

Toby's Topics

By Duane Akin

Athletics give way now to the dreaded final examinations. Inter-collegiate competition is over for the season, and Intra-murals are nearing a finish. Come to think of it, the entire school year is coming to a finish. Come to think of something else, I as well as you are wishing this column were finished. I need to put all the time possible on my studies. . . . (hope my professors read this page) but this editor is really a Simon Legree.

All intra-murals were postponed Tuesday due to the blood drive. Records through the first of the week are printed elsewhere on this page. Speaking of the blood drive, the response was very good this year. Our 204 pints contributed from a student body numbering approximately one thousand stands up pretty good with the 275 pints donated from the University of Georgia with 5,000 students.

Congratulations to Coach Nymez on being selected for membership in Blue Key. I think he has proven his worthiness of this honor in his days here on the campus.

Lettermen of the track squad elected next year's captain and most valuable player of this season in a post season meeting last week.

Buddy Ridley was elected to head the '54 cinder squad and Flip Jones was elected MVP.

A student poll is slated for next Wednesday in co-op for election of outstanding athlete of the 1952-'53 season. So be thinking about the candidates, and be ready to cast a vote for your choice.

I'm hoping for a complete listing of lettermen in all varsity sports before the Cluster goes out of business for the year. Several freshmen have made exceptional showings in their initial college careers, and they deserve all the credit possible.

Due to an appeal on the part of several students concerning a more campus centered page of sports, I'd like to solicit any contributions in the way of sports news for the paper. We have no way of getting a complete and accurate picture of the campus sports unless some students offer their aid, written or verbal.

Some of the students have appeared interested in the results of some of the faculty tennis matches. How about it, Pros?

Several of the big bruisers on the campus were forced to humiliation as they succumbed after blood donations Tuesday. Well, the weaker sex was around to help them!

North Georgia Cadets Take Two Games from Bears on Saturday



The 1952-53 Bruin Baseball Club with their coach Claude Smith and manager Dan Cline.

Bruins Victors In Single Tilt

Mercer University's baseball team ended the 1952-53 season with two defeats in a doubleheader played Saturday afternoon May 16.

The Cadets from North Georgia overpowered the Bruins 5-4, and 8-5 in the season's closers.

Hoffich took the defeat of the first game as North Georgia collected five hits and pushed them around to tally their five runs during the first seven frames.

Although the Bears collected a total of eight hits during the game, they could not seem to push the men around as the breaks came at the wrong time.

Bobby Brown, freshman, took the batting honors for the day in the first frame, belting a home run and a single in the four trips to the plate. Powers also connected for two singles in four trips for a smooth .500 average in the first game.

In the second game of the day, the Cadets overpowered freshman Richard Draper, netting eight runs on five hits while the Bruins could not muster but four for five runs.

Another freshman, Don Banks relieved Draper after 5 and 1 3 innings, and finished the seven frame game.

Winning pitchers were Bird, in the first game, while Potter and Bullard took the last with Potter taking credit for the win.

Saturday's games ended a four game series with the North Georgians the cadets taking three of the four games.

The North Georgia diamonders took the first from the Bruins April 9, by a 10-5 margin.

These games not only mark the seasons close, but it officially takes the Dixie Conference Crown from the Bears and probably hands it to a high-flying Florida Southern team, while at last reports had not lost a Conference game this season.

The Bruins won one Conference game and lost four this season.

Coach Claude Smith in summing up the seasons play said that if he had known the qualifications of freshman hurlers Don Banks and Richard Draper earlier in the season and given them more experience, the Bruins would have been in better shape in the worst lost column.

Coach Smith stated that the returning lettermen did not show as well as he had anticipated, but that the freshmen had come through much better than he had previously expected.

Of twelve lettermen, six of these were freshmen, which Smith believes will help him field a winning team come next season.

The Bruins lose only one man, that is mainstay Don Lewis, veteran right-hander for the Mercers, who has come through with wins many times when the Bruins needed it most.

This ends varsity competition for this year, we anticipate winning clubs in all major sports next year.

REG MURPHY Scared, Quits, K O??

A faintly audible gasp came out and began to explore the inner sanctum of Mercer University's heart and soul—the Co-op.

Then it grew louder, as if the building echoed the disappointment, the disgust, the degradation of the Marciano-Walcott farce.

