the duration, it was announced last week. Now that the teams cannot take to the road a new program has been set afoot by the Co-ed "M" Club. At the end of each tournament in each sport an All-Star team will be selected, as well as second team. Major Blair and Mr. Zeb Vance will select the members of these teams and from these teams will come the bulk of the "M" Club.

A girl must have 50 points before she can become eligible for membership. The points are counted from a girl's first quarter at Mercer.

Points are given as follows:  
Volleyball: First All-star team, 10; second All-star team, 7; member winning team, 2.

Basketball: First All-star team, 15; second All-star team, 12; member of winning team, 2.

Softball: First All-star team, 10; second All-star team, 7; member of winning team, 2.

Bowling: first four girls, 10; next four girls, 7; member of winning team, 2.

Tennis: finals: 15; semi-finals, 8; member of winning team, 2.

Track: winner of event, 5; second place, 3; member of winning team, 2.

Three points for each team played on.

A meeting of the "M" Club will be held next Tuesday. It is proposed that badminton and ping-pong be added to the above list.

## Frat Pledges Pick Officers

Mercer's fraternities and sororities this week elected officers for their pledge classes. They are as follows:

**Sigma Alpha Epsilon:** Hugh Jones, president; Bill Houston, vice president; Norman Crowe, secretary; and Jack Sellers, house manager.

**Phi Delta Theta:** Roscoe Lowry, President; Louis Poetter, Secretary.

**Kappa Alpha:** Buddy Nolan, President; Bob Hendrix, Vice-President; Homer Crandall, Secretary.

**Alpha Tau Omega:** Sam Heaton, president; Echols Mayo, Vice-president; Marion Brantley, Secretary.

**Kappa Sigma:** Bill Lowe, President; Jackson Lee, Vice-president; Charles Mixon, Secretary; Gene Cornette, Treasurer.

**Alpha Lambda Tau:** Jimmy Woodward, President; Sonny Butts, Vice-president; Bob Harrison, Secretary; Jim Miller, Treasurer.

**Alpha Delta Pi:** Byrd Horton, President; Doris Woods, Secretary; Kathryn Harwell, Treasurer.

**Phi Mu:** Nancy Highsmith, President; Mildred Avery, Vice-president; Angie Mathews, Secretary; Charis Knapp, Treasurer.

represent it, if otherwise eligible.

3. All actual residents in a dormitory may represent it if otherwise eligible.

4. Students living in town may play with a dormitory or the fraternity of which they are pledged or of which they are a member.

5. If a dormitory resident pledges or joins a fraternity after he has played for a dormitory or other team, he may transfer to the fraternity team if the transfer is made immediately after pledging or joining.

6. A team forfeits any contest in which it uses an ineligible player and the ineligible man is ineligible for further competition in that sport for the season.

7. If a team or contestant fails to appear at the scheduled place within 15 minutes after the scheduled time for a contest, the officials may declare the contest forfeited to the team or contestant ready to play. Only by mutual agreement of both teams and proper notification of the intra-mural department may a contest be postponed. Properly postponed games are scheduled for another date by the intra-mural manager.

8. All protests must be made in writing to the intra-mural manager within 24 hours after the contest in question, and games in which a protest is sustained are re-played from the beginning of the nearest preceding division of the contest (period, quarter, half inning).

### Point System

The point system for each group of activities is as follows (the minimum number of participants necessary for receiving entrance points is indicated in parenthesis after each activity):  
Tag football (8), basketball (8), volleyball (6), softball (10): 50

entrance points; 100 achievement points; 10, 7, 5 placement points for the first three teams.

Wrestling (1), tennis (2), track (3), badminton (2), table tennis (2), and horseshoes (1): 40 entrance points; 80 achievement points; 10, 7, 5 placement points for the first three teams.

Achievement points are determined by dividing the number of points awarded by the number of games or matches won by the winning organization, thus obtaining a value for each contest won.

## Mrs. Downum Is Ill

Mrs. J. Garland Downum, wife of Dr. Downum, Mercer's assistant professor of history, has been ill in a local hospital for more than a week. The last report is that she is improving and expects to be at home before many days longer.

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