

The BEAR FACTS



By George Horkan

King football is in the air once more, and after North Carolina's stunning upset over mighty Georgia (looks as if I missed that one), we look further South and to Macon, Ga., to see what the bruising Mercer Bears have to offer: (It's a joke, bub.)

It seems that in this fair Southern city we can find no trace of the Mercer varsity, and from the reports we have, there is no use looking . . . unless you can climb the stairs to the second floor of the Administration Building. Office on the left, please.

Although we have no varsity at Mercer, we do have a fine intra-mural program set up under the direction of none other than old Claude (spitball) Smith, himself.

Under the present setup we have the fraternities, the Ministers, and the Non Frats mixing it up hard and heavy for the touch football crown. There are nine teams represented, and it looks as though we will see some good football before the season closes. So, how about everyone turning out for these games and supporting your favorite ball club.

From this corner, it looks like the SAE's have the team to beat.

All men interested in working as managers of the basketball team please contact Coach Cowan in the gymnasium as early as possible.

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Plans for Intra-Mural Sports Drawn Up by Nine Organizations

Not only do they have the heaviest team of the lot, but they also have on hand such standout players as Dick and Bill Diamukes, "Andy" Andrews, Bill Aldred, Bob Spivey, and a host of others. Looks like another great year for SAE.

Not too far behind the E's will be the Phi Delt and Kappa Sigs. If any of the clubs look good enough to give the E's a run for the championship it will be one of grid talent and will produce good these two. Both are loaded with ball clubs.

KA and ATO would have, perhaps, been on even terms with SAE, Phi Delt, and Kappa Sigma if they had not lost so many good ball players.

KA has to do without the services of Walter Bell, a great ball-player, and Dick Moody, but may turn the trick anyway with Johnny Crudup, D. D. Moore, and their star end, Charles D. Tennille. How about it, "Crisco?"

ATO lost Mack Willis, Pat McClelland, and Joe Harrell which will weaken them considerably. Mack Willis was probably the best ball-player on the campus.

That is the way it looks from this corner. 1. SAE; 2. Phi Delt; 3. Kappa Sigma; 4. KA; 5. Non-Frat; 6. Gamma; 7. ATO; 8. Ministers; 9. Lambda Chi.

TOUCH FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS

by L. B. Thigpen

Athletic directors of nine organizations on the Mercer campus met last week with Mr. Zeb Vance and Mr. Claude Smith of the Physical Education Department to discuss plans for intra-mural sports for the coming school year.

Seven social fraternities, the Ministerial Association, and the non-fraternity men each sent representatives to the meeting, at which a schedule for the touch-football season was drawn up.

At present it is certain that at least eight of the organizations will participate in intra-mural sports this year while the newly-organized Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is listed as an uncertain entry.

Mr. Smith said that ties which

have previously plagued intra-mural sports at Mercer will no longer be possible under a new system to be inaugurated whereby ties will be played off by single elimination. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team in each sport.

Mr. Smith is also planning to hold an individual, school-wide horse-shoe pitching tournament during the football season. Any student enrolled at Mercer may enter and a trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Sports Briefs

All candidates for this year's varsity basketball squad are asked to meet in the gymnasium at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6. This will be a meeting, not a practice session. Future plans will be discussed at that time.

CAGE SEASON INCLUDES TWENTY-GAME SCHEDULE

By D. R. Jackson

With ten lettermen returning and several good players transferring to Mercer, the Bears are looking forward to another successful cage season.

The schedule has not been released by the athletic office but Coach Jim Cowan has stated that his team will play a twenty-game schedule this year. It will be an all collegiate schedule including two SEC teams; Auburn and Georgia. Other games will be booked with outstanding schools in Georgia and surrounding states.

Light workouts will begin early next month. Sessions will be held

three afternoons a week stressing offensive and defensive plays.

Coach Cowan has declined to comment on the new prospects but here are a few that your reporter has spotted.

Richard "Bird dog" Thornton may be remembered by some of the old timers as the high scorer of the '44-'45 Navy V-12 team here.

Maynard "Dopey" Reynolds, a transfer student, scored 450 points on the Mars Hill Junior College team last season.

"Frog" Dooley and Quincy Crawford, former Lanier students, played with South Carolina last year.

Max Marchman spent the last two years on the G.M.C. varsity squad and will probably see some action with the Bears this season.

From all indications the Orange and Black of Mercer will be well represented on the basketball court next season.

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