

Bear Tracks

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Cowan is Mercer's Loss; Nymicz, Bear's Gain

It looks like ole "Toby" may predict another bright season of sports for the Mercer Bears as soon as he meets the new coach for the Bears, Dan Nymicz from the University of North Carolina.

All Mercer sports fans may discard their "weeping" towels over the loss of Coach Cowan and look forward to a great basketball team this season under Coach Nymicz.

Coach Nymicz is very capable of taking over the reins of Coach Cowan, having starred in basketball and golf during his student days at North Carolina and coached the University's freshman basketball team.

It was, however, a regret of Mercer at the loss of Coach Jim "Footsie" Cowan to the Navy this summer.

Most of the people and athletes who have known Coach Cowan will agree with me when I say that he was as great a personality as he was a coach.

He had the ability of developing the least into the best, making star players and trackmen out of mediocre performers.



JIM COWAN

Under his coaching the Bear basketball team won the Dixie Conference crown last year and was runner-up for that position the two previous years.

In '48 Coach Cowan's cindermen captured Mercer's first Dixie Conference championship and was runner-up also for the following two years.

Coach "Footsie" was definitely responsible for placing Mercer University high among the ranks of sports among the small colleges and universities of the South.

I feel that Coach Nymicz, upon meeting him and seeing his determination and ability, is the answer to Mercer's needs and will be able to carry the Bear's accomplishments much further. At least we as students can give him much of the backing that he needs.

Cross Country Begins Practice

The Bear harriers have already begun their Fall training in getting ready for another fine season. Last year the Harriers, led by Co-captains Ebb Kilpatrick and Julian LeRoy won two meets while being defeated once.

Kilpatrick and LeRoy are the only returning lettermen but the prospects out this year are looking great. Alvin Shackelford, from last year's team, and Nick Strickland, state Class B half-mile champion from Fort Valley, will give the harriers much support along with the others that have reported.

Basketball Practice Starts Monday

Coach Nymicz has announced that the Bears will begin basketball practice Monday.

Emory Wilson, Fort Valley, is captain of this year's hardwood team and returning along with Wilson are lettermen Glenn Cassell, Bill Harris, Richard Reid, Bert Swartz, and Bobby Wilder, and possibly Bob Murdock, former star and graduate student.

Lost from the fold by graduation are Lamar Clements, sensational center and captain of last year's quintet, Bob Reeder, and Maynard Reynolds.

Bears Capture Third Place in AAU; LeRoy, Kilpatrick Set New Records

Bob Reeder, Julian LeRoy, and Ebb Kilpatrick represented the Mercer cindermen in the first annual Georgia AAU meet held at Georgia Tech June 2.

The Bears copped third place with 14 points while Georgia Tech won first place followed by the University of Georgia in second position.

"Lefty" Reeder captured the high jump event with 6 feet, 1 1/2 inches while grabbing third place in both the broad jump and the 440 high hurdles.

In the half-mile, Julian LeRoy was defeated for first place by Tennessee's SEC champion, Frank Albertson, who covered the distance in 1 minute, 56.7 seconds. LeRoy, however, set a new Mercer record for that event with a time

of 1 minute, 59.5 seconds. The former record was 2:00.1 minutes.

Ebb Kilpatrick showed great form in coming in third in the two-mile behind Tech's Red Smith and a Camp Gordon runner. Kilpatrick also set a new Mercer record in that event of 10 minutes, 23 seconds which broke the old record held by Aubert Kinsaul of 10 minutes, 35 seconds.

BYRD PINNED AS KA MOTHER

Miss Corrine Byrd was pinned as the mother of Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order last week by Emory Clay, president.

Members of the fraternity serenaded her and sang the sweetheart song after she was pinned.



DAN NYMICZ is the new basketball and track Coach at Mercer this year. He succeeds "Footsie" Cowan who was called back into the Navy. He holds the M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina where he was voted the most outstanding athlete. In left photo he poses with his attractive wife. At right Nymicz is shown with Emory Wilson, basketball team captain, and Ebb Kilpatrick, outstanding cross country man and miler.



