



ictured above are the members of the 1956 football squad. Bottom row, left to right — Sitton, Hiner, Horton, Charles, Suddreth, Donnahue, Morton, Freshour, Gibby. Row 2—Ponder, Daniel, J. Brown, Southern, C. Wright, Clegg, Kirby, Arnold. Row 3—Phillips, Robinson, Long, Merrell,aley, Bibb, H. Brown, Lyda, Bullard. Row 4—Lee Nix, Pitts, Reese, Tyner, J. Wright, Clark,ry.—Photo by MHC News Service Photo

Coach Henderson Thanks Student Body

To the Student Body:

I am writing this letter in appreciation to the student body for the co-operation and support you have given the football squad this fall. You have been a part of the club through the spirit you have shown at the games and on the campus to the team. This is the way a school should be because this is their ball club.

The friendliness which you have given to the visiting teams will travel far and wide. You showed sportsmanship at the games by refraining from booing of decisions and your kind words in defeat show that you are interested in fair play.

Our teams have fought hard and have suffered many painful injuries, but I do not think any injury has been a regretted one, since they know they have been performing for the finest student body that can be found at any college.

I hope that you continue to give us support and cooperation in our remaining athletic events. Have a winning spirit always, but if a defeat comes our way, let us always be good sports.

Sincerely,
Coach Don Henderson

Sports Chatter

By WAYNE STANCL

Lions End Football Season

The football schedule ended last Saturday with the game at Wingate. The student body can really be proud of such a team as the Lions this year. There was not a game that the Lions did not give the fans something to yell about. The players never let up no matter what the cause, because of their great will to come out on top of the heap. They did just this. The team came out on top of a 7-2 record. They scored 32 touchdowns to their opponents 15. They gained 144 first downs to their opponents 66. They racked up 1914 yards on the ground to their opponents 1300. They gained 638 yards through the air to their opponents 433.

Wingate Falls In Mud

In their final game the Lions played in mud and cold, wet weather. The Lions did well defensively against the Wingate offense but the Lion backs were unable to really get started due to the mud and water. The passing arm of Carroll Wright again made the difference in the two clubs. Carroll passed for two of the four MHC touchdowns. One was an 18 yard pass to Sam Reese and the other a 22 yarder to John Wright. Ken Horton scored another of the Lion TD's as he bucked for two yards after the Lions had driven from the Wingate 18 where Otis Pitts had recovered a Wingate fumble. The other TD was made by Carroll Wright on a keep play of seven yards.

Lions Smother Carson-Newman In 50-6 Win

Coach Don Henderson's Mountain Lions displayed their strength two weeks ago as the team shunned a strong Carson-Newman Jayvee team 50-6. The win put the Lions back up the ladder of the Eastern U. S. ratings to the position they held before their upset loss to Gardner-Webb.

Mars Hill scored in each quarter, with twenty-seven points being racked up in the final stanza and many of the large Lion squad seeing action. The last twenty points were spearheaded by quarterbacks Bryant Bibb and Joe Arnold, who relieved all-conference quarterback Carroll Wright.

Five different men scored touchdowns for the Lions as they rolled up nineteen first downs and picked up 362 yards on the ground. Ken Horton and Bill Clegg scored two touchdowns each with Wright, Red Suddreth, and Marshall Southern scoring one each.

The only Carson-Newman score came in the last stanza on a 60 yard pass play.

Carroll Wright kicked five extra points and Arnold Freshour added one.

Treat-Phi Climaxes Intramural Football

Intramural football has come to a halt. The last game was played last Tuesday. Phi played Treat for the championship, but the game was not played in time for publication in the *Hilltop*. An all-star squad will be picked from the members of the teams participating in the program to play the winner of the game between Phi and Treat. The game is slated for the coming week.

Phi was elevated to the playoffs with a 21-10 win over Melrose two weeks ago. This was the fourth win of the season for the Phis against no defeats. Treat then had to play Melrose to see who would meet Phi in the playoffs. Treat met Melrose on the ninth of November on a cold day in a hotly contested game. Treat managed to gain a 14-12 win through the help of a safety.

Phi met Treat last week and managed to gain what looked like a win, but a protest was entered on the safety that gave Phi their winning margin. The protest went through and so the two teams are to meet sometime next week.

