

Soccer Team Faces Slump

By Janie King

The soccer team lost two games last weekend against rivals Lee College and Tennessee Wesleyan College.

Friday night the Cavs traveled to Cleveland, Tennessee to battle Lee but were put down with a score of 7-2. Saturday the team moved on to Athens, Tennessee and were defeated by Tennessee Wesleyan 6-0.

So far the team has lost all of their games this season. Returning player Phil Parker, like many of the team, is very disappointed with the recent losses.

He stated, "We have a good team, but we lack depth." He continued, "Part of the reason we lost these last two games was because we were so tired from playing back to back Friday and Saturday. We lack endurance."

Freshmen player Ben Foster agreed, "We have good, solid players, but not enough of them. We get beaten in the

second half of most of our games because our best players are so tired. They are kept in most of the game and can not stand up to the fresh second string of the other teams."

The team continues to prepare for the two home games next week. Tomorrow they will play Bluefield College from Bluefield, Virginia at 2 p.m. Next Wednesday they face Milligan College at 4 p.m.

Sophomore teammate David Jarema exclaimed, "The teams we are facing this week are tough, but then again, all the teams we have faced so far have been pretty tough. I believe we keep growing stronger with each game."

Coach Schutt is a good coach and has been working on some fundamentals with us this past week in practice to get us ready for the next few games and especially Homecoming."

Jarema continued, "I think that the fact the next few games are at home will really help the morale of the team."

Dill and Willcox Unite for Intramurals

By Phil Parker

This year, intramurals are being headed up by a student coordinator, Amy Dill. Dill, along with Cary Willcox, are working together to make intramurals better for students and to increase involvement.

As of now, teams for intramurals are set up by brother-sister dorms like they were during last semester's M-AC games.

With the brother-sister set up for teams, RA's of all the dorms have been choosing captains for their respective teams.

Dill shared, "All the captains have not yet been chosen but should be soon."

Captains are chosen strictly on a volunteer basis and anyone interested should express interest to their R.A.

Recent cancellations and changed dates with the water volleyball competitions have confused students.

Dill says, "If people don't show up for water volleyball, then it will be cancelled."

The times and the list of the brother-sister teams are posted in various places around the around campus.

During the last two weeks of September, there will be tennis tournaments. Sign up posters will be available. Dill encouraged students to participate in this semester's intramurals.

Dill added, "This is more individual than with actual teams, but in October we will have flag football that will have the same dorm pairing as with the MAC games and water volleyball."

Lady Cavaliers V-ball Team Spikes Out with Two Losses

By Aron Gabriel

The volleyball team continued their season with three games in five days, suffering two losses and enjoying one victory.

On Friday, the Lees-McRae Bobcats (NCAA II) invaded Montreat, looking to feast on fresh Cavalier meat. However, they were turned back in four games.

The first game ended with the Cavs winning 15-6. The Cavs continued their rampage in the second game by slamming the Bobcats 15-3.

Though the Bobcats took Game three, 17-15; the Cavs stormed back for a 15-10 victory in game four.

Gail Collingsworth led the Cavs with 11 kills while Stephanie Cone followed up with 9 kills. Sabrina Rogers was the leading digger with 8 digs.

On Saturday evening, Carson Newman (NCAA II) came to McAllister with victory on their mind. The Cavs had a tough battle with the powerhouse Carson Newman team.

In the first game, Carson Newman downed the Cavs by a whopping margin of 15-2. In the second game, M-AC played better, but still fell 15-13.

In the third game, it was Montreat's turn. The Cavs spanked the opposition 15-

8. In the fourth game, the Cavs battled close, but fell 15-12.

Upon completion of the contest, sophomore Stephanie Cone commented, "I'm upset that we lost the match."

Adding to Cone's sentiment, viewer Shane Hatcher inserted a note of poetic justice by saying, "Despite a slick floor, a few bad calls, and a slow start, our girls showed a lot of hustle and a lot of heart."

The leading murderer for the Cavs was Gail Collingsworth with 10 kills and 7 solo blocks.

Stephanie Cone had 9 kills while Jenny Douthit had 8 kills and 7 digs. Sabrina

Rogers served up 2 aces and Christ Waddell had 9 digs.

On Tuesday, TVAC foe Tusculum Pioneers tackled the Cavs, scorching out a 15-4 victory.

In the second game, the Pioneers took advantage of the reeling Cavs by trouncing them 15-2.

In what proved to be the final game, the Cavs fought hard but the experienced Pioneers pulled away to a 15-8 victory.

In the defense of the Cavaliers, Coach Darin Chaplain stated, "When they [Tusculum] play like that, we can't do anything with them...yet."

