

IN THE Bear's Den

... with Bob Bonner

It seems as though football season has come and gone—at least that is the impression one obtains on this campus. Usually the intramural football season lasts a little longer than the time which it is taking this year. Why? Coach Claude Smith, intramural department head, decided to run off the tournament faster than ever before. Is this really good or bad. I am a little undecided on the question. The way the program was set up this year, each team drew only one bye during the entire schedule. That meant that eight games would be played in nine days. I don't think that the correct spirit could be accomplished with such a hurried up situation. Maybe I am wrong.

But then we also have to look at Smith's idea. A very heavy burden is upon him in the intramural department, which some of you mistakenly call a small department. During the fall quarter he has to supervise and run off the football, tennis, golf, and volleyball tournaments and all of this has to be finished in time to give the student ample time to prepare for final exams. Do you realize that almost half the quarter has passed? That means that tennis, golf, and volleyball events cannot be run off until the second half. It will take about as much time for volleyball as it did for football and that is mainly why Smith had to condense the grid sport.

This paragraph is of particular concern to all athletic managers. I would like for the team and manager selections for the 1950 all-star football teams to be in by next Sunday. If it is not in then it will not be counted. In selecting the men for the first and second teams, select them in the positions of ends, center, guard, and backfield. Seven men will be named for the first team and seven for the second. All managers have one vote for the fourteen openings and the Cluster sports editor has one vote since it is a Cluster sponsored affair. If the business manager will permit, gold footballs will be presented to the first team. Last year football awards were presented by the sports editor in a chapel session and it was the hope of the Cluster to give awards to members of the all-stars on the volleyball, basketball, and softball teams, but financial reasons would not permit.

Of course each team would like to see as many of their boys on the "dream seven" as possible, but the managers must take into consideration every boy who participated in the tournament. Forget about whom he played for—forget about fraternity prejudices—forget about personal differences and really vote for the man who deserves the honor. It is not always the man who scores the most touchdowns that should be picked for the team. Maybe he is a top backfield man who never throws passes or runs, but he is an exceptional blocker and defensive man—that man should be considered. Study his offensive and defensive play before finally deciding. We hope to give the results of the voting next week in the Cluster.

WHERE ARE YOU?

It is not ethical to talk about people behind their backs, but I would like to say a few words about a certain athlete who hasn't been seen this fall on the campus, and I am sure he won't object to my writing about him.

This person is Bob Reeder. Many of you probably don't know Bob since you are new on the campus. Well, words are hard to find to suit the real Bob Reeder, but I can make an attempt by saying that Bob is perhaps one of the finest friends you would ever want to have and also one of the most versatile athletes ever to walk the sidewalks of Mercer. I have heard that he is returning to our campus next quarter to resume his studies in the Christianity field and also to don the uniform of the orange and black once more.

Some people wander aimlessly through life and never have any idea as to what they will be doing in the years to come. Then some people want to do great things but they don't have the stuff to do it. But then there are people who know what they want to do and who set out to do it—come what may. This is Bob Reeder. Bob wants to enter the home missions field of the Baptist Church. The crew-topped lad could enter the professional ranks of three sports but Bob's idea of sports is nothing more than a wonderful outlet for recreation plus physical and spiritual development. When Bob finally gets to his destination, the home mission fields, he will probably be the happiest man on earth and he is just the fellow to attain his goal. Whether it pitching a tough ball game, or stretching a single into a double, or sparking a last minute rally on the courts, or adding extra points needed to cop a track contest—Bob puts all he has into it and, believe it or not, with all this under his shirt, he is not "cocky" in the least. He is just a plain American boy—modest and friendly. To you, Bob, we say, "Hurry back".

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Mercer Meets Georgia in Cross Country Contest

In the classic city of Athens Saturday, Coach Jim Cowan will unleash his 1950 edition of the cross country squad against the tough University of Georgia Bulldogs.

Cowan stated that the remainder of the schedule would be announced at a later date. The Bear harriers will leave Mercer sometime Saturday morning and will run that afternoon on the Bulldog course.

Coach Cowan was all smiles as his cross country harriers ran over their course for the first time this season under time.

