

Action In Spring Sports Set For April 1

With the first competition still more than a week away, practice continues in the three major spring sports, baseball, track and tennis. All three squads are blessed with veterans and eager newcomers and are beginning to round into well-organized units.

Four games have been added to the baseball schedule as published in the Mar. 9 issue of the **Hilltop**. Diamond action will begin on Apr. 2 — one day after the first tennis match — with a game against Appalachian. An Apr. 4 game with Milligan, there, has been added as have May 4 and 9 games with Warren Wilson, there and here, respectively.

Veterans are leading the way in baseball practice which began Monday. Capt. Bill Clark has shown excellent form, and junior Don Martin, a transfer from Lees-McRae Junior College, shows great promise as a receiver and as a hitter. Pitcher Luke Wood, still recovering from a shoulder operation, looks like he will regain his old skill on the mound. Jackie Hughes, another effective hurler from last year, also looks good.

The loss of catcher Charlie Young and of hard-hitting, fine-fielding outfielder Sonny Rice from last year's team is being made up by Martin and by several freshmen candidates.

The track team is beginning to round into shape and individuals have started battling for top positions. Letterman Don Martin (not related to the baseball prospect mentioned above), a dash man, has been showing up well and has provided good guidance for some of the newcomers.

Most promising of the freshman prospects is Tom Gladden of Atlanta. A broad jumper, hurdler and distance runner, Tom has already represented Mars Hill in a track meet in Alabama and is in top condition.

Letterman runner Gary Goodwin is in good form and should be one of Mars Hill's best bets in this area.

No high jumpers or pole vaulters have shown exceptional skill thus far, but practice could make perfect. As Coach Ezell expressed it, "We probably won't know until right before the first meet (Apr. 6) who will be our most effective men, and even then we will probably come a long way after the meets start."

Wet courts have severely hampered the tennis team, and thus far only a few practice sessions have been held. Based on the workouts thus far Coach Wood judges that the team will do very well. The squad in order of rank are Van Carroll, Ken Murray, Andy Morley, Bill Mitchell, John David McGee and Jim Bone.

Other players that have shown good form and are in contention for positions are Jack Champion, Ron Gaylor, Ron Harvey and Mackie McLendon.

The 1963 tennis schedule is as follows: Apr. 1, at Brevard; Apr. 8, at Milligan; Apr. 22, at Asheville School; Apr. 25, Brevard here; May 1, Asheville School here; May 3, Western Carolina here; May 10, at WCC.

Intramural Cage Tournament Going

Intramural basketball action is at its peak as the eight teams are currently battling for the tournament championship in a double-elimination affair which began Tuesday.

Spilman, which has beaten all opponents by an average of 20 points, and Myers rate as favorites in the tournament with Brown and the Cottages able to

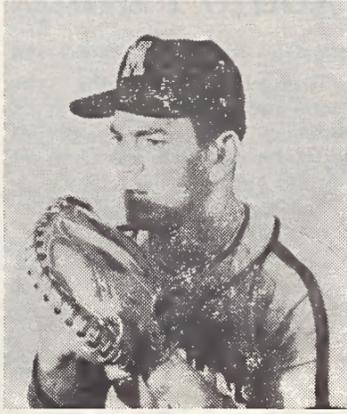
stage an upset. Phi, Eu, Melrose and the Faculty squads rated as dark horses at the tourney's outset.

Following the championship game an all-star team will be chosen.

Spectators are welcome at the games—check the bulletin board in the gym for the schedule and times.

Intramural basketball tournament scores (see story below):

- Spilman 101, Phi 43
- Faculty 67, Brown 58
- Cottages 52, Eu 35
- Myers 51, Melrose 47
- Brown 63, Phi 55



DON R. MARTIN
"Athlete of the Year"

Varsity Players Name 'Big Don' As Year's Best Athlete

Donald R. Martin, a 6-1, 200-pound junior from Chilhowie, Va., has been named "Athlete of the Year" at Mars Hill for 1962-63.

The honor came as the result of a poll taken among members of the varsity intercollegiate teams.

A tough competitor who has already displayed his prowess in football and basketball, Martin is currently striving for the honor of being the first string catcher on Mars Hill's 1963 baseball team. He came to Mars Hill in transfer from Lees-McRae Junior College at Banner Elk, where he enjoyed the distinction of being the first student to letter in all four major sports. (He had also been a four-sport man in high school.)

Martin's former coach at Lees-McRae, Fred Dickerson, is now principal at Mars Hill High school.

"I feel," he says, "that Martin's greatest asset is his fierce, competitive spirit. He loves to play and that helps him to do well against bigger and faster men. I'm very proud of him."

Coach Henderson, who directed Martin on the gridiron last fall and is currently coaching him in baseball, was equally proud of "his boy."

"Don has more than enough drive and desire," he says. "He has been a great asset to our teams this year."

A physical education major, Martin hopes someday to become a baseball coach. He feels that this is his best sport, an estimate backed up by the fact that he

earned all-conference honors as a catcher at Lees-McRae during his sophomore year there.