Letters From Grateful Parents...

Anderson's Father and Sarvis' Mother Share

To the M-AC Community:

I offer three prayers. I thank God for the safe deliverance of Sean and Moffitte from their ordeal. Second, I pray that each of you, when you become parents, are spared from the agony that accompanies waiting for the news of a child who is in real danger. My third is that if it is your time to face such a test, I pray that you are surrounded and supported by people like the M-AC community that I met this week.

When I arrived at M-AC, I expected chaos and confusion that might match my own state of mind and found instead optimism, faith and an energy that lifted me up and sustained me.

Thank you for your prayers, your all night camp outs, your hikes through the back country, and the things you did that will always be remembered.

First, I want to express our family's gratitude to Jay Guffey, who cared enough to discover that there was a crisis in the first place. Also thanks to Brad Daniel, Charlie Lance, Ben Fortson, President Hurt and all others who put everything aside until they were safe.

Ed Bonner took me under his personal wing and made a difference

And then, there were students. Names were never a strong suit for me, so please accept that when I single out one of you for thanks, I am at the same time thanking all of you.

First, thank you Elizabeth! My soul was in the lost and found by about 5pm Monday as night was approaching and we had no clues. You bounded off a truck with a smile that would melt the polar cap and told me that we were going to find them, even if it took all night. My heart responded "Yeah right" and I rose up again.

Next, thank you Randy. We met Monday night in the cafeteria, and again on the trail Tuesday. I have almost 30

years on you, but in that situation you were a leader, and willingly gave of your expertise in the woods to our whole team.

Thank you Misty. Prior to Monday, I would have called you quiet or shy. I was blown away by the strength and charisma that you showed in getting everyone organized, together, and moved out. I truly believe that you will do great things in your life.

M-AC is truly a special place. Praise the Lord!

John Anderson

To the M-AC Family:

Words are truly inadequate to express to each of you the love and profound gratitude our family has for you for the monumental effort put forth in our behalf and in the behalf of our daughter, Moffitte.

You have melted our hearts with your love and kindness. Seeing you shoulder to shoulder, working day and night, each playing a special role by using your unique blend of talents and abilities, exemplified the body of Christ as it was designed by God to function.

The love, support, prayers and encouraging words from all of you have surrounded us and lifted us up, carrying us through this amazing experience and forever changing our hearts in the process.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless you and return to you a hundred fold for each caring word and deed expended to us.

May you always know His presence and keep fresh within your spirits the awesome fact that we live, move and have our being right in the hollow of His hand. And as we have experienced this week, nothing can ever separate us from the love of God.

We love you and bless you in the name of Christ our Savior,

The Sarvis Family

Music Program Sounds New Notes

By Chris Howard

The music program gained new energy this fall with the faculty addition of Mark Johnson.

Johnson is the new director of the concert choir as well as instructor to Introduction to Music and voice.

"From the outset of my contact with the administration here, God made it clear just through circumstances and through the impressions that I received and my wife received, that this is where He wanted us to be," stated the Houston native.

His short term goal for the music program is to "let everyone in."

Because of the lack of a music major, the program depends on the support from mere student participation.

Johnson is also working on possible classes for next semester. He hopes to add voice and piano classes involving small groups. He felt it would be more comfortable for students and less intimidating than one-on-one lessons.

His other current duties include working with Dr. Rich Gray on updating the minor in music program. He is preparing a brochure about the music program specifically for prospective students interested in pursuing a music degree.

The concert choir is currently working hard on pieces of music which they will present this year in chapel and in local churches. "It gets the college name known in the community," remarked Johnson.

Inspiring students to look more closely at music, Johnson takes students on an exploration of the heritage of classical and contemporary Christian music. This serves to also practice choir leadership for those planning to serve in that field.

"My vision includes a concert choir that is larger, stronger, more active, and a select group of singers from within the concert choir that concentrate on the more classical style of music", commented Johnson.

He hopes to restart the traveling "Celebration" next year and eventually help the college offer a music major in voice or

piano.

Aside from teaching, Johnson is currently working on his Doctorate of Musical Arts and Vocal Performance. He received a minor in Musicology at Louisiana State University, his bachelor's at Oral Roberts and did graduate work at Oklahoma City University. All his degrees specialize in vocal performance.

His career has included soloist roles with orchestras and symphonies, directing positions in church music, and a teaching position at a Christian college in Louisiana.

Several things about Montreat appeal to Johnson, namely the people around the college and the climate.

"The people are wonderful. Everybody's just wonderful" exclaimed Johnson.

While he works towards offering a music major and an expanded music program, Johnson stated that his most basic desire is "that God would continue to send us quality students."

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