

Spring Sports Drills Under Way



Don Martin (left), one of Mars Hill's chief point-getters in track last season and one of its chief hopes for this spring, shows a new pair of track shoes to baseball team captain Bill Clark. Martin, a dash man, and Clark, a hard-hitting outfielder, are among a host of enthusiastic spring sports candidates currently fighting for places on Lion teams.

Lettermen List Boosts Prospects

With spring just around the corner the athletic department turns its thoughts to baseball, track and tennis as the major spring sports, with lesser ones also planned.

This year we have a new track coach. Last year Coach Wood handled the squad, but this spring Coach Ezell has the reins. Judging from comments by some of the tracksters, he is driving the team full speed ahead. The prospects look good with several returning lettermen and several outstanding freshman prospects.

Lettermen include Don Martin (Little Don), Ralph Epperson, Gary Goodwin, Bo Dishman and Tom Yonce.

The lack of a competitive quality track will hurt this year, and all meets are to be held away. The schedule will be: Apr. 6, triangular meet at ETSC with ET and Milligan; Apr. 8, dual meet with Wofford; Apr. 12-13, Piedmont Relays at Furman; Apr. 19, dual meet with Carson-Newman; Apr. 23, triangular meet with Milligan and ET; Apr. 27, Davidson Relays; May 4, dual meet with Milligan.

Baseball practice has begun and prospects look good. Returning from last year's team are Luke Wood, Bill Clark, Don Raines, Lou Hill, Dick Ward, Larry Honeycutt, Dave Livengood, Jackie Hughes, Gary Hammonds and Mike Farrell. Also Don Martin (big Don), formerly of Lees-McRae, will be available.

Team captain Bill Clark says "we have some guys that can do real well. This should be a good season for us." Coach Henderson finds that many senior colleges are not very interested in baseball and has had a hard time arranging a schedule. So far the schedule is Apr. 20, William Jennings Bryan here; Apr. 23, Milligan there; Apr. 27, Maryville here; May 1, Maryville there; May 2, William Jennings Bryan there. At least seven more games will be arranged by the time the season starts.

Coaching the tennis team this year will be Harrell Wood, who is succeeding Miss Virginia Hart. Practice is only in the beginning stage and workouts have begun only for those that played last year. Returning will be Van Carroll, Jim Thomas, Charlie White and Woody Hart. Several promising freshmen, including Andy Morley, will round out the team, which will play a schedule of both senior and junior colleges.

Mike Ferrell, has taken several serious lacings and is now hoping to regain its winning ways by whipping Phi. Says coach Luke Wood, "I'm flat regusted!"

Both Upper and Lower Cottages rank in the middle and will stand a chance in the round-robin, double elimination tournament which will be held at the conclusion of practice games. Phi, Eu and the Faculty teams are battling for last place.

The Lion's De

by TOM HALYBURTON

I have been hearing for the past several years about the condition of our American youth. Frankly, I believe most of our football player in high school, I was, for several years almost always in fair shape. But during two years in education classes I have observed that the supposed "crisp" manhood more closely resembles "butterfat." After men hardly able to go through a simple routine of physical easily believe the worst said about physical condition. I follow our future leaders let us hope they will be able to under their own power.

It is fortunate that Mars Hill has always carried on the tradition of athletic teams. This previous experience will be a boon to our athletic future. With a large group of experienced sports we will be able to strike a pace with colleges which has published programs.

From various comments by the basketball players, it is apparent that they were a bit perturbed over the cancellations of the last three games. It was, I agree, an unfortunate incident, but I hope that such things are not necessary in the coming year, or not, it could seriously hurt our chances of getting into the future.

Auditions for a talent show to be sponsored by the school will be held in the Owen Building next Saturday (Mar. 16). There is some good talent around the campus this year which will be more evident through such a show. The "Miss Laureate" contest was a good sample. If you have talent and want to participate in an interesting program for the benefit of the entire school, contact Melinda Withrow or Joyce Dunlap.

Next year quality football opponents will play Mars Hill. Carson-Newman and Western Carolina now are the main ones. It had been hoped that we will be able to play these teams on our own field. Much work remains and we are told that the field is completed and ready by football season. Many had hoped that much-needed gym would be completed for next basketball season. It now appears that such will not be possible. All of our need for one. The college administration needs no urging. It is already trying to raise \$750,000 toward a new physical building. We only wish it would be ready by the 63-64 season.

