

HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT STARTS FEB. 25

FROM THE LIONS CAGE

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RAH RAH, RAH! When we think of cheering we immediately think of our team, but let us reverse the conventional method here a bit and do a little cheering for the spectators. To make a long story short, we wish to heartily thank the student body for the fine spirit they showed at the last basketball game when we encountered the Wake Forest Freshmen, and take it from one who knows, our team that was out there fighting for victory appreciated it more than you might think. When any ball club has that wholehearted support from the students they will give you their best and you may lay to that.

It seems a bit early to be talking about baseball, but nevertheless it is here. Any afternoon you may go down to the gym and find Coach Gloom and all his "hope-to-be" baseball players hard at work. Most of the training given now is for the pitchers and catchers, and believe you me, when all those motut-of-practice pitchers begin cutting loose at all those out-of-practice catchers it is time to seek refuge behind the piano or some other safe spot in the gym. Still, instead of mentioning any names, two or three of those pitchers look mighty promising and will, no doubt, make good moundsmen. As for the rest of the team, there is not much to worry about for most of last year's team is back along with some supposedly mighty good ball players. Anyway, here's looking forward to that time when the umpire will open the nineteen-thirty seven baseball season with his first

lusty, "PLAY BALL!"

By the way, why couldn't we have pep meetings for our basketball team as well as the football team? Why is it that only during the football season we get all worked up in a frenzy over our cheering? We select cheer leaders, pass out mimeographed sheets with our yells, and then dress up our cheer leaders and give them megaphones to stand out in front of us to lead, what we call, the organized cheering. But then comes basketball and baseball and all this is dropped like a red hot penny. Of course, it is impossible to have cheer leaders and such at our basketball games but what's to keep us from having pep meetings before the game?

The basketball team just got back from a trip down state as you all know. And to give you some idea as to what cheering means to a team let me tell you of this situation. There we were playing the Carolina Freshmen and the Wake Forest Freshmen with huge crowds of spectators at both places. Who were all these people cheering for? Of course they were cheering for their own teams and who was cheering for our boys? Only yours truly and the five subs were trying to give our team a little encouragement, and against those large crowds we couldn't even hear ourselves yell. So the next time we have a game here won't every body come to the game and applaud our team and let them know that you are with them whether they win or lose?

Baby Deacons Are Victors In 35-29 Battle

Stepping out of their class for the moment the Lions gave a good account of themselves in their showing against the Baby Deacons from Wake Forest the other night. Although the score was more or less decisive we feel safe in saying that the Lions caused the visitors plenty of discomfort. The final score was 36 to 27 in favor of the freshmen. An early second half spurt was responsible for the invaders capturing the contest. Until that time the Lions seemed to be the superior of the two, but the Deacs appeared to awaken in the first few minutes of the second period and as a result bounded into the lead before the game was well under way. The scoring for the Lions was pretty well even with Alexander and Cowan tying for high with 8 each. For the visitors Captain Sweel played a beautiful game from the standpoint of leadership and basket-ringing alike, totaling 10 points, while he was closely trailed by Barnes with 9.

Lineups:
M. H. (29) Pos. W. F. F. (35)
Ray (7) RF (6) Olehs
Chatham (*) LF (9) Barnes
Cowan (8) C (6) Davis
Brantley (4) RG (10) Sweel
Alexander (8) LG (1) Stainback
Subs: Mars Hill: Roberts (1);
W. F. F.: Steves (2); Hausher;
Roberts.

In the preliminary game the "B" team did a neat job of licking the Greenies from Christ School to get revenge for the defeat they suffered at the same hands some weeks ago. The score was 35 to 29. In a fast hard fought game Peek lead in the scoring with 10 points.

