Howard off for a touchdown

BASKETBALL
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1924 BISON
History of Athletics

In keeping with the attempt to enlarge the interest of "The Bison," the staff has made an attempt to give the history of Athletics in the University from 1867 to the present time.

In gathering the material for this history, the editor has searched the University for all available material and has also solicited all possible information from Professors who were prominent in athletics in the past.

If we consider the difficulties that were encountered in the earlier days of the University, it is remarkable that the University was able to foster athletics in any way. This is not only true of this university but it is also true of any university we assume; for no school should have time to develop athletics when all the time must be put in the development of the curriculum.

From various records and testimonies given by some of the graduates the athletic editor is convinced that athletics did not become a part of the University's extra-curricula activities until 1892. Previous to that time sports (baseball and football were the only two sports fostered at that time) were supported by students only. They were engaged in more for fun than for anything else.

In 1892, Professor Charles Cooke, a graduate of Cornell University, came to Howard as a professor of English. Along with him he brought the traditions of a typical Northern school, and moved them into athletics. Because of his contribution along this line Professor Cooke might be called the father of athletics at Howard.

Aside from teaching his class he also undertook the coaching of the various teams and at times he even played on the team. This statement serves to bring out the situation of athletics at Howard in the earlier days. The following year 1893 found Howard represented on the gridiron. This team was the direct results of the efforts of Professor Cooke. Although the team did not play very many games they did succeed in winning all that they played. This lack of games was due to the fact that sports, not only at this school but at others, were in their infancy and it was difficult to arrange schedules. Therefore most of the games played were with local clubs and in some instances with a few out-of-town clubs.

After many years of trouble and reverses a football team was developed which started the traditions that the teams of today are keeping up. In 1894, the team under the captaincy of Campbell had a very successful season. To this team goes the honor of having played the first game of the Howard-Lincoln series. Although they lost the game they showed that they had the possibilities of doing better. An injury to one of the Lincoln players resulted in the curtailment of the series until 1904.

During this ten-year period many games were played. The majority of these games were won by Howard. In a few cases the Bisons were tied and only rarely were they defeated. Some of their victims were Hygea, Annapolis, Shaw, Union, Morgan, and a host of local and out of town teams. In these ten years we find such men as Dean Holmes, Campbell, Shorter, Smith, (Dr.), Jones, Avant, Fox, W. L. Smith, Dr. McClelland and a host of others achieving glory and fame for Howard.

The team of 1901 might be regarded as one of Howard's all-star teams, for it was composed of six ex-captains. Some of them were: Dean Holmes, W. L. Smith, Ben. Jackson, Dr. McClelland, and others of equal importance.
In 1904, the Howard-Lincoln series was revived. In this year the Bisons forfeited to Lincoln after a very successful season. In 1905 the Bisons again lost to Lincoln by a score of 5 to 0.

In 1906 the first track meet was held on the campus. Track grew out of the competition for a jar of preserves which was to be given to the winner who could circle the ellipse in front of the main building in the shortest time. Out of this incident track became one of the major sports at Howard. Shortly after the beginning of track as one of the major sports, a track meet was held under the auspices of the Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association, which was the first one ever held on the campus. It proved a great success.

The football season of the next fall was not as successful as the season of former years. The Bisons lost to Annapolis in one of the poorest games ever played on Howard's campus.

The Baseball team of the same year which was coached by Prof. Janier had a very successful season. The team made a very excellent record on the Southern trip, meeting and defeating some of the best teams in the South. This year saw the beginning of another minor sport. This game which is known as Cricket, is an English game and was introduced by the foreign students who were English subjects. While it is not as popular as the other sports, it is popular among the foreign students and is played to a great extent by them.

In 1907 the baseball team took a trip through the South. This trip was not as successful as the trip of the previous year. However, the season, on the whole, was fairly successful, the team making a much better record at home than on the trip.

No intercollegiate track meets were held this year. The Freshman Medics won the inter-class track meet.

The football team of this year was coached by Mr. Bullock of Dartmouth. This team defeated all teams with the exception of Lincoln. They lost to the latter by a score of five to nothing. The game was hard-fought, throughout, Barco and Makanya starring.

In 1908, Basketball, one of the major sports, was started. As no intercollegiate contests were scheduled this sport was confined largely to scholastic and local club teams. Much credit is due to the I.S.A.A. for the management of this sport.

