

Henson Wins Batting Crown with .429 Av.

Jim Henson, C-I shortstop for the Mars Hill nine, possessed a .429 batting average with only two games left in the season. His nearest competitor was Gary Debruhl with a .392 average. Henson had rapped out 24 hits in 56 times at bat. Debruhl had 20 for 51. The team had an almost unbelievable .342 average with 155 hits for 453 tries.

Buddy Gales was leading the team in runs with 21 and was tied with Debruhl in doubles with 7. "Pop" Seel cracked three home runs to lead the team in that department and stood third in batting averages with .385.

"Gentleman Jim" Fortune with a 2-0 record was the leading Lion pitcher as far as statistics were concerned. Bobby Robinson had the most decisions for the year with a 4-2 record. Glen Breland, the Lions' ace, had won 3 while losing 2 and had struck out 26. Perry Lawing had a 1-0 record. The Lions had an overall record of 10 wins against 4 losses with two games remaining.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS					
Po.	Player	Ab	R	H	Ave.
SS	Henson	56	12	25	.429
1B	Debruhl	51	17	20	.392
CF	Seel	52	12	20	.385
LF	Painter	51	12	19	.373
3B	Gales	52	21	18	.346
RF	Ammons	45	9	14	.311
2B	Whetstone	40	12	12	.300
C	Bibb	43	11	12	.279
P	Breland	11	2	2	.181
2B	Long	6	2	1	.166
P	Lawing	12	3	2	.166
P	Robinson	12	1	1	.083
P	Fortune	14	0	1	.072
LF	Jackson	5	4	4	.000
CF	Brogden	3	0	0	.000
2B	Banks	0	0	0	.000

Lee's-McRae Takes Conference Meet

Lees-McRae dominated the field of four in the annual WNJC track meet held on their own grounds May 14, as they earned 89 points to second place Mars Hill's 59 1-2. Versatile trackster Lambert of Lees-McRae tallied 19 points to lead the host squad to a decisive victory. North Greenville and Spartanburg, the other two participants in the meet, garnered 13 and 1½ points respectively.

Mike Miller took first in the broad jump, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and the 220 low hurdles to take 20 points and high laurels for the meet. Old Reliable John Reaves took first in the 880 and 440 once again, setting a record in the 880 with a 2:6.3 time. John finished the season undefeated in the 440 and once beaten in

Lions Stop Brevard Behind Ammons' Bat

Roy Ammons lashed out six hits against the offerings of two Brevard hurlers in a double-header on the Lions' field. Ammons hits included two triples and a homerun. First baseman Gary Debruhl connected for three hits the first game and two more in the second. The Lions continued to show their power with 12 hits in the first contest and 9 in the second. The Mars Hill nine won both games, 12-11 and 10-5 respectively.

The two wins left the Lions with a 10-4 record and only two non-conference games left.

the 880. Earl Kirkland finished second in the high hurdles and fourth in the low hurdles, 100, and 220 to capture six points for the Lions. Gene Wells took second in the two mile and third in the mile for five points.

Gal - Events

By Ann Robinson

The Ivy Chain ceremony under the direction of the Women's Athletic Association will take place on Wednesday evening, May 25 on the slope below McConnell. The C-II's will exchange their caps for chains of ivy from their C-I little sisters. Songs of dedication will be sung by each group before marching off together.

Recognition Day and installation of new officers was held Monday, May 9, in the amphitheatre by the M-Blem Club and W.A.A. Emmett Sams was the speaker for the event. Girls were recognized for being chosen on the varsity teams throughout the year, and individual sports winners were announced. Six girls who received Gold M's for their all-round sportsmanship, personality, and their interest in the sports clubs are Mary Hawkins, Pansy Collins, Carol Guth, Peggy Hartsell, Dot Newman, and Nancy Roberts.

The Faculty Play Day was held May 17 at 5:00 o'clock on the Athletic Field. Softball, volleyball and horseshoes were played. Everybody had a "real" good time!!

Softball play-offs were held last week. Stroup beat Huffman and Spilman beat Edna Moore.

Lucia Holder has been elected president of the M-Blem Club to replace Juanita Horton who will not return next year.

The physical education majors' class planned a camp-out Friday May 13, but due to rain, they had it in the gym. (They even had a camp fire.) The girls put the tumbling mats down and slept on them. They had lots of fun eating, telling ghost stories and sleeping a tiny bit.

The joint W. A. A. Council had a breakfast Thursday morning, May 12, at 6:00 o'clock on the Athletic Field. Around 30 girls found their way down to the field.

Another breakfast is being planned before school ends.

The Lions' Den

by Hugh Wilder

In the fall of 1954 the Mars Hill Lions football eleven compiled a 4-4-1 record for the season. After a slow start, the Lions made a dazzling comeback, winning three of their last four ball games. Their only tie of the campaign was against the conference champions, Lees-McRae. During the year fans saw the magnificent playing of Mike Miller, Jerry Crowe, Jackie Powers, Paul Shaw, Fred Bibb, and Bobby Robinson, just to name a few. The Lions will be packed with experienced men next year and should show a more balanced and powerful squad.