Kappa Sigma Vies With Ministers Monday in Football Lid Opener

Eleven Combines Enter Intramurals

Eleven intramural football teams embark Monday on ten-game schedules in quest of the coveted championship trophy.

Representatives of the teams met with Intra-mural Director Claude Smith to discuss the rules and regulations for the 1951 season last Monday, and they decided to inaugurate the season with three games Oct. 31.

After that date there will be three games each day, with official game time listed as 3 o'clock.

The schedule will necessitate the playing of 55 games, and will require 19 full playing days for completion. Contests will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with no tilts slated on Friday.

Two officials will call each game, and will report the results to the Intramural office at the completion of the game.

Teams who are entered in the league are the Ministers, MIMA, Non-Frats, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Phi, Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Sigma, and Alpha Tau Omega.

Kappa Sigma is the defending champion.

Riley Visits Blue Key Chapter

Members of the Mercer chapter of Blue Key honorary fraternity were visited last week by Major B. C. Riley who founded Blue Key at the University of Florida.

A called meeting of Blue Key was held and Major Riley outlined the purpose of the organization and helped the group formulate plans for the coming year.

TIMMERMAN SPEAKS TO LIFE SERVICE BAND

Miss Marlene Timmerman was speaker last night at the first regular meeting of Life Service Band held upstairs in the Tattnell Square Baptist Church.

The Band meets every Thursday evening at 9:30 and seeks to bring together those students who have a desire to put Christ first in their life's vocation.

Harold Withers, president, invites all interested students to attend the meetings of the organization.

Defending champion Kappa Sigma begins defense of its intramural football crown Monday as they encounter the Ministers at 3 p.m. on field two.

The Sigs will attempt to hit with pin-point passing, while the Ministers will rely heavily on team speed. Winder Whiz Billy White leads the passing prospects for the Sigs. Meanwhile Julian LeRoy and Bill Moss pace the swift Ministers.

In other first round play, the Pi Kappa Phis will attempt to knock off an unusually strong MIMA, and the Lambda Chis duel with SAE.

Tuesday the Non-Frats make their debut against ATO, Phi Delta Theta grapples Sigma Nu, and the Kappa Sigs return to meet Pi Kappa Phi.

The Non-Frats meet second round foe SAE Wednesday. George Jones-led Phi Delta Theta lock horns with ATO, and Lambda Chi stares at the Ministers across the scrimmage line on that day, also.

A potent Kappa Alpha trots out their seven to do battle with Sigma Nu in a week-closing fray Thursday. Pi Kappa Phi versus Lambda Chi and MIMA at Kappa Sig will help to write fins to the first week's play that day.

KA Rush Party Set Tonight at 7

The Kappa Alpha Fall rush party will be held at the Ingle-side Community Club at 7:00 tonight.

Rushes, brothers, and their dates will be carried back to a bygone age as the theme of the party will be "Gay Nineties". Both decorations and the program will be along this era.

Val Sherridan will act as master of ceremonies for the party.

Several groups will sing including the Wesleyan Quartet, the Kappa Alpha Quartet. Those girls to sing in the Wesleyan Quartet are Mickey Terrell, Susan Bunn, T. A. Chapman, and Aucia Hutchinson; the Kappa Alpha Quartet is composed of Shelton Harp, Herrell Miller, Julian Turner, and Al Phillips.

A group of girls from Wesleyan will do a "Can-Can" number; girls in the chorus line will include Martha Davis, Ann McMasters, Madge Hill, Betty Wade, Cathy Parsons, and Jeanine Hinson.

Former Knight Commander Elliot Dunwoody, Jr., and Mrs. Elliot Dunwoody Jr. will perform

on the program. Songs by Barbara Daxley and Bill Woodward will complete the entertainment.

"Red" Roberts is general chairman for the party. James Fuller is chairman of the decorating committee; while Hunter Johnson is in charge of the entertainment.

Other committee chairmen who worked on the party are Jack Cowart, Joe Lasseter, Billy Crisp, Julian Turner, Andy Anderson, Mervin Hughes, Jack Beck, Fred Hattrich, and Billy Godwin.

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