The cluster of people around the TV set had just about gotten their feet propped at the right angle, taken the first sip of coke and settled back to wonder if their bets were safe. The startling ending to the fight could have produced nothing else than the gasp.

That gasp, echoed in 20 million homes around the United States, was the one that signalled the final parting shot in boxing's attempt to stay alive. Boxing rolled over and began its final few moments of life.

One student had just dragged a chair from under my feet when the knockout came. All I saw was a pushing left that swayed Jersey Joe and a right that sprawled him gently on the canvas. Neither were punishing blows. The learned scribes at ringside called the right a "tremendous uppercut." They will never convince 20 million TV viewers their description was accurate.

Then comes the question. Why did Joe Walcott sit this one out? The answer is not clear. Scared? Maybe, but not enough to take a dive. The boxing commission could have held up his beautiful 250 grand—enough to feed the mouths of six brats a long time. Tired? Not yet, for he had just waltzed less time than the standard 3-minute record.

Ready to give up? No. He had fought many times before. He knew he could stay away from Rocky for a few more rounds without getting seriously injured. One wag sitting in the crowd might have had the answer when he said, "Joe just happened to think, one of this kids might be out playing. He didn't know how to contact his wife and find out."

No matter what the answer, Mercer students are convinced of one thing. It would have been more fun escorting the little co-ed up town to the movies. That lasts a couple of hours, and the lighting is darker.

Ministers Stop Phi Delt's in Diamond Clash

In the sole softball game played Wednesday afternoon, the Ministers halted the perfect record of the Phi Delt's in a runaway game played on an extremely wet diamond. The Ministers sloshed and hit to a early 9-0 lead. Johnstone tallied first for the Phi Delt's in the sixth.

Hulsey retaliated with a hard hit homer for the Ministers, as he led off in the bottom of the sixth. Jones started for the Phi Delt's, and was relieved in the second by Avrett. Moss hurled for the Ministers.

The preachers pushed a final run across in the fateful inning on a wild throw and thereby set the final score of 11-1.

The standings to date: Phi Delt's 6-1; ATO 5-2; MIMA 4-1; Ministers 4-2; Kappa Alpha 4-3; Kappa Sig 3-3; Sigma Nu 3-5; SAE 3-5; Lambda Chi 2-5; and Pi Kap 0-6. These were the results as tabulated at the end of the single game staged Wednesday.

All students are urged to vote for the Most Outstanding Athlete Monday in the Co-op. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

MICA, Chi O's Vie for Title

Mercers Independent Coed Association and Chi Omega will vie Tuesday for the girls' softball championship at 3:00 p.m. on the athletic field in front of Porter Stadium.

Chi Omega took the MICA team last week by a score of 12-9, but the two teams are still tied for first place in the last games of the season.

MICA took the first game of the two encounters these teams have had this season, therefore, the teams have one each as they vie for the tourney championship Tuesday.

The Independents defeated Alpha Delta Pi in the last scheduled game of season play by a sizable 16-3 margin.

Thus Chi Omega and MICA remain tied and things look "even steven" since each has defeated the other by a three run margin. The Championship game should prove to be a fight to the finish.

These same two organizations also tied in the basketball tourney and a playoff game was necessary.

Final season standings are:

	Won	Lost
Chi Omega	5	1
MICA	5	1
Alpha Delta Pi	1	5
Phi Mu	1	5

Tennis Tourney Set Next Week

The final chapter in the individual tennis story was in the process of being written at the first of the week as an arbitrary date was sought for the championship match.

Weather permitting, Homer Lassiter was slated to meet Jack Hiers for top honors, and Bob Braswell vies with Elton Johnson for third.

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ATO Undeclared In Horseshoes

After five days of horseshoe competition, one team remains undefeated. Jack Thornton and Bob Braswell, pitching for the ATO's, have fowned all their opponents thus far.

Director Flowers says that all results have not been reported, so complete results were not available. Teams with known standings are as follows: Lambda Chi and Kappa Sigma have each won four and lost one. Sigma Nu has won three and lost two. SAE has forfeited all their contests thus far.

Due to the blood drive, all games slated for Tuesday were postponed, but play resumed Wednesday. According to Flowers, the play has been well worth watching, and anyone desiring to do so will find the horseshoe site just north of the gym. Also, he requests that the teams report the results to him as soon as possible after each game.

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