

'Enthusiastic' Is The Word For Track Outlook

BY JOHN LAFFERTY

"Enthusiastic!" This is just one of the words Coach Brenton Steele used to describe the first track team, which is beginning to get into shape for its first meet, scheduled for sometime around

March 20.

The team has reached the point at which runners are assigned, and begin to ready themselves for their individual events.

Recently boosted by several new men, the team should be strong in the spring events. Ben Chavis, a hundred yard dash specialist, and Harold Cohen, whose major event is the 440 yard dash, will fill these events, and probably the 220 yard dash also. It is hoped that Frank Coley will add some depth in these events.

Ron Bassinger and Cohen have been tentatively slated for the team's hurdling.

The distance events also shows some strength. Larry McAfee is expected to run well in the 880 yard run, backed by Charles Parker. McAfee has run times in past seasons which should place him among the leaders in the conference.

John Lafferty will run the mile, and Mike Ridge will probably handle the two mile run. Ridge, having just begun the vent this season, is already running well enough to place among conference leaders. Frank Sasser will add depth to either the mile or two mile run.

Field events have a fair degree of untried depth. Joe Biron and Fred Jordan will handle the shot and discus, with Ron Bassinger lending a hand in the discus. Maurice McClettie and Frank Coley, aided by Ron Bassinger will compete in the broad jump. Ben Bassinger will high jump for the team.



Big Ron Bassinger is caught here on the descent from a hurdle. Fred Jordan took the picture.



Coach Brenton Steele clocks miler John Lafferty in a practice run. Picture by Journal photographer Fred Jordan.

The team, although lacking men in several events, is basically well-rounded. It features many men who will handle several jobs.

Both McClettie and Parker will probably be used in a variety of running events. Also, relays will be run by everyone.

"Although the season will start

soon, it is not too late for anyone to come out for the team," said Coach Steele. "The team is building a great spirit, and is ready

to try its best.

"They hope to give a good showing this season, although most

meets are with out of conference schools, such as Catawba, J. C. Smith, Davidson freshmen, and Wingate," Coach said.

"The team would greatly appreciate some spectator support at the meets held close to Charlotte," Coach Steele added.



The track team lines up for a family portrait. From left to right they are Coach Steele, Harold Cohen, Frank Coley, Frank Sasser, Larry McAfee, Ben Chavis, John Lafferty, Maurice McClettie, Mike Ridge, and Ron Bassinger. Photo by Fred Jordan.

Spring Sport Coverage Sure

The air warms, trees bud, flowers bloom, a cold snap hits and freezes the daylight out of the track team. All these are signs of spring.

Spring is a sure sign of spring sports. This year there will be three teams involved in spring

sports on this campus: the golfers, the track team, and the tennis team.

The Journal will cover spring sports like Florida U. covers Pamme Brewer. So keep your eyes on the sports page.



Ben Chavis, a one hundred yard dash specialist, displays his fleet form for Journal photographer

While Others Think Of Love Golfers Get Out Their Clubs

BY PAUL BOSWELL

As springtime approaches each year, robins begin to appear, baseball players barter over contracts, young men's thoughts turn to love, and the golfers get out their clubs.

The golfers here are currently rounding the courses of Charlotte preparing for this season's schedule of matches.

Their first match will be played in Spartanburg, S. C. on March 14 with two other participating college teams, probably Belmont Abbey

The Charleston Country Club is the scene of this year's DIAC Golf Tournament. Last year, the golfers, who placed third, played in the tournament at beautiful Pinehurst, N. C.

Only three members of last year's squad, Dave Cotter, Rick Holt, and Sam Rankin are returning this season. However, newcomers such as Mike Thomas

and Charles McLamb will reinforce the team.

The squad has suffered the loss of several valuable members of last season's group in Rush Shull, Skip Stanley, and John Cole, but they hope to better last season's mark anyway.

Commented Rick Holt, "I think we have a pretty good chance this year, if we can get two boys to play first and second men for us."

"We have about six or seven members but we need ten boys so we can always have six players at the matches. We don't want to forfeit any matches."

Dr. Harvey Murphy probably will coach the boys in place of last year's coach, Dr. Roy Moose, who will not be able to handle the team this season.

The golfers must be hitting the links often, since most of them

were not available for comment because they were "out playing golf."

Said Rick Holt about his own playing, "I am hitting the ball a lot better this year, and I feel my game is coming around."

The team faces a challenging early season, since many of the teams they will face have already played several matches.

The team, which may be using school furnished golf bags this season, cordially invites campus golfers to try out for the team. Interested parties should contact Rick Holt of captain David Cotter at their homes or on campus.

With a note of appeal in his voice, Rick concluded, "I know there are more than six people on this campus interested in playing golf."



David Cotter, one of three returnees for the golf squad, is captain of the duffers this year.