









# Sport Shots

By Steve Lawrence

The last vestiges of football season are with us yet, and we find the various members of the Duke team reaping their share of post-season honors. We all can be justifiably proud of the recognition that our fine team is receiving. The poll of the Associated Press writers, by far the most authoritative and reliable of gridiron polls, places the Blue Devils as the sixteenth ranking eleven in the nation. Tony Ruffa, Steve Lach, Bob Barnett, and Alex Winterston were awarded first team berths on the all-Southern conference team, while Dinky Harrell and Jap Davis were relegated to the second team.

Tony Ruffa, whose continued excellence as a tackle and as a deliverer of accurate place-kicks under trying conditions, has received the greatest recognition thus far, and he has been placed on the Associated Press All-Southeastern squad as running back with Shines of Tennessee. Tony will also play in the annual Shrine's East-West game on New Year's Day. To round out the honors, Alex Winterston and Jap Davis will represent the Blue Devils in the Mason Dixon line in the North-South battle which will be waged in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 28. Then we also find that one of Duke's most famous graduates, Clarence "Ace" Parker, has again been placed on the All-Potomac Regional League.

Before we finish this final induction of Duke's gridderies for 1940, there is one more honor to be awarded to some member of the Duke team. That is the selection of the most valuable player by Duke fans in conjunction with Mr. Noble Arnold of the Center Theatre, who will award to the winner the third consecutive Most Valuable Player trophy, a beautiful gold affair which is pictured elsewhere on this page.

There is a ballot printed on the sports page, and every Duke (Continued on page 4)

## Sigma Chi Repeats As IM Grid Champs

Sigma Chi's football outfit struck twice through the air to score two touchdowns for a 14-0 win over the Town Boys in the intramural playoffs last Monday to repeat as intramural football champions.

The first Sigma Chi tally came midway in the first half when Spuhler threw a thirty yard pass to Bill McCahan, spearhead of the winners' offense, who sprinted 30 yards to score.

The Sigma Chi aerial continued to pierce the Town Boys' defense when McCahan threw a 20-yard pass to Spuhler for the second score.

Bill McCahan stood out for the winners with his running, particularly in a broken field throughout the game. McCahan's punts also kept the victors out of danger on the two occasions when the Town Boys succeeded in temporarily stalling the Sigma Chi offense.

Both teams mixed passes and runs to lead variety to their attack. The Town Boys used short passes many times, but they seldom reached their opponents' territory. Tyree Jackson kicked and passed well for the losers.

The powerful Sigma Chi line continually opened large holes for the hard-charging backs Maddox, guard; Gobbel, end; and Cester, center, stood out for the winners in the forward wall.

The Lottus brothers, Cedric and Garland, stood out on the defensive along with "Skip" Alexander in the loosey back field.

In the Town Boys' line "Chuck" Alexander, center, and Cecil Lukas, end and former captain of the Durham III football squad, played a good game for the losers.

By shutting out the Town Boys, Sigma Chi rolled up their eighth victory of the year and remained unbeaten, untied, and unscored on.

## Duke Swimmers Start Practice For New Season

In anticipation of a tough 1941 schedule, the Duke swimming team has begun to get in shape with the usual practice of racing dives and limbering up exercises for this year's future contests.

Leading the team is Captain Nick Moise, a member of last year's national junior A. A. U. championship 150-meter medley relay team. Moise is the southern conference and Carolina A. A. U. 200-meter breast stroke record holder.

Also returning this year form the 1940 squad is Bill Diekey, who will swim distances in addition to his spring board performances. Bayard Read, another member of last year's squad, is on the list of 41 sprinters.

Veteran backstroke artist, Bill Brooks, will also see action for the Blue Devil aqua-beans. Up from the freshmen ranks are Cornell Kurtz and Bill Marshall, in the free style, and John Norse and Bill Brooks in the back stroke.

## Chronicle Chooses All-America Team

Following is the CHRONICLE's sport staff's All-America selection for 1940: LE—Goodrault, Boston College; LT—Bauman, Northwestern; LG—Sutcliffe, Tennessee; C—Mueh, Washington; RG—Lio, Georgetown; RT—Draho, Cornell; RE—Banks, Purdue; B—Hannon, Michigan; B—Kimbrough, Texas A & M; B—O'Rourke, Georgetown; Second Team: Ends, Schmuck and Cifers; tackles, Ruffa and

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYER BALLOT

PLAYER  
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## Outstanding Duke Grid Star Will Receive Arnold Trophy

The annual voting for the most valuable Duke player begins today and will continue through tomorrow night. In addition to the ballots printed here, they will also be carried by the Durham Herald.