The baseball season of this year might be regarded as a complete failure. They left a one hundred dollar debt, besides losing many games. In this year Tennis was enthusiastically taken up. Two courts were prepared.

The track team was winner in the annual meet which was held on May 30. As a result of this victory they were enabled to retain the loving cup.

A difficulty arose in connection with the coaching of the football team; but in spite of this, the team succeeded in defeating all teams and tying with Lincoln 5-5. This was the first time that Lincoln's goal had been crossed. Terry was looked upon as the star of this season.

In 1909, basketball was still being managed by the I.S.A.A. Girls' basketball made its beginning in this year, and was fairly successful. In baseball, after having made a weak start, the team made a very strong finish, defeating all opponents.

Previous to this year, all track meets were managed by the I.S.A.A. This year a change was witnessed, the track and field meets being held under the auspices of the H.U.A.A. The first cricket match in the his-
tory of the University took place April 24, 1909, between the Atlantic City cricket club and the University team. The University team was the victor. This match was attended by a large crowd. The situation created by the uncertainty of a coach in the last season was settled in the fall of this year. Coach Marshall was secured to handle the team. Professor Dyson worked up a training table. The team of this year defeated all teams, including Lincoln. It defeated the latter by a score of 5 to 0. Howard's goal line was not crossed. Eighteen hundred people witnessed the Howard-Lincoln game.

In 1910, the first strictly varsity basketball team was formed. They played only college teams and club teams of the highest rank. They played the first intercollegiate game, defeating them by a score of 16 to 22. The baseball team of this year was very successful. They lost only a few games out of a very large schedule. The second cricket game was played May 8, 1910.

This was the first intercollegiate match ever staged by Howard. Howard defeated Lincoln decisively. There is no record of track or tennis for this year. The football team of this year was equally as successful as the one of the past year. It defeated all opponents.

In 1911, the basketball team of this year did well. It defeated some of the best clubs in the East and all collegiate opponents. Howard made her first appearance in indoor track during this year. Although she did not succeed in winning she did make a very good showing. On May 30th, Howard was victor in the sixth annual meet. The baseball team, under Coach Marshall, made a creditable showing on the Southern trip, but did not do so well at home. Baseball was hampered by cliques and lack of interest on the part of students, and also by proximity to the American League Park. The football team defeated all opponents except Lincoln. It tied with the latter by a score of 0 to 0. There were three thousand spectators at the Howard-Lincoln game.

In 1912, the basketball team made a successful trip through the North, defeating all opponents. Lewis and Sykes were stars of the season. Howard met Lincoln in basketball for the first time on March 16, 1912, defeating her by a score of 51 to 19. Soccer started in this year also. The baseball team made a very successful trip through the South, losing one out of ten games. There is no record of track for this year. Prior to this year, Hampton succeeded in crossing the Bisons' goal line. The team defeated all other teams, including Lincoln. It defeated the latter by a score of 18 to 0.

In 1913, the basketball team was very successful. It met and defeated some of the best basketball teams in the country. A big indoor track meet was held on February 28, 1913. No record is given as to the outcome of the meet. The baseball team, under the captaincy of Sykes, made a very impressive record. Sykes is now one of the country's leading professional baseball players. Not much progress was made in track. Several meets were held, but none were outstanding. Tennis came in as a great sport, but no inter-collegiate matches were made. The football team was not as successful as the one of the previous year. It lost to Hampton and tied with Lincoln, but defeated other opponents.

In 1914, due to the loss of much good material through graduation, the basketball team was so handicapped that the season was regarded as poor. The track team made a good showing in the indoor meet in New York.
Coach Watson who guided the team through '23-'24

Captain Doakes '24, Gridiron eleven

Captain Doneghy, '23, Famous gridiron star

1923 Undefeated Eleven
The cross-country run, which was held in April, was a complete success. The climax of a good baseball season came with the defeat of Lincoln by the score of 10 to 0.

The teams of late 1914 and 1915 were not very strong, as is shown by a statement in the Journal of 1916. This statement reads thus: “In the past year the teams of the University have suffered too much defeat. This is not only true of one sport, but true of all.” The football team of 1916 lost to Hampton by a score of 12 to 3, tied W. Va. by a score of 7 to 7, and defeated Lincoln by a score of 26-0. The basketball team of this year was a success.