Who is the best athlete on our campus? This question was put to a most authoritative group of students themselves, Wednesday night by Hilltop sports editor Tom Yonce. Results of the poll will be announced a little later this year.

The poll, hoping to honor the most outstanding athlete in the opinion of those who have competed on the intercollegiate level (MHC), has been suggested as an annual project of the Hilltop staff.

Balloting took place at a dinner meeting of the Mars Hill community which president David Livengood presided.

Sets Elimination Officers

The elected slate of officers for 1963-64 will be announced during the election on Tuesday, April 23. The BSU advisor stated that the slate will be announced next week.

A rising senior from Mars Hill, will replace Gene Simpson as president. Joy Simpson, a rising junior from Franklin, will be vice president, and Crawford, rising junior from Mars Hill, takes over as president. The officers are Kay Simpson, rising junior from Mars Hill, third vice president; Hilda Simpson, rising sophomore from Mars Hill, secretary; Ron Simpson, rising junior from Mars Hill, treasurer; Angela Simpson, rising junior from Mars Hill, music director; John Simpson, rising junior from Mars Hill, chairman; John Simpson, rising sophomore from Mars Hill, superintendent; Wray Simpson, rising senior from Mars Hill, training director; Ann Huff, rising senior from Mars Hill, town clerk; Martha Penley, rising senior from Mars Hill, editor.

Hughes Captures Scoring Title With 233

Influenza brought a sudden halt to the basketball season, but not before our team had shown that Mars Hill was not mistaken in beginning a schedule of senior colleges. Given a little height and this year's experience the Lions should go far next season, when schedule will include some of the best small colleges in the area.

Forced to cancel the last three games by doctors orders, the team ended the season on a losing note and a 7-10 record. Hampered by player losses and a small gym, they showed no fear of taller and more experienced teams and could not be beaten on hustle and drive. According to Coach Wood, "this was the best group of boys I have had since I came to Mars Hill."

Gridders Contact In Spring Drills

Spring football practice for some 40 potential members of the 1963 Lion squad began Monday afternoon with concentration on basics and conditioning. If weather permits, the drills should run for another week.

Because there will be no losses due to graduation, the team will have advantage next fall of the services of all its 1963 starters with the exception of one or two who have left school. There will also be available the reserves who have improved and are improving with spring drills, plus whatever freshmen and transfer students come in next September. Spirit among the players has been high even in the face of heavy contact work. As one veteran put it, "you can only get hit just so hard and after that it really doesn't make much difference anyway."

In the scoring department Dave Hughes captured first place honors with 233 points and a 13.7 average. Don Martin and Bill Loven tied for second with 223 points and a 13.1 average, while Jahbo Bennett was forth with 157 points and a 9.2 average. He also had the single game high with 30 against A-B. With all the regulars and most of the bench returning for next season, the Lions should realize their potential then.

WRA Field Trip Slated Next Week

A field trip for a play day of sports competition with coeds at Brevard College has been scheduled by Miss Hart and several members of the WRA next Saturday.

Another item on the list of WRA activities is the sponsoring of a Student-Faculty basketball game next Thursday night.

The WRA council recently named Ruby Byrd to fill a vacancy as freshman class representative on the council.

The tumbling club has changed meeting time to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. Other clubs retain their regular meeting times as published each week in *The Announcer*.

Top Floor Spilman Leads Intramurals

Nothing but hard play and good games can be expected for the remainder of the season in men's intramural basketball. That's the word from the director of the intramural program, Coach Fish.

Spilman Third Floor has emerged as the most outstanding team with Larry Honeycutt, Dale Henson, Tom Yonce, Boyd Perry, C. J. Goodman and Buddy Windle setting the pace.

Myers runs a close second, having beaten almost everyone but the Third Floorers. Brown, after making a fine start with good play by Sonny Webb and

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 to original plans, summer school at Mars Hill will be nine weeks long, but it will begin on June 10 and end on June 19. A maximum load of nine or ten subjects will be permitted. Listing the subjects and the expenses, in Dean Lee's office.

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Faculty of the world-famous department at Mars Hill University, including Paul Baker, has resigned that the administration is a lack of confidence and our work." came as a result of Governor McCall's decision on the production of the prize-winning "Day's Journey Into Night" in December. At the time the president said he was resigning because the language used freely in keeping with the university's "freedom of expression" has been a furor over the resignation. A page statement the