

BEAR EXISTENCE

By Cliff Hendrix



Now that the student government elections are over, and a new regime is about to usher in another era of peace and prosperity, it might be appropriate at this point to consider a few of the suggestions that have been proposed during the course of this year, by various people, for the purpose of seeing some of those ideas incorporated into the Athletic program for next year.

To begin with, one person has suggested, that if possible, the Mercer cheerleaders be supported financially by appropriations from the Student Activities Budget. This would not only take a little of the load off of the already hardpressed Athletic Department, but would possibly allow the cheerleaders more latitude in their cheerleading endeavors. The Athletic Department, this last basketball season tried the idea of allotting the cheerleaders \$5 for each home game, the money to be used for publicity, decorations and such. But limited funds forced this commendable allotment of cash to be discontinued.

The Student Appropriations Committee might also allow the girls a certain amount of money for traveling. Heretofore, the cheerleaders have had to pay their own expenses for many of the road trips. While it is true that the Athletic Department supplies some financial support when the team plays schools like GTC, which are close to Macon, even this doesn't come through every time and the girls usually always have to pay expenses for long trips.

Last year, some controversy arose over Cheerleaders' uniforms. New ones were needed, but the Athletic Department was unable to provide them. At that time there was a surplus in the SAC budget some of which could have gone to get the Cheerleaders some new outfits. It doesn't seem a bad idea now, even as it didn't then, for the Student Activities budget to appropriate some of its money in the first place to go for outfitting the cheerleaders.

The other items with which this dissertation will deal are both proposed amendments to the Intra Mural constitution. These will be voted on by the IntraMural Student Council later on in the year and will probably go into effect, if passed, next fall.

The first deals with the eligibility of participants. If passed, it will limit the playing time allotted a student in Mercer IM sports to 5 years after his initial entrance to Mercer. The student would be ineligible for further IM competition.

Although graduate students would be thus barred from further IM competition, it doesn't mean that a 5 year limit on IntraMural play is unreasonable.

The other amendment has to do with the IntraMural track meet which is held every spring. It would allow track lettermen at Mercer who are still in school or track lettermen from other schools attending Mercer to participate. Since track is now defunct here, this idea doesn't seem too bad, either, at least until Intercollegiate track is re-instituted at Mercer.

Stetson Takes Best Net Action

Mercer netmen played their best match of the season Saturday as they fell victim to the Stetson Hatters, 6-3. Tommy Johnson, the Bears' only consistent winner with a 3 for 4 record, and Sam Daniel, Bear No. 2 netter, lead the Bears with a singles win each and victory in the No. 1 doubles match.

Daniel went three sets with Hatter Jeff Read, to emerge at the finish on the long end of a 6-8, 6-0, 7-5 tally.

Johnson, playing No. 4 for the Bears won in straight sets from Bill Langer 9-7, 7-5. In the doubles matches, Johnson and Daniel were the only winning Bears again, stopping Stetson's Catlin and Read in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

The complete results of the match were:

Catlin (S) over Carter 6-1, 6-1.
Daniel (M) over Read 6-8, 6-0.
Kendall (S) over Hinson 6-1, 6-2.

7-5.
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Johnson (M) over Langer 9-7, 7-5.
Tucker (S) over Garwood 6-0, 6-1.

Russell (S) over Thompson 6-8, 6-4, 6-2.

Daniels and Johnson (M) over Catlin and Read (6-4, 6-3).

Kendall and Tucker (S) over Garwood and Hinson 6-1, 6-4.

Russell and Read (S) over Kenney and Maxwell 6-3, 6-1.

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