In 1916 the girls of the University started basketball on the same scale as the varsity squad. Two teams were formed and contests were played regularly. During this year inter-class games were played, which served to bolster the material for the varsity squad. The season as a whole was quite successful. The team succeeded in winning some very hard games and were also defeated by only the strongest teams.

The baseball team was as successful as those of the previous years. The Southern trip of this year extended as far as Talladega, Alabama. Games were also arranged with Tuskegee and Morris Brown. A game was scheduled with the Colby College of Maine, but was not played.

The Bisons continued their conquests on the cinder path as they had done in former years. They again succeeded in winning the annual meet held on the campus.

As yet Tennis and Cricket had not developed into such prominence that they could be placed on the same basis as the other sports.

The Football season of 1917 was a complete failure, so far as scores indicate. In this year a new coach came to Howard and was confronted by the many difficulties that arise when a new head takes a position. Scores indicate that one of the most miserable teams was developed that ever represented Howard on the gridiron. During the whole season the Bisons did not succeed in winning a contest. They lost to Lincoln by a score of 6 to 0; to Union by a score of 16 to 0; to Hampton by a score of 37 to 0; to West Virginia by a score of 7 to 6. This poor season is attributed to faulty coaching, lack of rigid training rules, a theoretical training table, not a practical one, and probably mostly to the war. In spite of these various faults, the Bisons put up a hard fight in every contest in which they were engaged.

Not only did the war handicap football but it handicapped the other sports as well. The basketball, track, and baseball teams suffered greatly as a result of the war. While teams were developed and games played, the teams were not of the caliber of those of previous years and the games naturally were not on par. Not only were athletics affected at Howard they were also affected in all the colleges. The year 1917 is regarded as a disastrous year for athletics.

In 1918, Coach Robinson who so successfully guided the Union teams to success, came to Howard to direct the destinies of the Bisons. Although he made a poor and late start the season was not as disastrous as that of the former year. The Bisons again lost to Lincoln by a score of 13 to 0.

This year the track team was sent to the Penn Relays. While they did not win, they did show that they were true sports by remaining in to the very last. Placed in a class that was entirely too fast for them, they showed that old Howard fighting spirit and gave the best they had. They made considerable progress at home, however, and defeated most of their opponents. The team was greatly aided by the splendid running of Conlee and Perry and many others of equal caliber.
In 1919, the Bisons began to be themselves again. The football team defeated all opponents and tied with their ancient rival, Lincoln. The "Classic" of this year was the most bitterly fought contest in years. Played in a rain that had fallen all day and had soaked the field so that it became a mud patch, these two teams fought for one long hour, each trying to overcome the other's stubborn defense. The toe of "Cute" Carter was an important factor in the outcome of this game.

The basketball team of this year was also successful. The team succeeded in winning seven games out of ten. This team was built around several stars of the past season and was very well balanced. The track and baseball teams of this year were fairly successful but accomplished no great feat. The track team did not compete in very many meets but did succeed in winning those in which it took part.

In 1920, Dr. Edw. Morrison took charge of the various teams. He established a permanent training table and issued a call for the candidates on the 15th of September. In this year one of the greatest football teams that ever represented Howard on the gridiron was developed. This team defeated all opponents and was not scored on during the whole season. Lincoln was defeated by a score of 42 to 0; one of her worst defeats in many years. The basketball season was quite successful winning six out of nine contests. Lincoln was defeated by a score of 43 to 27. Hampton defeated the Bisons 17 to 16 in a closely contested game.

Baseball, tennis and track also took up a great deal of the time. The baseball team of '20 was a bit more successful than the one of the previous year. No tennis matches were scheduled.

In 1921, the Bisons under Coach Morrison's care started another successful season. They defeated all opponents with the exception of Lincoln who defeated them by a score of 13 to 7. This defeat was the first in three years. It was also the first time that an opponent had crossed the Bison's goal line in the same length of time.