The winner will receive the handsome Noble Arnold Trophy, pictured at the right. It is donated each year by Noble Arnold, manager of the Center Theatre, and a Duke alumnus. This year will mark the seventh season this trophy has been awarded.

The votes may be put in the ballot box in the Dope shop or sent to either the Herald office or the Center Theatre. No ballots will be accepted which are placed in the boxes after next Wednesday night or postmarked later than midnight that night.

The contest started in 1933 when Freddie Crawford, Duke university's first All-American, won it almost hands down. Other winners have been: Earl Wente, end, in 1934; Jack Bennett, center, in 1935; Clarence "Ace" Parker, All-American, back, in 1936; and Al-Alex, back, last year.

Balloting for your choice costs nothing. However, each voter must sign his or her name on the ballot; otherwise the votes will be thrown out and not counted.

Enich, guards, Robert and Lakore; center, Gills; backs, Christian, Reagan, Lach and Standie.

## All-State Gridders Sparkle For Frosh

By Jim Brigham

Now that the 1940 grid season is drawn to a close, we may turn our backs, for the present, on Duke's freshmen football representatives. But we will not be able to forget them, for it is upon the shoulders of these men that the future of Duke football rests. Undoubtedly, many of these frosh stars will find regular berths on the varsity within the next few years.

Freshman Coach Herschel Caldwell had a squad of 42 men this year, representing fifteen different states. The yearlings boasted ten all-state players, and twelve other men who made various all-sectional teams in the high school days. Ten of the Blue Imps captained their prep school careers in 1939.

Starting with the line, we find Bob Gantt and Ernie Beamer, two North Carolina boys, holding down the first string end berth. Bob played for Durham High last year and made all-state. Beamer, playing for Mount Airy, made the all-state team for two successive seasons.

Bob Nanni, of Pittston, Pa., took care of left tackle this year. Nanni started his football career in 1936 when he was captain of the Saint John's academy eleven in his home town. Bob spent his next three years at Wyoming seminary, where he was named on the all-eastern eleven in his senior year. Dan Young, of Akron, Ohio, held down the right tackle post. Dan was on the all-city team in Akron in 1936 and in his senior year played for Massachusetts Military academy, where he made the Virginia all-state squad.

At the left guard position was Jake Poole, of Charlotte, N. C. Jake is considered one of the best freshman football prospects in years, and while playing for (Continued on page 4)

## INTRAMURALS

By CHUCK HANSON

Last Tuesday the intramural track meet was held. Since then this department has received more compliments than we have had in the past five years. It seems as though only a few organizations turned out for the meet, the others claiming they were not notified that the meet would take place on Tuesday. However, in defense of the management, each organization was called by phone on Monday and notified. Therefore we can't figure out where the fault lies.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and House K tied for first place honors in the meet last Tuesday. Now in all fairness to everyone concerned, there seems to be only one solution to the problem; that is, to award the points to the competing organizations on the basis of the meet in the usual fashion, and then to hold a initial more publicized track meet this coming Spring. It is much too cold to continue tracking any more this Fall.

Wrestling weigh-ins were held last Monday and the wrestling events will be held there in the past. The first set of matches will be held next Tuesday and the following matches will be spread out over next week and the first part of the following week.

The basketball games are coming along at a much faster clip this week. About the only change in the schedule was that which moved the evening games up a half-hour each. That is the (Continued on page 4)

## Blue Devil Courtmen Drill Hard

## Practices Undergo Streamlining: Squad Contains 26 Men

Streamlined basketball practice—that is perhaps as fitting a way as any to describe the training sessions entered into by this year's Duke basketball team. Practice periods these days take on the appearance of a three-circuit circus—more correctly a five-basket circus.

Breaking all this down into understandable language, it means that Coach Eddie Cameron is trying a new method of practicing with his Blue Devil courtmen, and, in all truth, it is still too early to say for sure, it seems to be working.

Three regulation basketball courts run crosswise on the floor of the new gym; ten-foot nets separate each of the courts. With 26 men on the squad, Cameron divides the 26-man squad into five groups. Each group is sent to a different basket and for three minutes each set practices one phase of the game.

That is, at basket number one, long shots are practiced; at number two, follow-up shots; at number three, lay-up shots; at four, bucket-play; at five, close running shots. After three minutes a whistle is blown. The (Continued on page 4)

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## Religion School—

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next Tuesday, December 10. The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m.  
Friday morning, December 13, Mrs. Owen F. Herring, who teaches the Sunday school class at the Watts Street Baptist church in Durham, will speak. Mrs. Herring is also active in the state Baptist work.

