

IN THE BEAR'S DEN

—with BOB BONNER

The curtain for the 1949 Intramural football season was raised last Monday afternoon as twelve of the thirteen qualified teams met stiff opposition. I'm afraid I would be putting myself in a hole if I attempted to predict the outcome of the tournament. This is due to the fact that most of the teams are evenly matched in strength and size, and that each team will play either three or four games a week. It is doubtful that any team will go undefeated in league play, because playing so many games a week will tend to lead them to off and on days.



Eight fraternities and five non-fraternity teams, including ministers and M.I.M.A., have entered the league. Three of the non-frat teams are managed by individuals. The 1948 champions were managed and captained by Charlie Hopkins. Hopkins has one returnee from last year's squad and it will be very hard to say just how good his team this year will measure up.

The All-Star team last year consisted of Trevitt, SAE—end; Mayfield, Non-frat—guard; Simpson, Non-frat—center; Kilpatrick, Ministers—end; Hopkins, Non-frat; Ratteree, Nonfrat; and Reeder, Ministers—backs. All but Trevitt and Ratteree have returned and will be battling for top honors this year.

"T-BONE" AT MERCER

Mercer will have T-bone this year—and every day, too. According to all reports the T-bone will not be hot during basketball season. T-bone steak—No! But T-bone, the athlete. Maybe I had better make myself clear at this point. One of the prize transfer students this year in the sporting field is Glenn Cassell from Louisville, Kentucky.

Glenn attended Winchester High school and starred in basketball, football, track and baseball. He lettered in all four sports. After graduating from high school, he attended Kentucky Wesleyan, taking up his athletics again, lettering in basketball, baseball, and tennis. Incidentally, he was a four letterman in high school for two years; a three letterman for three years. His favorite sport is basketball, and his greatest thrill in sports came when he made all-state in football and basketball.

As for the name T-bone—that is his nickname given him in this way: The home town people where he played basketball had a bet with the owner of a restaurant. The bet was that Glenn would be high scorer in the game or at least get 20 points. The bet was paid off in T-Bone steaks. Glenn got his 20 points and the whole team got their steaks.

Two Intramural Tournaments Get Under Way

Intramural tennis and horseshoes got underway yesterday. The pairings are posted in the gymnasium and all entrants are asked to come by the gym and find out who and when they play.

All first round matches must be played off by Friday and the second round by Tuesday, October 11.

The horseshoe pits are located between football field one and three. A person must win three out of five games to qualify, but the finals will be won with the best five out of seven games.

All rules for horseshoes and tennis are posted in the gym. Rules for tennis are regular lawn tennis rules. A tennis entrant must win two out of three sets in the pre-finals and three out of five in the finals.

Each participant is to notify Coach Jim Cowan of results in his individual game.

Golf will begin next Monday and Tuesday at Bowden's golf course. Eighteen holes will be played each day. All boys who have signed up to play are asked to come by the gym and report with Coach Cowan for instructions.

Individual trophies will be awarded each winner. Unit competition in each of these sports will be run off at a later date.

Mercer Y.W.A. Has Stephens As Speaker

Sarah Stephens, the Young People's Secretary of Georgia, was the guest speaker at the YWA program meeting last Thursday. Miss Stephens spoke on "Ideals and Aims of Y.W.A." She later spoke at Vespers on "The Uttermost Part."

Included in the YWA program was a solo by Jane Brundage entitled, "Teach Me To Pray", and a skit entitled, "The Window of YWA."

Twenty-five new members have been accepted into YWA, Martha Ann Oakley, president announced.

Ridley Speaks At Alembic Club

Dr. Charles Ridley, Superintendent of the Macon Hospital, was the principal speaker for the Alembic Club, Tuesday, October 3. His topic for the program was "Medicine as A Profession."

Dr. Gail Carver, head of the Biology Department, talked on the requirements of entering medicine.

Harold Bates, president, made an announcement that a social will be held Tuesday, October 18, at 7:30 in place of the regular meeting.

First Moot Court To Be Tonight

There will be a Moot Court case tonight at 7:30 in the Ryals Law Building. This will be the first regular Moot Court case of the year.

The case, "Amos Clay vs. A. C. Watson," was brought for the recovery of two Georgia mules. Henry W. Bostwick and J. C. Royalty will be the counsel for the plaintiff, and Marvin Dean and Charlie Booker will serve as counsel for defense.

Judge for the case will be Cubbedge Snow, a practicing local attorney.

Students and faculty members may watch these cases at any time.

Mercer Began Basketball Practice Monday for 1949-50 Season

30 Candidates Report for Team; Reeder, Stewart, Dobbins Return

Mercer began basketball practice for the 1949-50 season last Monday afternoon in the Porter gymnasium.