The basketball team of this year was just as successful as that of the other season. It met and defeated some of the best teams in college circles. In a very strenuous game the Bisons took the Lincoln Lion's scalp after having been defeated at Lincoln. The track squad of this year was sent to the Penn Relays and after having put up a stiff fight succeeded in forging to the front and being acclaimed as winner of the classic. Incidentally, Howard was the only institution, to present a winning team from Washington. There were more than three other colleges from this city that were represented. The Bisons also were victors in the other meets in which they took part. They won the annual Howard meet in
great style, standing far ahead of all other competitors. The baseball team succeeded in winning most of the contests scheduled. They were not quite as successful as they might have been. A tennis match was played and won by Howard. Cricket was played but not on the same basis as the other sports.

In 1922, Coach Morrison succeeded in developing another winning team but failed to accomplish his most desired end. This year the Bisons lost to Hampton and also to the Lincoln Lions. The crowd that attended this contest was the greatest that had ever attended any of the annual classics. In this year fraternal basketball took the place of varsity teams. This was done because of the lack of playing space and proper facilities. A league was formed from the various fraternities and clubs, and the winner of each league played for the championship of the school.

The track team again went to the Penn Relays, but was not as successful as the one of the previous year. The team of last year (Perry, Contee, Craft, and Robinson) was intact with the exception of Perry whose place was taken by Wyndon. The team of this year although running in a much faster class gave a good account of itself. It finished fifth in a class that was as fast as the first class, and much faster than the class in which they ran last year. The baseball team of this year was quite successful. They were aided by the great pitching of Taylor, Clarke and Jimmie Long. A tennis match was scheduled but did not materialize as was expected.

The year 1923, brought another change in the athletic system at Howard. Coach Morrison who rendered such efficient service as coach of the various teams was supplanted by Mr. Louis Watson, a graduate of Howard and of Springfield Y. M. C. A. College. Major Milton Dean who had served as director of the Physical Education department also tendered his resignation the year before and this position fell to Mr. Watson. He directed the football team which defeated all their opponents with the exception of Lincoln whom they tied.

The track team of '23 made a clean sweep of the contests in which they were engaged. Minus the loss of Contee one of the main stays of the team they made an enviable record, one which is not likely to be forgotten in a short while. Running in one of the fastest classes at the Penn Relays this team, composed of Bridges, Craft, Bright, and Robinson, was nosed out by a margin of less than one yard. This same team defeated the best of the teams in the C. I. A. A. Not only did the team excel in this phase of the sport but it won each event in the weight throwing division and most of those in the field contests.
Mr. Walker has been a member of the Varsity Tennis team during his three years at Howard. It was he who made possible the Howard-Lincoln tournament, May, 1923, at which time Lincoln was simply outclassed by the five Blue and White racketeers. He will put tennis on the map at Howard, and Howard on the map in the tennis world. He is also a member of the Varsity "H" Club.

The men who represented Howard in this tournament were as follows: Messrs. Clinton Walker, "Lefty" Lofton, Marcellus Goff, Sylvester Smith and "Panama" Johnson,
This year seems to have brought the Bisons victory in every sport. The baseball team of this year was more successful than any in the previous years. The tennis team which came to life defeated its opponents in every match. No cricket matches were played.

The coming of 1924 found an old sport being revived. Mr. Burr, who is assistant to Mr. Watson, took charge of the basketball team, and with a very careful eye he built up a quintet composed of Freshmen and Sophomores, and of six games played the team won four. The Bisons twice defeated the Lincoln Lions but they lost to Hampton and Morgan.

**BASEBALL**

The Baseball team, which is being coached by Mr. Burr, began about the 15th of March. Handicapped by the severe weather, the team has been forced to spend much time inside delving into the secrets and problems which come up from time to time. With the advent of spring and favorable weather conditions, Coach Burr has always been able to give his charges a bit of outdoor practice and get an eye on the possible members of the team.

With a great majority of last year's varsity men on hand and a wealth of new material Coach Burr is planning to develop one of the best teams that the University has had. The continuous daily practice which the team has been having, has smoothed out some of the rough problems and has given Coach Burr an eye on the capabilities of this year's team. The loss of Ed. Taylor and Maceo Clarke has given the coach one of his greatest problems. In the last few days he has been directing all his attention to the developing of pitchers who will be able to fill these two portsiders places. Their loss certainly is a loss to this team and it will be a problem to find two men of the same ability as these two men.

The first game of the season, which was played against Storer College at home, served to give the Coach an eye on the strength of his team. The Bisons won by a score of 7 to 4. The second game, played at Harper's Ferry against Storer, resulted in a 16 to 6 victory for Howard.

