

As springtime rolls around, many students anxiously await trips to Myrtle, sunbathing behind the dorms, more softball contests between the freaks and straights and divoting up the pitch and putt course. At the same time the spring jocks (track, golf, tennis, and baseball) are hurriedly preparing for their season openers.

The traditional lack of enthusiasm for track no longer exists. Twenty men including nine returning lettermen have met Coach Kinne's call for Munich 1972. Finally the squad is large enough that one guy won't be forced to compete in four or five events. Now he can concentrate on his specialty. Kinne described them as "very dedicated and hard-working."

The Knights should be strong in the running events. Field events will probably be their weakness, especially the high jump, javelin and pole vault.

Six men are now hampered by injuries although Kinne feels they'll be ready for the opener against ACC on March 19. This is the ONLY home meet.

Next we come to the flashy dressing, easy-going half of the country club set--who possess one of the school's winningest records at 113-39-1. Rufus Hackney and Dr. Morgan return as coaches after short layoffs. Hackney coached SA to an 18-2 season and a DIAC title in 1967 while Morgan did an equally creditable job in his three year stint (1964-66) by finishing first twice and second once in the conference.

Five returning lettermen including Mac Jones, #2 in 1970, head the list of sixteen men now trying out. The other lettermen are Toby Vosburg, Jim Harwood, Chris Johnson and Craig Hannas. The remaining men are Rob Mabon Dave Ralph, Paul Sturgill, John Givens, Jim Barrick, Banks Garrison, Chris Hayes, Marsh Ortenburger, John Daniels and Pete Jones.

A schedule of twenty-two matches and two tournaments is highlighted by two matches against Campbell, defending NAIA national champions, NC Wesleyan and Lynchburg should be our toughest DIAC foes. Newcomers to the schedule include Hampden-Sydney, Western Connecticut, Madison, Trenton State and Belmont Abbey.

Qualifying matches are being held tomorrow through Sunday. The linksters open March 25 when they host Lynchburg, Greensboro and Methodist.

It will be a rebuilding year for Bob Chaiken's tennis team, the other half of the country club set. Four returning let-

## Lope's Line

termen-sophomore Davis Miller, senior Chuck Hardesty, and the Robinson brothers, senior Dan and sophomore Richie--and three promising freshmen--William Mitchell, Steve Barber and John Van Den Hyevel--make up the squad.

The Knights should do well in defense of their conference crown they share with Lynchburg. The Hornets and Methodist should be SA's stiffest DIAC competition.

The rackateers' schedule consists of sixteen matches and three tournaments. Chaiken has decided to schedule more conference opponents in the future as non-conference scholarship foes have become too strong. New additions to the schedule are Tennessee Tech, Virginia Wesleyan and Christopher Newport.

SA will compete in the Campbell Tournament tomorrow and Saturday. On March 16, the Knights host perennial powerhouse ACC, District 29 representatives in the 1970 nationals.

Pitching is the key to success for this year's baseball team as they tackle a demanding 27 games schedule--toughest in the school's history. Four games in the first six days of the season against the likes of Campbell, Pfeiffer (twice) and ACC is a rough start. SA hosts Duke on March 29 for all you Blue Devil migrants.

A mere four men make up the hurling staff. They are seniors Steve "gopher ball" Litchford and Mark Kleber, sophomore Riley Erwin and freshman John Bush. Riley "racked" up enough wins as a frosh to win All-Conference Honors.

Ken "Charley Hustle" Mehrling returns to handle the catching chores. The scrappy junior led last year's team in RBI's. He is backed up by stocky freshman Wayne Polston. Wayne is another fine baseball product of BHS.

A well-experienced all senior infield unit is a pleasing note for the pitcher. Glenn "Brooks" Hundermark will hold down third base for the fourth consecutive year. Irv Northam returns to the infield after a year's absence to play first base. Northam led the 1969 team with a .302 average. Wayne Wise (All District Utility Infielder) and Stuart Parrish, at shortstop and second respectively will be the SA double play combo. Freshman Jim Haddix, a reserve second baseman, has looked impressive with his bat and glove.

Experience abounds in the outfield as veterans Litchford,

Erwin, Dave Mills and Mike Eller return. Freshmen John McAllister, Paul Finger and Ron Ralph are reserve outfielders.

The school baseball record of 13 wins will definitely be broken this year. I predict an 18-9 season. For the last time I look forward to the hilarious away trips. For Pete's sake Lynchburg, get that clock fixed in your team room so some of us can get a good night's rest!

## Meck Captures Wrestling Title

The men's intramural standings are as close this year as they ever have been. After Winston-Salem's victory on the Basketball floor they lead in points over Mecklenburg by about 75. Orange is third and Kings Mountain is close behind in four place. Winston-Salem's handball points and Mecklenburg's wrestling points have not been included in the scoring.

The biggest event of this year as far as spectators were concerned was the wrestling tournament. Meck won it easily, but all of the final matches were very close. Calhoun Chappell and Don Cooper won by forfeit in their weight divisions. Ed Anderson beat Bo Pollock at 134; Muscleman Larry Robinson won out in a hard fought battle over less-experienced John Roderick at 144.

In the closest match of the night Jimmy Haddix decided Tom Rose by one point riding time after a 5-5 tie. In the 160 lb. weight division Chris Verr won out over Ken Mehrling. Freshman Rick Judge pinned David Dufek in a comical, unexpected match which was followed by Chris Johnson overpowering John Cline in the 190 lb. division. Rick Reynolds wrestled and pinned Peter Schmitt in a finals round on the previous night.

In the final match, "the mashed Bonepicker" or John LaGuardia sparred with Dave (come again) Dufek in a lively fought (?) bout in which a close decision pin by John won.

And that's it for intramurals. If there is anything you can do for spring term, see your dorm manager. They need every point even if it's just for participation.

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