Harris McGirt and Bobby Robinson teamed up during basketball season to lead the Lions through a not too successful season. Robinson tallied 383 points and McGirt scored 370. The Lions finished the campaign with a 7-13 record.

Spring has proved to be a successful time of the year for all three Lion squads. The tennis team finished their season with a record. Two of their losses were to the Furman varsity squad. Harris McGirt took the conference singles championship while Jim Simmons and Bobby Cole teamed up to walk off with the doubles crown. The tournament was a "flop" as Spartanburg was the only team represented to oppose the Lions, even though all the colleges in the conference were invited to participate in the event. Although the Mars Hill tracksters lost the conference meet at Lees-McRae, they still had a fair season. Mike Miller, John Reaves, Gene Wells, Jackie Powers, Earl Kirkland, and Arnold Parker contributed a lot to the season. John Reaves turned out to be the most pleasant surprise of the year as he was not beaten all season in the 440 yard dash and only one time in the 880. He will return next year along with hurdle man Kirkland, who took second place in the high hurdles at the conference meet. It is needless to say that the baseball nine at Mars Hill has had an excellent season. Going into their last two games, the Lions possessed a 10-4 record. Their powerful bats have come to be feared through the mountains of Western North Carolina as the team as a whole is hitting the pellet at a .342 average. A few weeks of cold weather at the first of the baseball year probably cost the Lions the conference championship. With only one week of light practice under their belts, the Lions threw back the curtains for the '55 schedule and lost a double-header to the conference leaders, Gardner-Webb. After those two losses the Mountain Men have won 10 out of their last 12 contests. With the WCJC top spot out of their reach, the Lion nine is looking to next year as their chance to find their "place in the sun."

Bobby Robinson, a three-letterman at Mars Hill College during the current school year, has been elected president of the M-Club for next year. Bobby has excelled in football, as a quarterback, in basketball, as the leading scorer on the Lion five, and in baseball, as the leading southpaw twirler on the MHC nine. Sammy Stillwell, center on the football squad, was elected to serve as vice-president. Tommy Cogdill will serve as secretary and Tommy Fryer as chaplain. Cogdill is a backfield man on the Lion eleven, and Fryer is on the track team and is a lineman on the football squad.

Lack of money has held the athletic facilities of Mars Hill at a minimum, but the school has excellent tennis courts, six to be exact, on its grounds. Tennis has become a very popular sport especially among Mars Hillians. It is a pity that the students do not have access to the courts more than they do. Tennis classes were held during first semester, giving many students an opportunity to play. When second semester rolled around, the boys' classes were cut and now only a very few are in this "tennis class." The courts are occupied from 2:30 in the afternoon until about six. Students can play after six, but darkness is no time for playing tennis!

Lions Finish McGirt Declared Good Season Single's Winner

Coach Don Henderson has been very pleased with the outcome of the 1955 baseball season at Mars Hill. The Lions fielded one of the most powerful hitting teams the conference has seen in many years. With two games remaining, the Lions had an excellent 10-4 record and a team batting average of .349. With only a few games to be played in the conference, the Lions hold second place with an 8-4 record. Their two remaining games were played last Wednesday against Tennessee-Wesleyan.

Jim Henson has been hitting the ball at a .429 clip to lead the MHC nine at the plate. Jim Fortune with a 2-0 record is the number one moundsman with Bobby Robinson and Glenn Breland hot on his trail with 4-2 and 3-2 records respectively.

Spartanburg was the only team represented on the Mars Hill courts to oppose the Lions in the conference tennis tournament on May 11. The Pioneers brought three men to the meet as Mars Hill took both the singles and doubles championships.

Harris McGirt, the Lions' number one man, was crowned singles champion as he defeated the Lions' number three man, Bob Cole. Jim Simmons and Cole teamed up to take the doubles laurel over Scoggins and Greene from Spartanburg.

The outlook for next year already looks bright. The players the Lions will lose this year include "Pop" Seel, Buddy Gales, "Geech" Whetstone, Freddie Bibb, Glenn Breland, and Lloyd Jackson.

Treat Triumphs In Softball Meet

Landers and Treat advanced to the finals in the intramural softball tournament as the season drew to a close. In the double elimination event Landers moved into the finals with a 4-0 tournament record and Treat had a 3-1. Treat's lone defeat was at the hands of Landers 12-11.

Melrose and Treat staged a play-off to see which team would meet Landers in the finals. Jose Arias twirled a neat two-hitter as the Sons of Treat emerged victorious 7-0. Landers tried in vain to capture the championship in their second meeting with Treat, as Arias pitched a threehitter in defeating the previously unbeaten crew 3-0. The final game in the play-off was played earlier this week.

Going into the bottom of the seventh inning, Treat was on the short end of a 6-5 score. Harold Kirby singled to bring in the tying run and Bill Brogden hit a long fly to right field to bring Donnie Tribble home from third with the winning run. Landers moved into the final two games undefeated in tournament play, but met their match in the Sons of Treat. Treat won the final game 7-6 to take the softball championship.



(Photo by F. C. Wood) Mike Miller seems to be breaking the tape in the 100 yard dash against Lees-McRae, but in this race he took second. Earl Kirkland, in the far right took third place for the Lions