Ebb Kilpatrick, the ace from Commerce, came in in good time, being clocked at 13 minutes and 27 seconds. Kilpatrick was the freshman sensation on Cowan's squad last year but illness forced him out for most of the season. The coach out Tatnall Square way has high hopes for the sophomores this year and they were not darkened a bit after Kilpatrick finished ahead of the other competitors.

Julian Leroy, co-captain along with Kilpatrick, was behind the winner with a time of 14 minutes and seven seconds timing. Leroy was one of the big guns in the state mile race for high schools three years ago and has been with Cowan ever since.

Finishing third was a local lad, Dayton Malone. The Macon harrier was on the Lanier High squad last season and shows promise of some top cross country work this year. Malone's time was 14 minutes and 48 seconds.

Seab Miller, Hahira, Ga., and transfer student from Emory, joined the group about two weeks ago and ran a good race considering the time he has spent working out. Bob Dollar, another new comer from Tifton, also looked good in the first running.

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Two Teams Vie For Championship

Don Lewis, Phi Delta Theta end, was responsible for throwing the intramural football race at Mercer into a two way tie as he led his team to a 12-6 win over previously unbeaten Kappa Alpha.

The KAs entered the game in the favorites role with a string of six victories and no defeats. The two Jones boys, Phil and George, sparked the backfield attack along with Jesse Duckworth to take the encounter.

Lewis was on the receiving end of the final touchdown to ice the game and it was also Lewis who carried the ball over for the first tally.

Kappa Alpha, and either Phi Delta Theta or Kappa Sigma are still in the top running. The Phi Delt-Kappa Sigma game was protested and it was decided that Phi Delta would have a chance to win the game. Sigs won the game by a score of 13-12 on the penetration but the Phi Delta Thetas have a protest before the intramural council.

Coach Claude Smith, head of the intramural department said that the league would wind up all activities this week except for a possible play-off.

Smith also announced that plans for the 1950 volleyball tournament and the intramural team tennis tournament were underway. Phi Delta Theta defeated Sigma Nu in the play-offs for the volleyball crown last season while Kappa Alpha edged out the Nus for the tennis crown.

DRAFT-DODGING

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pardon a long-range prediction? I would call the 1960's, in advance (it must be in advance): "The Silent, Silent Sixties."

A popular shibboleth after the first world war was the designation, "The Lost Generation." Not desiring to fall below the level of its popularity, we fall back on it for the germ of our title; perhaps ours should be called "The Last Generation."

You see, we who have matured since the last phase of the war have grown up with a shadow over our consciousness, a shadow unthought-of by those already matured. It is, of course, the shadow of dread of the atomic missile. Those who formed their life-outlook with a background of the world as a continuing phenomenon, cannot quite understand the difference this shadow will make in our world-outlook. Perhaps we are tremendously naive and romantic, but we tend to place an emphasis on life just for the sake of living. If we can once become assured that we shall continue to exist, then perhaps we will find time for such things as ideals and values.

Even the power to protest has been crushed out of us. We merely accept war as a necessary accompaniment to existence, and march dumbly to slaughter.

But it is not for our planet that I grieve. For our six thousand years of recorded selfishness, perhaps we deserve destruction. But who knows, in our atomic blundering, how we may gum up the universe? Who knows what far-reaching effects the blowing-up of our planet may bring about? Perhaps the reverberations of our ignorance may reach out and destroy some sweet planet that deserves to live. For that we should not be forgiven. Perhaps, then, they have peace. Perhaps there too there was a Christ; and perhaps they listened to His—there.



DOT HAMILTON



JERRY CONNER

Jerry Conner, Harlem, and Dot Hamilton, Cordele, have been chosen the outstanding students of the week by the Cluster.

Jerry is a member of the Student Activities Council of Student Government and is junior judge of the Walter F. George School of Law. He is also a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the Debating team, Tau Kappa Alpha and Blue Key. Conner is also president of Alpha Tau Omega and past treasurer of ATO.

Dot is secretary and treasurer of the student body and is a member of Mercer Players. She is also a member of Y.W.A. and W.A.A. Hamilton is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Both have shown interest in all campus activities. Jerry is one of those in charge of bringing Gladys Swarthout to Mercer, and Dot has taken a great interest in the affairs of student government.

Intramural Council voted to have a play-off between Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta. The protest of Phi Delta Theta was accepted.

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