

# FAIR PLAY

By Gus Verdery

## Cadets' Athletic Life

If some of these mornings you wake up before the sun rises and see forty boys running to the gymnasium, don't be shocked or surprised. No, they certainly are not Mercer students; that is, they are not regularly enrolled students of our university; they are the naval cadets who live over on the first floor of Roberts Hall. Every morning at 6:15, and as they put it "before daybreak comes," they all crawl out of those beds and begin a day of real activity.

Before their eyes are fully open they find themselves walking, or most likely running, around on the hardwood floors of Porter Gymnasium. As soon as they get in the building the order comes to warm-up, which means running around the court about six or eight times. In case a man is late reporting there for the first part of the class, he's rewarded with about five extra laps around the gym. After the warm-up run the fellows are subjected to forty-five or fifty minutes of calisthenics, and as one expressed it, "until we almost fall out." Following these calisthenics the cadets take a cross country run. Usually this run begins at the gymnasium and then covers about half the campus, ending at the dormitory.

The danger of anyone falling out because of the exercises which they have to take is now out of the question, even though it might have been possible earlier. These forty men have really built themselves up after the fashion of Barfield and his proteges; the fellows say that their resistance has been increased considerably. Many of these who have been exposed to the strenuous exercises have gained as much as twenty pounds already during the short time they have been here. It's not excess fat either; these boys are built-up like me, a la Charles Atlas. The average increase in weight is about fifteen pounds.

After breakfast and a hard day in the lecture room and labs and flying at the field, the cadets come back to the campus and then go down to the gym at night after supper to take a workout again. This period is less strenuous and as a rule is much more interesting than that of the sunrise period. In the evenings they wrestle in the gym, play basketball or anything else they like to do. Everyone participates in some form of activity, though. During the day at the field and sometimes on the campus, the naval air cadets have a few spare minutes to get up a little game of softball or at least to hit a few balls to one another. On the whole the cadets, almost without exception, exemplify real ability and especially good sportsmanship in their activities. These days are crammed full of athletic activities which are for the good of the cadets, and they realize it; they show the true spirit in preparing themselves to meet Adolf, Tojo or some of their robots.

## New Plan for Training Cadets

About the middle of next month a larger number of cadets will come to the campus for training. The physical education department will take complete charge of training these cadets then. Heretofore, the training of the men has been under direction of someone other than the schools department. Now, however, with an increased personnel and better organized department, the Mercer Physical Education department can easily care for these men. The program will continue to fit the cadets for action in a way which is wholly unknown to us Mercer students who gripe at having to work-out for about thirty-five minutes every other day in the week. Something new will be the obstacle course. The details have not been worked out yet, and hence your reporter was not able to find out anything more definite. Maybe later something will develop and investigations will be made as to what is being done. There will be a much more varied program, however, it was learned recently.

## Tennis Season Approaches

Now that the rains have ceased and the flood water subsided, maybe the tennis fiends on the Mercer campus will be able to get out on the courts this week a little more than last. Those fellows taking tennis for physical ed credit welcome the warm, dry days so there can be some actual playing instead of having to stay inside the gym or even play softball with another crowd of boys. Incidentally, the eight o'clock tennis class had to go out to play softball while the courts were still too wet to use, and the tennis class, under Mr. Smith, challenged the softball class, under Shirley, to a game. Who won? The tennis class. That's something, isn't it? These tennis courts could stand a little work now, too. Even though they have been rolled once or twice and lined off the same number of times, courts take constant attention. Maybe by the time the paper is published and you read this, you will see some well packed and lined courts. We hope so.

Next week's sports page will feature a discussion on physical education by the head of the physical education department.

# Open Letter

Fellow Students:

Believing that through group action, it is possible for an institution to reach its highest attainment, we, the members of Blue Key Honor Fraternity, do conscientiously endorse and will support the present plan of the new Sunday School at Mercer. We understand the plan to be a non-denominational affair designed to relate student problems with Christianity.

The student body realizes that during the present emergency it is most important that some plan be carried out to unify students on the campus. After careful investigation of this plan for spiritual growth on another college campus in a mid-western state, Blue Key members believe that such a plan as has been set up in chapel today, will add much to the unity of Mercer students as well as presenting the opportunity for all students to participate in religious activities.

BLUE KEY HONOR FRATERNITY,

Billy McCowen, President.

## Pan-Hellenic To Hold Dances at Baconsfield

The Macon Greek Letter Association will sponsor an informal dance at the Baconsfield Club house tonight from nine to one o'clock.

Each fraternity man will be assessed seventy-five cents for the dance.

## Army . . .

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The purpose of the tests is to aid in the selection of prospective officer material for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The examinations are designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge of the candidates, who will express a choice for the Army or Navy at the time of the examinations.

The students selected for training by the Army and the Navy following the tests on April 2 will enter college some time in 1948. Since no other qualifying tests will be given for many months, students desiring to enter college under either the Army or Navy programs are urged to apply for the April 2nd examinations.

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# Phi Delts, SAE Lead Soft Ball This Week

The Spring intra-mural activities began Monday, March 22nd, with the initial softball game at alumni field. Early Thursday the Phi Delta Thetas and S.A.E.'s were leading the other organizations with two victories and no defeats. At present, several of the other teams have not played but one game in the competition.

The first game was played between Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha with the KA's coming out on top with a 22-6 score. The first score made for the KA's was in the second inning by Dixon. However, the winning team did not show what they had until the fourth inning when 11 runs were scored. After the KA's had scored so rapidly the Sigs came back in the fifth inning to threaten with 7 hits and 3 runs.

The result of the first game Tuesday favored the Ministers over their formidable opponents the ALT's with a score of 12 to 8. The preachers started off with a bang with 4 runs and 7 hits in the first inning, but were slowed down in the following inning. The ALT's had a very slow beginning, but about the fourth or fifth inning threatened the preachers by scoring five runs in a single inning.

The second game of the afternoon was close—Non-frats vs. Phi Delta Theta. The Phi Delts emerged victorious with a score of 4-1. Collins pitched for the Phi's and gave only two walks to the opponents. Cassini likewise pitched an excellent game and did much to hold the Phi Delts to the low score.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilons were victorious over the Kappa Alpha's in Wednesday's game. The final score was 4-1. John Duke's pitching was outstanding in favor of the E's and Crandall walked no more men than did Dukes. Dukes' pitching was characterized by a spectator as "hard and accurate."

The final game Wednesday was between Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta. The Phi Delts led the Kappa Sigs and in the end took the game with a score of 12-1. The game between the two fraternities was only competing with "Joker" Holt for the spectators' attention. The word has passed around that one time at bat Mr. Holt took a three base hit, but the following time at bat he took a seat on the ground after being knocked there by the pitcher.

The standings are, before Thursday afternoon's games:

	Won	Lost
Phi Delts	2	0
SAE	2	0
KA	1	1
Ministers	1	0
ATO	0	1
Non-frats	0	1
ALT	0	1
KS	0	2

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