A former 440-yard dash man for the Bobcat track team, he will stick to baseball this season and, therefore, probably not have an opportunity to become a four-sport letterman at MHC.

An all-around athlete who also enjoys hunting and fishing as hobbies, Martin has high hopes for the future of sports as Mars Hill moves into the senior college field, as do many other persons.

"I have enjoyed playing here this year," he said, "but the lack of adequate facilities hurts all sports. It will be nice to see the planned new facilities completed."

Selection of the "Athlete of the Year" was sponsored by the **Hilltop** sports editor, who plans to encourage the continuation of the poll annually. The voting for this year's selection was done recently at a meeting of the M-Club for lettermen. Runner-up for the award was football team captain Buddy Windle, whom Coach Henderson praised as "one of our finest athletes."

Skating, Square Dance Scheduled

Fifty-mile hikes aren't on the WRA schedule, but two activities loaded with opportunities for exercise and fun are. The first is a skating party set for Monday week (Apr. 1), and the other is a square dance slated in the gym at 8 p. m. on Friday, Apr. 5.

Anyone — men or women, WRA members or not — may join the skating party which will leave from the gym at 6 p. m. Please make reservations by Friday (Mar. 29) by paying a quarter to Frances Mizell, Melinda Withrow or Coach Hart.

Diane Vaughn of Edna Moore has been named "Best All-Around Player" in the women's intramural basketball program. Her team copped the recent WRA tournament finals from Huffman.

Varsity (all-star) players selected include Betty Ann Sherrill, Verna Kay Popplewell, Becky Youngblood, Ruby Byrd, Nancy Morgan and Diane. Alternates were Betty Jean Crawford and Elizabeth Ammons.

Members of the winning and the varsity teams comprised the coed squad that played the faculty team in last week's Faculty-Student game.

The Lion's De

by TOM HALYBURTON

THE NUCLEUS OF A BOOSTER CLUB for Mars Hill College is in the process of being formed, and I would give my hearty approval to this student-initiated under a definite step in the right direction and should be an asset as MHC gains senior college athletic status. Students have complained about the slowness with which progress toward better athletic facilities comes. A booster club would, perhaps, help speed things along. A booster club would give everyone interested in athletics at Mars Hill the opportunity to "put up" as well as "speak up." They should proceed, however, only with student support and cooperation of the athletes themselves.

THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJORS CLUB is progressing nicely. With the basic formation of the organization still under way, the members are attempting to do their job right. Also, the M-Club has been successful in itself as an active unit. These two groups will serve as an asset to our college community.

A MINOR DISASTER HAS STRUCK the football team. It would seem that the elements conspired against us. Rain, a soggy field and cold combined to limit us to only three days on the field last week. Little made, and the coaches were unable to learn much about anyone except the returning lettermen. Coach Henderson, "We didn't try to continue because it probably would have done more harm than good."

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE WEATHER has been uncooperative in our spring sports. Baseball, track and tennis are in their early stages of practice; but with good weather, there are lots of desire the boys should develop into good athletes. We hope the student body is willing to put forth as much effort in supporting spring sports as the players put forth in resenting the school.

THE COMPLETE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE for Mars Hill has been released, and it looks like we will be seeing some interesting games. The Lions will open with Maryville on Sept. 21 and follow with Ferrum (Va.) there on the 28th. That it will be Newport News Apprentice School on Oct. 5, Gordon Military College of Georgia here for the first time on Oct. 12, Marion (Ala.) Institute there on Oct. 19, College of Alabama here on Oct. 26, Carson-Newman there on Nov. 2, Wofford College of South Carolina here on Nov. 9 and Western Carolina (varsity) on Nov. 16. A varsity game with Asheville School has been scheduled for Sept. 27.

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interesting movies are here. Tonight at 8 the new film, "A Child Is Born" will be shown. A relatively new production starring Burt Lancaster and Elizabeth Taylor, will be shown. A day after spring holidays (Apr. 20) an expose of international Communism, a documentary film entitled "We'll Take Care of You" will be shown. It will be shown. It will be shown. Premier Khrushchev, Tracy and Frank Sinatra in "The Devil at 40" will be seen on Apr. 23.

schedule for the next few days are as follows: Apr. 9, installation of officers; Apr. 18 (first day after spring holidays), Crouch, speaker; Apr. 25, the Rev. Harold Brevard, speaker.

ner Jobs in Europe

ities to earn and learn in Europe are available through Mars Hillians through Student Information Service, a private, non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1957. Planning for its sixth summer program, ASIS jobs lined up through the American college teachers. Details on the program obtained by writing to Avenue de la Liberté, City, (Postage is a copy of a bulletin on t is available in the office—see Mr. Smith. Melle Magazine says it provides one of the few ways for the average get a summer job in

na Ranks High School, a '62 graduate of her class and No. 3 in the North Carolina Hospital's School of Winston-Salem. She is a 95 plus average.