Lions Whip Brevard To Tune Of 37-19

The Lions easily defeated their rivals of the evening on the first of February, but found it almost impossible to defeat their own bad ball-handling. The game between the Lions and Brevard College ended with the locals in the lead 37 to 19. During the entire first half both teams seemed frustrated and as a result the basket was seldom rung. As the second half opened the strength of the Lions was evident as they ran up a nice score. Horace Brantly was high scorer of the game with 12 points while Footsie Cowan ran closely behind totaling 10 of the points.

Rogers and Hyatt were outstanding for the visitors, both scoring 6 points.

Lineups:
Mars Hill 37 Pos. Brevard Col. 19
Roberts (2) RF (6) Rogers
Chatham (3) LF (-) Stubbs
Cowan (10) C (4) Heatherly
Brantley (12) RG (6) Hyatt
Alexander (4) LG (2) DeShaw
Subs: Mars Hill: Ray (2);
Quinn; Roderiguez (4); Hough.
Brevard College: Kiger (1);
Cauble; Curtis; Tweed; Speas.

institutions Mars Hill College students are admitted with advanced credit. This lack of preparation in such a basic subject as English is felt in the foreign languages, sciences, history, and even mathematic courses. Without a knowledge of the meaning of words and their use in a sentence, how is it possible to read with intelligence a page from chemistry, biology, history, or even the instructions in an algebra or geometry?

The confidence of the English Department in the ability of the study hall, as one means of aiding

Over Forty Respond To Baseball Call

Prospects Bright For Banner Season: Four Letter Men Return.

Baseball practice officially began Monday, February 1, with a group of about forty candidates reporting for practice. Out of this number only four men, Brantley, Harris, Hurst, and Hanie, received letters for work with the '36 team. Inclement weather has prevented outside work so far, and only pitching and catching practice has been allowed inside. Coach O. E. Roberts declined to comment upon the ability of any candidate for any position. He said, however, "Considering the fact that nearly all of my men are inexperienced, I expect to produce a fair ball club this year." The Lions invade South Carolina to open their playing season at Spartanburg with Textile on April 6. They continue to Columbia on April 7 and 8. The South Carolina jaunt is to be concluded at Charleston where the Lions play Citadel the following two days. Although the schedule is not complete, the team is expected to play several games on the home diamond between April 10 and 20. The team makes another out-of-state excursion on April 21, battling Lincoln University at Harrogate, and continuing to Maryville the 22 and 23. The Tennessee trip will end at Jefferson City where the Lions play Carson-Newman on April 24. Several home games are to be played in the interval before the Robertsmen meet Brevard at Brevard on May 1. From Brevard the team travels down state to meet Davidson and Wingate on the third and fourth. From Wingate the Lions invade Big Four territory, playing Carolina Frosh on the fifth, Wake Forest's Baby Deacons on the sixth, and State Frosh at Raleigh on the seventh. On the homeward route the Lions meet Boiling Springs on the eighth. On May 13 and 15, the local lads play W. C. T. C., at Cullowhee and Brevard here. A home game is scheduled with W. C. T. C. for May 22.

Phantoms Champs; Lick Brown Dorm.

The intramural basketball season ended Wednesday, February 3, when the Phantoms downed the Browns, 28-16. This game was the grand finale to a very successful season. The Phantoms defeated the McCoys on Monday, February 1, and won a place in the play-off opposing Brown for the second half championship. Besides the McCoys, Phantoms, and the Browns, there were twelve teams in the league including the C-I's, Town Team, Blues, Ministers, Dark Horses, Academy, Independents, Melrose, Huff Cottage, Crooks, All-Stars, and the Ramblers. Earl Carroll, Phantom forward, was the outstanding player and high scorer of the season, having averaged 11 points a game.

unprepared pupils for college work, is a source of encouragement to both coaches and director.

SIXTEEN TEAMS PLAY IN TWELFTH TOURNEY

Cream of The Crop to Compete; Sixteen County Winners.

The High School Basketball tournament, starting here February 25 and lasting through Saturday, February 27, is expected to draw a number of high schools from over a large portion of the state.