On the 21st of April the team left for its annual Southern trip, which lasted about six days. Some of the schools played on this trip were: St. Paul, Petersburg, Va. Union, and Hampton. This trip in the South has put the team in good condition and they are ready to begin their home schedule with added zeal.

**TRACK 1924**

The outdoor sports for the 1924 season began in the latter part of March. The track team and the baseball team under the careful training of Coaches Watson and Burr are rapidly rounding into shape.

The same team which so wonderfully represented us in the several track meets last year will be intact with the exception of "Sparky" Bridges who is waging a strong fight with the so-called "white-plague."

With a nucleus of material to be used as a working basis, Coach Watson hopes to develop a track team that will be second to none in the history of the University. With Captain Anderson, Warring, Green, Cheney and others in the field and Bright, Craft, Robinson, and Brown, on the track, Coach Watson has enough new material to come very near accomplishing his end. Smith, Jones, Hill, Henderson and a few other new-comers are sure to be of great value. All of these new men are showing that they will be a great help to the squad, and are certain of winning places.
LETTER MEN IN BASKETBALL, 1924

Branson, Benjamin
Bundrant, Theodore

Carpenter, William
Hill, Kenneth
Lawton, William

McCoy, Albert
Marrow, Rudolph
Meroney, William

Timmons, Hal
Washington, Andrew

Roster of Entire Squad:

Bundrant, Theodore
John Burr, Coach
William Dixon, Manager
Branson, Benjamin
Clarkson, Clifford

Dixon, William
Hill, Kenneth
Howard, William
Jones, James

Lawton, William
Meroney, William
McCoy, Albert
Marrow, Rudolph
Trigg, Frank

Washington, Andrew
Sewell, Webster
Timmons, Hall
Taylor, John

1924 Bison
With one of the largest schedules that has ever been made for a track squad of this school, it is a certainty that the team of this year will have to put forth every ounce of energy to come out on top.

Our first and most important meet of the season was at the Penn Relays, which were held on April 25 and 26. Our next meet was the Annual Meet staged by Howard. Howard won with Hampton second, Anderson being our star performer. The C. I. A. A. Meet which will be held at Hampton, under the auspices of the Hampton Athletic Association, promises to be one that will go down in history. The Bisons will make every attempt to bring back first prize this year. The dual meet which will be staged later on in the year will climax the season. This meet is to be between Howard and Lincoln and will certainly add to the thrills that have been given this year.

1924 — BASKETBALL — 1924

The year 1924 found Howard resuming basketball on the intercollegiate basis. During the period from 1921 to 1924, inter-fraternal basketball took the place of intercollegiate games and the former created such an interest that the University is still somewhat under the influence thus created. Indeed so great has its influence been that some of the best material in the University has been kept off the varsity squad. Howard's inability to be represented on the basketball court during these three years was due to the fact that no court was available that would be adequate for collegiate basketball. But with our gym in view for the next year, basketball was started with the view of creating an interest that would assure the success of basketball in the future years.

Just before the Christmas holidays, a call was issued to all candidates for the varsity basketball team. Due to the tremendous interest created by inter-fraternal basketball, a great amount of material was kept from the varsity squad. Regardless of this fact a well balanced team was soon molded out of a large number of men, chiefly Freshmen. Under the tutelage of Coach Burr, this team soon became a formidable one and was regarded as a dangerous opponent.
On January 29, 1924, the Bisons travelled to Hampton, Va., where they met the “Seasiders” in the first intercollegiate basketball contest within three years. Playing on a strange court and under such conditions as exist when a team has not been together long, the varsity was forced to bow in defeat to the strong Hampton team by the score of 29 to 20.

The second game of the season was played at home against Hampton on February 2, 1924. This game was full of interest, particularly so because the varsity had lost the previous game to the “Seasiders.” The Bisons entered this game with the express purpose of avenging the previous defeat and when the final whistle had blown the Bisons were on the long end of the score. The team work of the Bisons was very much better than in the previous game. Score 22 to 21 in favor of Howard.