The persons interested in playing intramural basketball should be getting themselves acquainted with the team of their choice. A large turnout is expected for the program.

Football Season Ends As Basketball Begins

Lions To Meet A-B First Season Tilt

The Mars Hill College court-rooms are ready to start their 1956-57 basketball season. Their first game is slated for the fourth of December. The Lions will play more games before the Christmas holidays. On December 4, the Lions will play host to Asheville-Biltmore in McConnell Gym. The game is to begin at eight o'clock and will be the first conference game of the season for the Lions. On December 11, the Lions will invite Bluefield, Va., to a non-conference tilt. Then on December 13, the Lions will play Gardner-Webb for their first conference tilt of the infant season.

At the time of publication the Mars Hill College basketball squad had not been picked. The members of the basketball squad were able to get their first practice last Tuesday night. There were about six who went out. Bob Edwards has cut the squad down to 15 from the original 48 that started in the earlier practice sessions.

Mars Hill College Basketball Schedule 1956-57

- 4: Asheville-Biltmore—Home
- 11: Bluefield, Va.—Home
- 13: Gardner-Webb — Away
- 5: Lees-McRae — Home
- 8: Asheville-Biltmore — Away
- 10: Bluefield, Va. — Away
- 12: Gardner-Webb — Home
- 15: North Greenville — Home
- 17: Brevard — Away
- 19: Hiwassee, Tenn. — Home
- 29: Spartanburg, S. C. — Away
- 5: North Greenville — Away
- 7: Lees-McRae — Away
- 12: Brevard — Home
- 14: Spartanburg, S. C. — Home
- 18: Hiwassee, Tenn. — Away
- 21-22-23: Conference Tournament at Spruce Pines, N. C.

Conference Games

Gal - Events

The volley ball tournament is at last under way. As the end of the season comes closer and closer, spirit mounts higher and higher in the gym on Monday and Wednesday nights. The teams representing each of the girls' dorms are playing it out "Round Robin" style. It looks now as if it will be a narrow victory for whichever the winning team happens to be, but there is no doubting the fact that "a good time has been had by all."

The faculty-student volley ball game was definitely successful in serving the purpose for which it was planned. Both faculty and students got a full evening's entertainment from the antics that took place. The music, math, art, science, and physical education departments were represented on the faculty teams as well as the offices of the Bursar, the Registrar, public relations, Mr. Tilson, and the Mars Hill Baptist Church. It was not an easy victory for the students.

The boys' tumbling class has created enough interest among the girls to start a tumbling club. The new club is meeting Tuesday nights, and it will continue this year through the winter sports' season. There were about thirty members to join at the first meeting, but there is room on the rolls for every girl on campus who is interested in tumbling.

Mblem Club members ate supper together Tuesday night in the blue room of the cafeteria. This is one of the monthly activities of the club and provides its members with an opportunity to eat, talk, clown, and sing together. The Mblem Club will be taking in new members at the end of this sports' season.

Wingate Falls To Lions 27-13 As Season Closes

Wingate led off in the scoring column as they scored on their first series of plays. They marched to the Mars Hill 35 where Jack Yearty broke out for the TD. Jerry Carpenter kicked the extra.

The Lions came back in the same quarter to get two touchdowns. The first by MHC was a 38 yard drive led by the cross bucking of Red Suddreth and Ken Horton and the plunges of Marshall Southern. The drive came to the climax as Carroll Wright, on a keep play, went seven yards for the TD. Suddreth ran for the point after.

In the same period a fumble was recovered on the Wingate 20 by the Lions. C. Wright connected with Sam Reese on a 18-yard pass play TD two plays later. The extra failed.

A third period score was set up for the Lions as Otis Pitts recovered a fumble on Wingate's 18. Ken Horton scored from the two a few plays later. Southern ran the point after.

The Lions scored their last touchdown of the game as C. Wright kicked for the extra. The Bulldogs got their last score as Carpenter passed 33 yards to Eldridge Emory. The point after failed.

	MHC	Wingate
First downs	9	11
Yds. gained rushing	175	166
Passes attempted	3	11
Passes completed	2	6
Yds. gained passing	40	85
Poses inter. by	0	0
Opp. fumbles recov'd	2	1
Yds. lost penalties	50	30
MHC	13	0
Wingate	7	0
	7	27
	6	13