Schools are to be represented from Madisonville and Newton, down east, to Murphy. Sixteen teams are to represent their schools here. Among these will be twelve county champions. These teams, many of which have performed here previously, are expected to offer some warm competition.

The games will start at 1 o'clock Thursday, February 25. Eight games will be played that day and eight teams will be eliminated. Four games will follow on Friday with two Friday night. The finals will be played off Saturday night between the two undefeated teams. These games have offered thrills and excitement in the past before a packed house and the same is expected this year.

The Sylva Cagers captured the crown last year, but only after nip-and-tuck battles.

A plan has been considered for the arranging of sleeping quarters for the visiting players. It has been suggested that Mars Hill students may be admitted to all games except the final one by keeping visiting players in their rooms. Coach O. E. Roberts asks all men interested to see him and final arrangements will be made.

Campus Paragraphics

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here for the basketball game with the Lions, is reported to have made quite a hit with local coeds. Another laurel for dear old Wake.

BEER

Students in the Wednesday morning English class of J. B. Huff were astounded at the report that Persimmon Beer had once been the beverage served in the Administration building at Faculty meetings. They learned that the venerable chin stokers were avid in their haste for second helpings.

Bass Non President In Recent Election

At their regular meeting on January 28 the Nonpareil Literary Society elected Elizabeth Bass to the presidency. Miss Bass succeeds Betty Elliott who had the unusual distinction of serving two terms as president.

Marion Sprinkle was elected as vice-president. The position of corresponding secretary went to Nina Williams, and that of recording secretary to Mildred Lea Spoon. The other officers are: censor, Bobbie Dee Ford; devotional leader, Evelyn Newman; pianist, Louise Lane; chorister, Helen Ida Kirk; reporter, Ruby Dell Watts.

Carroll Leads Team Of All-Intramurals

The finalists in the intramural basketball league, the Phantoms and Brown Dormitory, shared honors in the all-star team selected by the Hilltop. The all-intramural team was selected on a basis of showings in both the first and second half games. Only two selected on the first two teams failed to play both halves, and all were judged on the basis of showings in games played. The Phantom champions, and Brown, runners-up, both placed four men on the two teams, and the McCoys All-Stars placed one each. The members of the first team: forwards, Michael Zoldivar and Earl Carroll, Phantoms; center, Buck Bradshaw, Phantoms; guards, Durwood Murray and Maurice Morgan, Brown. The second team: forwards, D. Lentine, All-Stars, and Jesse Gore, Brown; center, C. Womble, Brown; guards, G. T. Martin, McCoys, and D. Carter, Phantoms.

Tumblers Plan Circus Present Public Show

The class in tumbling conducted by Coach Roberts has proved successful both from the standpoint of entertainment and social values. The class has only two public appearances, will probably appear again during the high school basketball tournament in the latter part of February. Members of the class are making preparations for the presentation of a circus in the future. Varsity letters are granted for efficiency in these gymnastics as in other types of athletics.

Coaching System Has Number Of Followers

This year the coaching system has been in progress from the opening of college, September 6, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9 o'clock—rooms 4, 5 and 6 of the Administration Building. Monday and Wednesday have, as far as advisable, been reserved for the young ladies and the other two nights for the young men.

In its present form the coaching system is supported by government money. Not only those coached are benefited by this help, but these funds make a college education possible for the coaches and also for those who apply for positions as teachers to say, "I have had experience."

All the students are welcome. Instruction in any subject—present there have been requests for only twelve—may be received. However, there is a growing determination on the part of the coaches not to say in substance nor in practice to the coached, "Open your mouth until I pour it down," but to adhere strictly to the motto of the system, "Do not do for the student what he can do for himself."

This year, in particular, the English Department is sending specially trained coaches to the study hall to help meet a very serious condition that has resulted in the past years from the apparent banishment of formal grammar from the curricula of many high schools and grades. Accordingly, some high school students come to college with a knowledge of English which would not be acceptable to the eighth grade in a state of higher standards, to whose