

# IN THE Bear's Den

... with Bob Banner

If you want to hear a good description of how Kappa Sigma won the 1950 football championship, Claude Smith, Intramural department head, is the man to do the vocalizing. After the Sigs defeated Kappa Alpha to eliminate the KAs from a possible play-off, only two teams were left—Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta.

The Sigs and Phi Delta Theta tangled earlier in the season but a large dispute arose out of the game and protests were placed in the intramural department. The two teams reached a deadlocked 12-12 score at the end of the regular game. Since no ties can be granted in intramural play, a penetration play-off was had. Each team was given the ball on the mid-field stripe and was given four downs apiece.

The Sigs took the first chance at the win but the tight and shifty defense of the Phi Deltas sent them back three yards behind the line of scrimmage as the four downs came to a halt. Then the Phi Deltas took their turn and had three yards in their favor. The first two downs proved useless as the Sigs held them at bay. On the third down, the Sigs broke through and blocked a pass. The officials handling the game misinterpreted the ruling and placed the ball where it struck the ground.

That put the Phi Deltas eight yards back. On the last play, the Phi Deltas were unable to gain as a pass attempt failed. Then bedlam broke loose!

A passerby would have thought a free-for-all was going on but no blows were attempted. Instead it was just two teams milled around Claude Smith with everyone speaking at once. Since nothing could be settled with the confusion they had, Smith took two representatives from the teams involved and the official to his office. There Phi Delta Theta placed their protest. Their protest was that the ball should have been brought back to the line of scrimmage after the blocked pass.

After a couple of intramural board meetings were held, Phi Theta was granted the protest and the two teams had to resume play at the point of the protest. That meant that it would be hird down and still at the line of scrimmage with Phi Delta in possession.

Last Tuesday the two teams dressed out for the "two game" affair. Around 300 students and spectators thronged the sidelines to witness the two rivals beat heads once more for the championship. The winner of that play-off was to have been crowned champ. Phi Delta was easily established in the favorites' role since they had at least three yards to lose and still clinch the trophy. With simple quarterbacking, the team with the odds could have held their own.

On the first play, a whole host of Sig linemen pushed the Phi Delt forward wall back and tagged the runner four yards back. This put the Sigs to a one yard advantage. Then on the final play which rang down the curtain on the 1950 football tournament, the Phi Deltas missed their last chance as one of their ends dropped a pass which would have given them the needed yardage.

"It was just like a funeral around here for a few minutes," stated Smith. "Even out there in the open you could have heard a pin drop. Never before have I seen this happen", added the intramural director who was walking in a daze for about thirty minutes after the contest. It seems as though the Phi Deltas were so mad and disgusted with themselves that they couldn't speak and the Sigs were so stunned that they were not able to utter a word for a little while and then you can imagine what happened!!

Everyone who has been following college football this year, realized that this year (1950) is really the year for upsets. Like their big brothers, high schools have been following in the same order. The intramural program at Mercer was about to slip away without a major upset but that couldn't happen, isn't this still 1950? But ole Mr. Upset let us worry for a long while and waited until the last two plays of the season before hitting pay dirt... and did he hit it.

## Cross Country Team Wins

Coach Jim Cowan's cross country harriers evened their count last week as they easily ran over the University of Georgia, Division of Atlanta, 18-40 (low score wins) on the local course.

Ebb Kilpatrick, the diminutive sophomore from Atlanta, again was in the leading spotlight but this time he shared it with teammate Julian Leroy. The two crossed the finish line in first place holding hands with a time of 13 minutes and 30 seconds.

Out of the first six places, the Bears captured five. Seab Miller, newcomer to the squad from Hahira, turned in his best time to date as he finished the course in fourth place with a time of 14:33.

Dayton Malone and Bob Shackleford crossed the finish line in fifth and sixth places respectively. Bob Dollar, another Mercer entry, took over the number eight spot while Jimmie Wynn came in 14th.

## ADPi Pledges Fete Sororities

On Friday, October 20, the pledges of the three sororities were the guests of the Alpha Delta Pi pledges.

The Chapter Room was the scene of the occasion. The skit, written by Blanche Coleman, was based on the old Mother Goose tale, Old Mother Hubbard.

Those taking part in it were Shelia Zitnik, Corliss Aaron, Evelyn Butler, Marion Hood, Angelina Sammons, and Joan Foster. Refreshments were served, and songs were sung. From all reports, it was a bang-up affair.

## Sororities Begin Intramural Tennis

The first round of the girls' intramural tennis matches was held October 16.

The Chi Omega's defeated the A.B. Pis, while the M.I.C.A.'s overtook the Phi Mu's. The second round was held shortly afterwards with the Phi Mu's victor over A.D. Pi and the Chi O's over M.I.C.A.

The final round will be held Monday at three o'clock. The A.D. Pi's play the M.I.C.A.'s and the Phi Mu's play the Chi O's to determine the championship winners.

Members of Kappa Sigma winning team are Alton Childs, Bobby Wilder, Punt Walker, John Carter, Gus Pender, Emory Wilson, Lamar Clements, and Don Reeves.

## Kappa Sigma Fraternity Winner Of Intramural Football Trophy

Kappa Sigma again was crowned Intramural football champions last week as they defeated Phi Delta Theta in a play-off tilt 1-0. It was the second year in a row for the Sigs to win the trophy.

The Sigs only had one defeat on their 1950 record and that was put there by the Ministers. The champs possessed a large, experienced team and were the favorites before the tournament began, but

as the other teams improved, the odds changed. In many of the prognosticators' eyes, Phi Delta Theta was given top consideration especially after the protested game with the Sigs.

Sparking the championship squad were Lamar Clements, Don Reeves, Gus Pender, Punt Walker, Bobby Wilder, Nat Webb, John Carter, Buster Bell, Joe Lister, Alton Childs, Bill Davis, and others.

## Intramural Tennis Competition Starts

Mercer University's intramural tennis tournament opened Tuesday afternoon with ATO and Phi Delta Theta emerging as victors. ATO defeated Kappa Sigma, 3 to 1 while the Phi Deltas won by forfeit from the MIMA.

Wednesday afternoon found the Kappa Alphas, last year's champions, and Sigma Nus, the 1949 runnersup in the victory seat. The K.A.'s defeated a strong Minister team 3 to 1. The Sigma Nu's displaying a strong bid to unseat the K.A.'s this season rolled over Sigma Alpha Epsilon 4 to 0.

The tournament is the double elimination type and each team consists of 2 double and 3 single entires. Contests will be run off each week day excepting Friday and will begin at 3:00.

There is a rotating trophy to be awarded the champion sponsored by the Intramural Council. All teams will be out to stop Kappa Alpha because they have won the championship for the last two years.

The trophy becomes permanent property of the team winning three times straight.

## Mercer Players Meet

The Mercer Players held their third meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 17, at 10 a.m. in the Green Room of the Chapel, with Vice President John Meeks presiding.

Members discussed their forthcoming play and heard a description and explanation of parts by Miss Pat Peteler, who will direct the fall show.

The Players' fall production, "Dear Brutus," a comedy fantasy by James Barrie, will be presented in the Mercer Chapel on November 16 and 17.

## FBLA To Meet Monday

Future Business Leaders of America will hold a meeting Monday night in the Economics Building.

Reports from the state fall planning workshop will be given and plans for attending the college meeting in Milledgeville will be made.

A new president will be elected at this time.

## Eason Named Officer by Seniors

Ronald Eason of Macon was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Senior Class Monday, to fill the vacancy left by June Small-

ey who resigned. Lamar Clements is President and Bob Reeder is Vice-President.



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