## Sport Shots—

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student should vote for the player whom he honestly believes contributed most toward the success of the Duke team this fall. Since this award is such a great and serious honor to some members of the team, we urge that there should be no stuffing of the ballot box, no favoritism for friends and fraternity brothers.

## Intramurals—

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730 games as scheduled are to be played at 7:00 and 8:30 games at 8:00.  
Due to the fact that a few of the boys, who work in the office and usually referee games, are on the varsity basketball team and have practice every evening, we have often been shy on referees for the evening games. We shall try to remedy this in some way, but in the case that there is no referee on hand for your game, just choose a spectator who is agreeable to both teams to do the job.

## Victory Ball—

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The Duke Ambassadors will provide the music for the dance. The Victory Ball is one of the dances given annually by the Student Government association; the other is the Inaugural Ball held each Spring.

and no whimsy. Popeye nor the Superman were of any value to the Duke team this year. This will be a difficult selection, because there are at least a half-dozen men on our well-balanced team who have made outstanding contributions to the team's success. Last year it was a relatively simple task, for George McFee was chosen in a run-away.

On December 17, we have our first glimpse of Coach Cameron's latest edition of the Duke cage squad, as the courtiers engage Lincoln Memorial in the new gym. Latest reports have it, that, despite the loss of Bill Parsons, Tom Connely, and Clyde Allen for various reasons, our 1940 team will be one of Duke's best in recent years. We shall soon see.

## Student Council

## Seeks Solution

## To Noise Problem

## House Committees Make Rules to Maintain Quiet in Dormitories

At a joint meeting of the Student council of the W. S. G. A. and the seven house committees on Monday night, the problem of eliminating unnecessary noise in the dormitories was discussed. Libby Murray, president of the W. S. G. A. led the discussion.

She stressed the point that the women must be made to realize that the House committees are part of the student government organizations and that all members of the committee have designated authority in the entire house.

The chief complaints registered by parents and students have been that noise in the halls and loud radios make it impossible to study properly.

Women will be given an oral warning by the prefect for the first violation and a written warning for the second offense. After that they are liable to a "campus" to be determined accordingly by the House committee.

Various plans to decrease the noise were suggested. It was recommended that the prefects hold hall meetings this week to discuss the problem.

## All-State—

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Central high school in Charlotte, made the all-state team in his junior and senior years.

At the center of the line was Charlie Davis who hails from Tampa, Fla. Charlie made the all-city team last year. Charlie Hood, of Greensboro, N. C., played right guard on the frosh eleven and made all-state in his senior year at Greensboro High.

Two North Carolina Backs. In the backfield, quarterback Jim Wolfe of Greensboro, N. C., made the all-N. C. State eleven in his senior year at Greensboro high school. At the halfbacks were Henry Smith of Mount Airy, N. C., and Bobby Rute from Easton, Pa. The latter was captain of the Easton High team and in his last year made the all-eastern team. Last season Smith captained the Mt. Airy High

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Fugue on an old Christmas Melody  
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Blue Devils—  
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groups change baskets and practice the phase of the game that is being worked on at the new basket. After fifteen minutes of this rotation, each man on the squad has had practice at five important parts of basketball.

Following this, the squad works on defense and offense. Three men trying to score on two. Then follows a scrimmage with a senior, junior, sophomore, and a mixed outfit working as units against each other.

With eleven years before their first game, the Blue Devils can be sized up as a smooth-running, hard-working outfit. On the senior five are Holley at center, Shokes and Price at forwards, Valasek and Moore at guards. The junior outfit consists of Brown at center, Muck and Heath at forwards, McCahan and Spohler at guards. For the sophomores, Hubbell, McGrain, Wetters and Boehm have been alternating in the forward line, Stark and Coyte at guards. Other men who have looked well at practice are Cowdrick, Rothbaum and Winkin.

Vassar college scientists believe the Indians in the Hudson river valley centuries ago had a merchandising and industrial system not unlike today's.

team, was elected the most valuable man on the squad, and was named on the all-state eleven. Leo Long, freshman fullback, played for Columbia High in South Orange, N. J., and at Pennington Prep. In his senior year Leo was elected to the all-eastern team.

## Tombs to Sponsor

## Sing Sunday at 8

Nania, Cowdrick Head Athletic Group's Show

Tombs will sponsor its annual sing Sunday night in the Women's college auditorium at 8 o'clock, with members of the athletic organization taking the lead in program features.

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