

FAIR PLAY

By Mike Warr

Sports Both New And Old

When the next quarter rolls around, there will be another variety of activities offered in the physical ed. department. Dr Vance announces that spring sports will include something that will interest everyone. Classification is already in progress, and the indication is that all activities will have a good representation from the student body. Several new sports will be offered along with one or two carried over from this quarter. With the coming of warmer weather, outdoor sports will increase in popularity. A list of activities will be found elsewhere on this page.

Sports Show Well Received

According to all reports heard by this columnist, the sports show was well received last Monday night. The body-building club and the wrestling class were the co-sponsors. Probably the largest crowd seen in the gym for some time yelled their lungs out, while the participants puffed and blowed and groande and bounced and tumbled. The show was preceded by a splendid talk by Dr. Jim Middleton of Atlanta, Minister and former athlete in his own right.

In Regard to Student Politics

You will pardon me if I deviate once more from the sporting world and indulge in another subject which I think is highly important at this time. I cannot restrain myself from saying a word about campus politics. Perhaps I may have the wrong slant, but here goes, nevertheless.

In the spring Mercer students' fancy turns heavily to thoughts of politics. There is no objection to politics of a high order. But the type that prevails on this campus could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be put in that category. Confidentially, Mercer politics stink.

What makes Mercer politics smell? For one thing, the voting is definitely undemocratic. A student ought to be allowed to vote his or her own convictions. Instead, an organization tells the student how to vote. Personal feelings, therefore, must be sidetracked. The result of the election, then, does not always reflect the true desires of the students. Nor do the results of the voting always produce the best man for the job. If this is democracy, my name is Douglas McArthur.

It has always been amusing to me to watch the so-called nominating committees at work. These committees just seem to spring up (maybe that's why we call it "spring" politics). First thing you know, you'll see a group of BMOC's in impromptu pow-wows, draped around the lawn seats and decorating the front of the Law Building. Along comes an underclassman of note, and a representative of the group excuses himself hurriedly, dashes from their midst, and approaches the unwary student with an offer of an important (?) office. The big shot assures him that he will be a sure-fire winner, so the nomination is accepted. The big shot rushes back to his group, with chest expanded, and pausing long enough to thumb his nose at any members of the opposition he might see. Thus, we see how the nominating committee works. This sort of thing contributes all the more to the odor.

But, sad to say, politics does not end at the general elections. You will find it in the extra-curricular activities. When it comes time for election of officers in the IRC, or Ciceronian, or other organizations, politics rears its ugly head in the form of representatives from various groups shouting out nominations from the floor. The idea back of it all is to get their particular group well represented in the Blue Key or Cardinal Key. This also adds to the unpleasantness of the aroma.

It is time some brave soul took it upon himself to spray some political perfume around. He would be rendering a service which would be appreciated by a great many Mercerians. Of course, the perfume must have the right ingredients. In other words, a system should be worked out by a committee to clean up politics. I hereby offer my services to such a committee. Tat is, if anyone is interested.

I apologize for trespassing on the editorial page, but not for the opinions expressed. Take them or leave them. At least I feel better, now that I got that off my chest.

SAE, Phi Mu Win Contest

Billy McCowen, SAE, was the winner of the basketball foul shooting contest held this week. He shot 41 goals out of 50.

Buddy Nolan, KA, took second place with 34 goals out of 50. George Maddox, Non-frat, and Russell Parker, ALT, tied for third with 33 apiece.

Each intra-mural team which entered the contest will receive points toward the intra-mural cup. The highest score on each team was the one used to determine the winner.

Other scores are as follows: Perry Busbee, Phi Delta Theta, 32 and Brennan Purkall, Kappa Sigma, 29 out of 50.

The girls' contest was won by Angie Matthews, Phi Mu, with 29 out of 50. Beverly Lee, ADPI, was second with 23.

Sports Show Big Success

Monday night at Porter Gym an enthusiastic crowd witnessed an evening of thrilling entertainment as Warr's young "stranglers" and Barfield's future "slap-happies" strutted their accomplishments.

Dr. Jim Middleton, a former star basketball player, opened the program with a stirring address, reminding hearers that Christianity is not a religion of the coward, but a vibrant religion of the courageous.

The wrestling class took charge of the first part of the show as they led with a "rare" exhibition of tumbling. Then followed three wrestling matches: Parker vs. Lowe, no decision; Holmes vs. Walters, decision for Holmes; Marshall vs Price, no decision.

Barfield's star bar-bell boy, Tom McDonald, gave a fine exhibition of weight-lifting as he pressed 200 pounds.

In the only boxing match of the evening, Preston and Barnard tangled for a three-round, no-decision bout.

The "main" attraction of the evening was a rowdy grudge battle between "Strangler" Warr and "Muscle-Bound" Barfield. Though no decision was rendered, it was generally agreed that the referee lost the bout, and both the competitors, almost their life and limb.

Sig Alphas Are Leading In Intra-Mural Sports

Spring Sports Made Known

The intra-mural sports program for the spring quarter will include six activities for both boys and girls, Dr. Vance announced yesterday.

The boys will engage in softball, tennis, baseball, wrestling, badminton, and track and field. Girls' activities will be softball, badminton, tennis, field hockey, archery, and social games and recreation.

Baseball and field hockey will be new sports for Mercer. Heretofore only softball has been played. A little archery was taught last fall, but this program is expected to be enlarged.

In the past the annual track and field meet was among the most interesting events of intra-mural competition, and this year should be even more so.

Thetas Hold Second, Ministers Third As Winter Quarter Ends

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is the leader in intra-mural competition so far, according to records in Dr. Vance's office. The SAE's have a total of 655.9 points, 86.6 points ahead of their closest competitor.

Phi Delta Theta is in second place with 569.3 points, and the Ministers are third with 507.4.

Points are given for entrance in the various sports, achievement, and place. The place points are divided as follows: 10 for first, seven for second, five for third, three for fourth, and one for fifth.

SAE has amassed its total by winning tennis, basketball, and foul shooting, and tying for first in touch football. The E's also won a second place in volleyball.

The Phi Deltas were the winners in volleyball, and captured second places in football and tennis. The Ministers tied for the football championship with SAE, and got a second in basketball.

Below are the standings through this quarter:

SAE	655.9
Phi Delt	569.3
Ministers	507.4
ALT	483.9
Non-frat	438.6
KA	371.2
Kappa Sig	289.4
ATO	228.7

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Students Are On Broadcast

By Galner Bryan

Five Mercer students performed on the Druid Hills Hour radio program in Atlanta Sunday morning. The program, broadcast from the Druid Hills Baptist Church, was heard over station WGST.

The service consisted of a devotional by Henry Brown, an interview of the students by Dr. Louie D. Newton on Christian Focus Week, and a group of three hymns by a quartette composed of Nancy Highsmith, Ceda Dowis, Charles Clark, and Galner Bryan.

The program began with the quartette's singing of the Alma Mater, and hymns included: Let Jesus Christ Be Praised, Rock of Ages, and O Master Let Me Walk With Thee.

The girls were entertained at the Dowis home and the boys at the home of Mrs. J. F. Methvin, Saturday night.

Villanova, Pa., College recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

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