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In the singles matches the Deacs took victories in the one, four and five spots. Martzolf was got things started off with a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 4 over Mason Miller. Bielik won 6-1, 6-1 over Morris, while Coetzee clinched the match with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Grant at No. 5.

"I am very pleased with where we are right now," Fleishman said. "To be on an 11-game winning streak and open ACC play 2-0 is very solid." However, Fleishman does not want his team to let up just yet. "We wanted to be ranked in the top five and win the ACC," he said. "We are currently ranked where we want to be, but we still have our goal of winning the ACC out there to grab." In order to attain the desired suc-

cess, Fleishman feels this second half of the team's season is important. "I am pleased with our start," he said. "If you are going to lose it is best to lose at the beginning of the season. This is the crucial time where we need to step up." The Demon Deacons, in the middle of a six-match homestand, return to action on March 23 when they host 6th-ranked Florida. Match time is set for noon at Leighton Tennis Stadium.

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Hubbard knocked in two runs apiece, with LeFavre's coming in on a homerun bomb. Hubbard's eighth inning single brought in the winning run. Hanson (3-0) earned the win, while Bush got his fourth save of the spring.

The close-game tension continued on March 11 with Greer's bunch winning a 5-4, 11-inning slobberknocker. Bush (1-0) received his first win of the year after tossing 1 1/3 innings of perfect ball, with Bourassa bringing around the game-winning run in the 11th inning on a single. Freshman Ben Ingold went 2-for-3 with one RBI and one walk, while



Sleeth

junior second baseman Nick Blue batted 3-for-7 with one RBI.

The Deacons returned home on March 15 to open ACC play against the 5th-ranked Yellow

Jackets of Georgia Tech. The 10-9 barnburner wasn't determined to be a Deac victory until junior outfielder Ryan Johnson popped a two-run double in the bottom of the ninth. Bourassa chipped in three hits and three RBIs, while junior DH Ryan Braun added 2 RBIs. Bush (2-0) netted another victory after a perfect ninth inning. Sleeth, who got the start, hurled six innings and struck out seven batters, but gave up eight runs.

With their second straight sweep in sight, the Deacs could smell blood and knocked out Tech 11-5 on March 16. Bach (1-0) clinched the victory in relief of fellow frosh sensation Tim Morley, who threw five innings and yielded five runs.

D'Antona carried the offense, blasting his fifth homer of the year to bring in three runs. Johnson also uncorked his second blast of the year, getting two RBIs in the process.

Due to the statement made in the sweep over Georgia Tech, Greer's Gang continued to crawl up the national rankings, finding the No. 8 slot before beginning a two-game midweek clash with a visitor from the SEC, Georgia. In the opener on March 19, the Demon Deacons withstood a furious charge from the Bulldogs in the late innings to ice out an 11-9 victory. Bach (2-0), in his first collegiate start, pitched well over 6 2/3 innings, giving up four earned runs and whiffing eight batters.

Hanson and Bush, as they have all season, came out of the bullpen to ensure a "W," even though they both gave up two runs in their respective inning of work. D'Antona and Johnson presented their squad with two RBIs apiece in the victory.

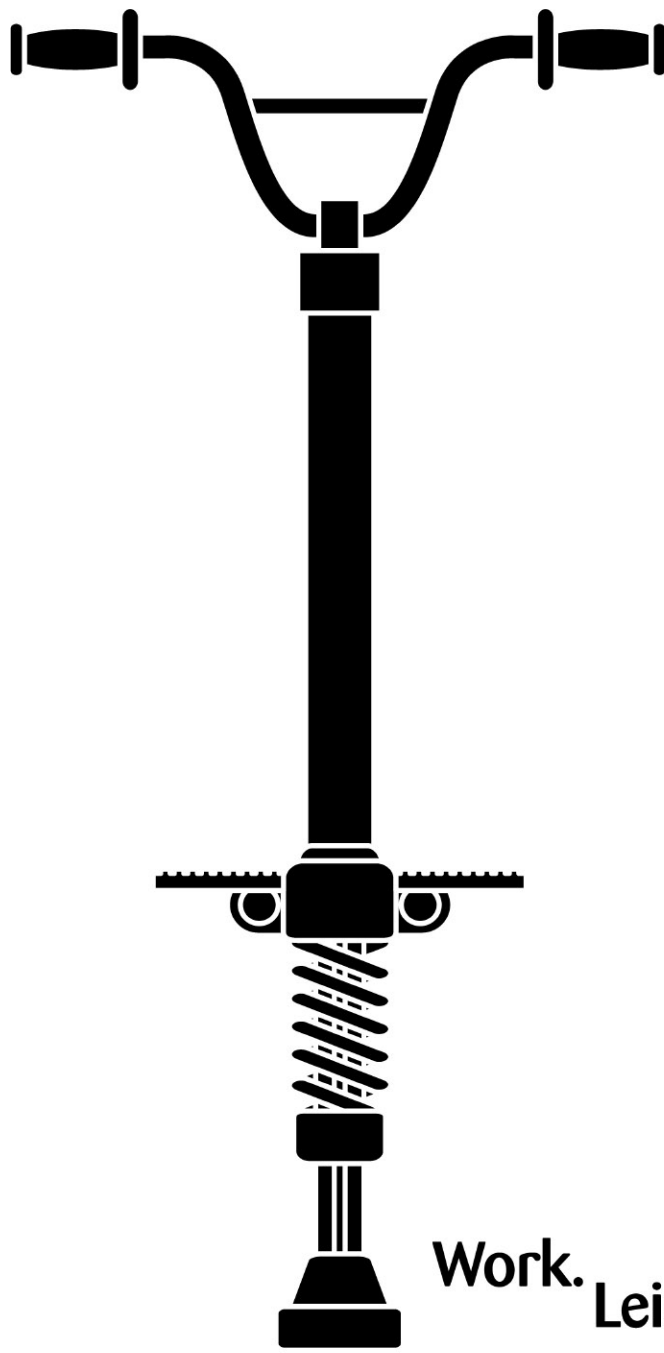
The six-game winning streak and the seemingly untouchable karma of the Diamond Deacs of spring break came to a crashing end in the conclusion of the series against Georgia. Senior starter Brad Comer (0-1) lasted only 2 1/3 innings, giving up eight runs. Hill came on in relief to end the Bulldogs' charge, but to no avail.

While the Deacon offense refused to cave, as evidenced by Johnson's 2 RBIs on 3-for-4 batting, the weather had no such reservations, ending any hope of a Deac comeback in the seventh inning and giving Georgia the conquest.

The No. 8 Deacons hope to continue their crawl up the national polls and the ACC when they travel to Raleigh March 22 for a three-game series against N.C. State.



Bourassa



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