The third game of the season was played on the 9th of February, against Morgan College of Baltimore. The Morganites presented a very fast combination and gave the Bisons a surprise. They were ahead of the Bisons all the way and when the game ended the score was 38 to 34 in favor of Morgan.
Our fourth game of the season was played against our ancient rivals the Lincoln "Lions." This game was full of thrills throughout and resulted in a victory for the Bisons. The team at this time was showing the form of an aged quint. The passing and defensive work at times seemed to dazzle the "Lions," nevertheless they were able to cope with the Bisons at almost every angle of the game, so that the game was a thriller throughout. Much credit is due to the defensive work of Sewell and Clarkson. The game ended with a score, 21 to 15, in Howard's favor.

The Bisons next journeyed to Baltimore to take the scalp of the fast Morgan team. Aroused by the defeat of the Morgan team, the Bisons were full of zeal and went into the game to emerge victorious. The fact that Morgan has never lost on her own floor, made the game all the more interesting. Despite the fast game that the Morganites put up, the Bisons emerged on the long end of the score. The score was 22 to 19.

The last game of the season was played in Philadelphia against the Lincoln "Lions" on the 29th of February. The Bisons urged on by their good record gave the "Lions" their worst defeat of the season. Minus the aid of Clarkson and Sewell the Bisons played exceptionally well. Their places were ably filled by Branson and Bundrant. The score was 31 to 16.

LETTER MEN IN FOOTBALL 1923-24

Anderson, Thomas J.  Kelly, Houghton M.
Bagley, Ulysses S.  Long, Edgar
Blackmon, Theodore  Melton, Laddie
Contee, Raymond  Priestly, A. Cromwell
Doneghy, Raymond (Capt.-elect.)  Smith, Vernon
Doneghy, Charles (Captain)  Peyton, Samuel
Johnsen, Heywood  Williams, George

George Curtis, Manager

ENTIRE SQUAD

Anderson, T. J.  Long, E. A.
Bidchus, N. E.  Melton, L.
Bagley, U. S.  Morrow, H. E.
Bolling, J. S.  Mitchell, D. C.
Bright, H. O.  Miller, C. B.
Carter, L.  Peacox, J.
Cornish, P. L.  Peyton, S. R.
Campbell, L. F.  Priestly, A. C.
Carr, D.  Smith, V. R.
Clark, E. B.  Striplin, J. M.
Contee, R.  Waring, H. L.
Davis, L. W.  Webster, J.
Deakos, R. S.  Williams, G. D.
Dodson, J. N.  George D. Curtis, Manager
Doneghy, C. J.  Atherton Robinson, Asst. Manager
Hill, L. A.  Harry Oswald, 2nd Asst. Manager
Kelly, H. M.  Louis Watson, Coach
Lassiter, S. E.  John Nurse, Asst. Coach
Johnson, H.  Dr. Thornhill, Squad Physician
FOOTBALL 1923-24

The season of 1923 found new management in charge of the Department of Physical Education at Howard University. The desire of the University to develop a school of Physical Education led it to seek persons who are especially fitted for such work. Mr. Watson, graduate of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College, and a holder of the degree of Bachelor of Physical Education, was offered the position, and in the spring of 1923 accepted and took up his new duties. He is now being ably assisted by Mr. John Burr, who also holds a degree from the Y. M. C. A. College.

With the co-operation of these two men, the hope of the administration will soon be realized. That hope is to develop the department of Physical Education to the extent that the same course can be offered at Howard as is offered at Springfield Y. M. C. A. College.

As customary, our football season opened on the 15th of September under the direction of Coach Watson and Assistant Coach Nurse. All eyes of the public were focused on the new coach and his assistant to see what kind of team would be developed. Under the watchful eyes of Coach Watson and his assistant, a smooth working team, built around a few of the veterans of the 1922 season, was soon developed.

The first game of the season was played against the Agricultural and Technical College of Greensboro, N. C. The team which offered Howard such little opposition last year, proved a worthy foe for the “Bisons” this year. Although the game resulted in a victory, it showed that there was room for improvement. The score was 7 to 0 in Howard’s favor.

The second game was played with our ancient rival, Lynchburg Seminary. This game was of particular interest because it brought the Morrison system against the Watson system. This game was played at home on the 13th of October and resulted in the second victory for the “Bisons.” The team showed a great improvement over the team of preceding Saturday. The score was 13 to 0 in Howard’s favor.