Approximately thirty hardwood enthused candidates reported to Coach Jim Cowan for the initial day. All of the players who are expected to go out did not attend the session, due to intramural football games being played at the same time. Cowan stated that practice would not get into full swing until the touch football season was near completion.

Among the candidates were lettermen Mayes Dobbins, Rudy Stewart, Bob Reeder, Lamar Clements, and Aubert Kinsaul. Mac Marchman, Dilmas Barnett, and Bob Murdock were lost from last year's squad because of graduation.

Glenn Wilkes, captain and one of the leading players in the small college groups last year, reported for practice but is not presently

enrolled in the university. Wilkes plans to enter the winter quarter.

New faces on the team will be those of Nathan Webb, of Lanett, Alabama, and Glenn Cassell, of Winchester, Kentucky. Webb started with the Bruins last season but was forced to drop out before play got underway. Cassell, a transfer from Kentucky Wesleyan, will be a great boost to the Bear quintet. Cassell was a three letterman at Kentucky Wesleyan, lettering in basketball, baseball, and tennis.

Maynard "Dopey" Reynolds, varsity star at Mercer year before last, attended the practice session. It is not definite that Reynolds will remain with the squad, but if he should, Coach Cowan's hopes will be brightened.

Mercer is a strong contender for the Dixie Conference basketball crown this season and may produce one of the finest teams in the

Dixie Conference, "Football for Fun", Six Schools Field Teams This Year

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 20 — Football for fun, a noble experiment by ten southern universities and colleges banded together as the Dixie Conference, swings into action next weekend with four games on tap and one member fielding a team for the first time.

The Dixie Conference was organized in May, 1948, by ten progressive southern schools determined to carry on a well rounded athletic program without subsidization. Conference President Stanley S. Robinson of Mississippi College declares the inaugural year has been an unqualified success, and predicts the circuit will continue to advance in the years to come.

Only five members of the Dixie fielded football teams last fall. Florida State University, enjoying its second year as a co-educational institution and therefore almost as new as the conference, captured the loop grid title with four victories and no defeats within the circuit. The Seminoles trimmed each of the other participating schools—Mississippi College, Millsaps College, Stetson University and University of Tampa—to win the championship. Howard College, Oglethorpe, Mercer, Florida Southern and Lambuth College did not play football.

Florida State, with virtually its entire 1948 squad including Little All-America Tackle Hugh Adams back for another season, has been named favorite to retain its title. Seminole Coach Don Veller looks with misgivings at the role, however, declaring his reserves are weak and that most of the other loop teams are reported much strengthened over last fall. The Indians do not see action until October 1 when they are slated to face Whiting Field at Tallahassee.

Stetson University and Missis-

issippi College, the teams rated best chance to knock FSU off the conference throne, both tried their strength last Saturday. The Stetson Hatters, with new Coach Bob Trocolor bringing a much talked about "unbalanced T" attack into the circuit, have a home contest slated with Sausley Field at DeLand, Florida. And Mississippi College Coach Robinson will have 19 lettermen to fashion a team for the opener against Arkansas State at Clinton, Mississippi.

Howard College of Birmingham, Alabama, and University of Tampa played their first games last weekend. The Howard Bulldogs, coached by Earl Gartman, are the circuit newcomers in football. They will play a non-conference tilt with Wofford College at Spartanburg, S. C., Saturday. Coach Mike Gaddis' Tampa Spartans jump the gun on everyone else by playing host to Memphis State in a Friday night contest. Loaded with promising freshmen and sophomores, the Spartans could be the conference dark horse. First year men are eligible to play in the Dixie.

The Millsaps College Majors, a conference powerhouse last fall, waited until October 1 to face Stetson at Jackson, Miss., in their initial contest. Having lost 19 lettermen, including Little All-American Halfback Dave McIntosh, Coach Doby Bartling is acknowledged leader at the wailing wall.

"Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy.

For if you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half man's hunger." —The Prophet.

Future Teachers To Hold Meeting

The Future Teachers of America will hold a business meeting Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. in room 17-S of the Chemistry building. All student teachers are cordially invited to attend this important meeting.

Dowell Salutes B.S.U. Workers

At the B.S.U. mass meeting on Tuesday night, Dr. Spright Dowell gave a salutation to the workers of B.S.U. and the good work that the organization has been doing on Mercer's campus. He stated that one of the aims of the university should be to build Christian character and that he hoped that the spirit of this organization would aid in instilling this aim in all the students it serves.

Paul Bobbitt introduced all of the committee chairmen and committee members to the group and made the statement that "these are the functioning mechanisms of B.S.U., but these people do not make up B.S.U., for each and every one of you make the spirit of B.S.U."

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