



Bison Briefs

A loss to George Washington prevented the Bison Tennis team from finishing undefeated in fall play. Under new coach Ed Davis, the netters finished the fall schedule with a 6-1 record and have won 16 of 20 matches combined during the spring and fall.

Grayling Bryan, a junior from Chesapeake, Va., and Phil Jannifer, a sophomore from D.C., were the most consistent players throughout the season at the number four and three positions respectively.

** SOCCER

"I'm optimistic, but not disappointed," said Howard soccer coach Lincoln Phillips speaking about his team's 5-3-1 record. Akron University, Howard's next opponent, defeated the Bison last season 1-0, and Phillips is expecting his team to "rally around this game and put their best foot forward."

** BASKETBALL

Another optimistic soul is basketball coach A. B. Williamson. Coach A.B. conducts daily practices at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., and the grunts and groans from his players during those sessions have been somewhat pleasing to Williamson.

"I told them to prepare for it," said Williamson. "This is a new season and I don't plan go through the experiences I did last year." The hard work may be taking its toll, especially on returning veterans expected to start. Guards Angelo Council and Ellsworth Hart face tough competition from Freshman Nathaniel Speight and sophomore David Whitehead. Gerald Glover, the team's second-leading scorer last season, is also being pushed by virtue of the outstanding play of junior college transfer John Smith.

Howard's season begins on November 29 against Catholic University at Burr Gym.

** WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Jackye Cody, women's volleyball coach, is also in a optimistic mood because of her team's success with a 10-3 record. Coach Cody has shunned publicity this season saying "we have not beaten anyone of significance."

Cody, who played basketball at Towson State College, has attempted to fire-up the ladies when they face stiff opposition.

Losses to the University of Maryland, George Mason and the University of Maryland-Jaltimore County have raised Cody's ire this season.

** WRESTLING

"We're going to have a smoker," said wrestling coach Samuel Rucker speaking of his team's chances for the 1975-76 season. Rucker is conducting grueling workouts and his criteria for ending practice is how sweating the team is at the conclusion of drills.

The season opener in the Millersville (Pa.) Tournament will determine how "smoking" Rucker's squad will be. The grapplers also face tough opposition in Salisbury State, South Carolina State, York College and Temple University in under-taking a rigorous 21-match schedule.

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Black's Advances in Research "Have Come a Long Way"

"You've come a long way, baby!" may be the phrase used by certain feminist groups. But it also can apply to the historically black land-grant institutions of this country.

These institutions are jointly sponsoring a bicentennial research symposium here Nov. 11-13 in recognition of both their growth and successes in research, and of the country's 200th birthday.

There are 16 of these institutions, plus Tuskegee in the South and the border states from post-Civil War days. The first to be established -- Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., in 1966 -- was started from the contributions from the paychecks of members of the black Civil war 62nd and 65th infantry regiments. Most of the institutions were established by state or territorial legislative action.

Set up largely to give blacks teacher education, the institutions struggled hard to survive during their beginnings. They have now grown to where they carry full university programs and have graduate programs in many areas.

The Federal government made land grants to help support these institutions in 1890, via what is known as the second Morrill Act of 1890. (The first Morrill Act of 1862 had established the land-grant universities in each state; but schools located in the south, because of segregation laws then in effect were not open to blacks.)

The most famous researcher from the black schools in the early days was George Washington Carver. He was made the first director and scientist of the Tuskegee State Experiment Station in Alabama in 1897, and later became internationally renowned for his research accomplishments with the peanut, the sweet potato, and agronomy in general.

The bicentennial research symposium is being held partly to celebrate and recognize this research growth and its accomplishments for the South. The symposium is jointly sponsored by the Association of Research Coordinators, who direct the agricultural research programs for the 17 institutions; and USDA's Cooperative State Research State Research Service, the agency administering the federal funds supporting this research.

During the Symposium, Mason papers will be presented by: Dr. M. H. Neufville, Prairie View A&M University, Texas; Dr. J. W. Nordstrom, Lincoln University, Missouri; Dr. W. L. Peters, Florida A&M University; Dr. B. D. Mayberry, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; and Dr. L. W. Jones, Tuskegee Institute.

Since the expansion of research funding, some 234 research projects have been conducted or still are in progress, under 87 different research programs at the schools.

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