The third game of the season was played against Livingstone College of North Carolina. This team came here with a string of victories attached to it and expected to take the Bisons’ scalp. They made a dash- ing attack but soon realized they were not in the Bisons’ class. They were easily defeated, being outplayed in every department of the game. The game ended in favor of Howard. Score 15 to 0.

On the following Friday, contrary to football traditions, the Bisons met the Morehouse eleven in the American League park. This game was an experiment on the part of the University and proved a great success. Before a representative group of spectators, the Bisons defeated the team that had been seeking a game with Howard for more than twenty years. They presented a formidable team, but in spite of their clever tactics they could not penetrate the Bisons’ defense and were defeated by a score of 15 to 0.

The success of the Morehouse game led the officials to stage the Wilberforce game in the Park. These lads from the West came here with the express purpose of doing what no other team had been able to do. They put up a clean fight and used every play they knew, in order to stop the Bisons in their march. They did succeed in holding them in check for a while but the continuous hammering for which the Bisons are noted soon began to establish their superiority and the game ended in Howard’s favor. Score 7 to 0.

On the following Saturday the officials were able to secure the Park again and the Bisons met the Petersburg team there. The visitors presented a fast running attack but did not cause the Bisons any great amount
of trouble, for they soon met this attack with a stubborn defense. The visitors did, however, succeed in crossing the Bisons' goal line, something no other team had been able to do. The game ended in Howard's favor, the score being 19 to 6.

The next Saturday the Bisons travelled to Hampton with the sole purpose of avenging the defeat administered by the Seasiders last year. They succeeded in accomplishing their purpose and added one more victory to their long string. They decisively defeated the Seasiders by the score of 19 to 6.

Just before the annual classic the Bisons spent an entire week in the developing of new plays for the greatest game of the season. After a week they returned home from their secret camp and immediately departed for Philadelphia, where the annual game was to be staged. On the 29th of November the Bisons met the Lincoln “Lions” before one of the largest crowds that has ever witnessed this classic. Thousands journeyed from all sections of the country to cheer their respective teams only to see the classic end in a tie. It was a thrilling game throughout and will long be remembered by all who witnessed this contest. The score was 6 to 6.

Although not as well supported as he might have been, Mr. Watson proved his ability as a Howard coach. To him and his assistant, Nurse, are due much credit for the development of such a team as represented Howard on the gridiron this past season.

WOMEN IN ATHLETICS

As you read over the athletic history you noticed that very little is said concerning athletics for young women of the University. This is due to the fact that it was not customary for young women to take part in any sport in the earlier days of the University. As the time advanced it became noticeable that young women desired to participate in some of the minor sports at least.

Not until about 1916 did athletics for women assume a decided basis. In this year a basketball team was developed, and while no inter-collegiate or inter-scholastic contests were scheduled, games were played among the different classes and clubs. From this date, up to the present time the young women have been taking an active part in tennis, basketball and in some years in track. These sports among the young women have been very uneven, mainly because of the lack of proper facilities and instruction.

In 1919, the University, to avoid this fault appointed Miss Tuck as acting dean of women and physical education instructor. Under her supervision these sports were carried to the limit and several teams were developed in each sport. In 1921 a basketball team was developed that was defeated by the Y. W. C. A. basketball team. This was the only game played. In 1923 a track team was developed under the direction of Miss Curtis who succeeded Miss Tuck. A very successful track meet was held and proved that athletics for women was not a waste of time, and that it was very much desired by the University women. The spirit shown indicated the possibility of athletics in the years to come. This track meet was the first ever held and was well attended by the public. Not only was a track meet held, but an exposition of the kind of work taught was also given. This department which has been sadly neglected in the past, has been reorganized under the care of Miss Curtis and will no doubt be an important element in the University curriculum when the gymnasium is built.
THE DELTA BIG FIVE
OF OMEGA PSI PHI
FRATERNITY CHAMPIONS
OF HOWARD
Nurse, Captain
Lucas, Manager
Adams
Freeman
Blackman
Carter
Westmoreland, Coach
Donehey
Long
Lee
Goff
FRATERNITY GAMES:
March 8, 1924
Omega 27 Phil Beta Sigma 17
March 22, 1924
Omega 13 Alpha 4
March 29, 1924
Omega 17 Alpha 19
April 5, 1924
Omega 21 Alpha 22

1924 BISON