Another Carlen innovation
Practices feature music

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The Gamecocks have added totally new look this year, a new coach, new uniforms and a new record. Coach Art Brinson has changed many things at Carolina including the football practice sessions.

Remember the atmosphere at basketball games where the team takes the court for their warm-up drills? With the music 9001-A Chastain, who is in the Coliseum, the team glides through the warmup session. If you watch a football practice session this year you will also hear music. This music has been playing everyday since the team started practicing in pads this summer. No special type of music is played, anything goes. One day it had nothing from the Eagles to the rock opera Tommy. This is not a totally new concept at Carolina. Last year Paul Dietzel played the fight song over the speakers. Various players remembered the ‘Go Gamecack Go’ blaring out over the speakers.

This year the music, just like the football team, has changed. Each player questioned said that he enjoyed this year’s music more.

The idea of playing the music during practice sessions is an idea Carlen brought with him from Texas Tech. Carlen, however, said he did not select the music that was played during practice. “I’m more of a country and western fan and I believe these kids are into hard rock,” Carlen said.

From all indications the music will remain at the practice sessions. “You turn it off and see what they say,” Carlen said in reference to the way his team feels about the music.

Carlen said he had seen defensive tackle Kerry DePasquale occasionally doing the shuffle at practice sessions. “He’s so short I don’t know how he does it,” Carlen said.

When asked about the music, DePasquale smiled and said he didn’t know what his coach was talking about. He added that “it’s nice to listen to our music. It helps get our mind off practice and we don’t get tired as easy.”

Mike McCabe, Carolina’s starting offensive center said, “When it was really hot, it kept our minds off the heat.” McCabe noted that he did not like the ‘hard stuff’ that is sometimes played at practice, but said he preferred a more “mellow” type of music.

McCabe said he understood that the music he preferred would not be conducive to the mood at practice.

“The music goes along with Carlen’s whole philosophy,” McCabe said. According to McCabe, Carlen’s philosophy is “football should be fun and something you enjoy.”

Mark Thomas, a sophomore from Athens, Ga., pulled some ligaments in his knee in a practice earlier this year. Thomas’ job now is to play the music. One can look up into the press area and see the Gamecock DJ, changing cassettes during each practice.

Split end Randy Chastain said at the first of the year Carlen told the players to bring any type of music they wanted to hear and it would be played. Chastain, who had been playing the guitar since he was 11, said, “I don’t know it helps me play better or not, it just helps my mind. Sometimes it’s hard to get ready for practice.”

Chastain said the fight song that played incessantly last year got on his nerves. According to Chastain, the music that is being played now “helps the team get through practice and that’s a big thing, practice get a little dull sometimes.” Chastain said.

Chastain was injured and on crutches last week. Some of his teammates said that when he practice earlier this year the team really liked, he would pick up his crutch and pretend to be playing a guitar.

Perhaps the crutch did produce some sound, and the perhaps the music is not responsible for the team’s 3-1 record. He asked if the music had affected the team, one player answered “we’ve been winning haven’t we?”

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Intramurals

Game of the Week
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Phi Delta Theta scored a 60-0 overtime victory over previously unbeaten Pi Kappa Phi Tuesday in the intramural game of the week.

After battling to a scoreless tie at the end of regulation play, the teams each got the ball on the other’s 10 yard line with four plays in which to score. Pi Kappa Phi was successful on its first and only scoring chance.

Phi Delta Theta then got their chance to score. After tough defensive play by Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Theta had the ball third down and goal from about 20 yard outs. Quarterback Phil Newsome threw a pass in the endzone to Tom Hagerty and the game ended.

The officials called numerous personal fouls throughout the game on both teams. One official said the reason they were calling so many penalties was because the players on both sides were throwing too many forearm.

Pi Kappa Phi had an excellent opportunity to score late in the second quarter. With 1:25 remaining in the first half, Pi Kappa Phi had the ball fourth and goal on the two yard line. An attempted pass from quarterback Steve Campbell was intercepted in the endzone by Phil Newsome to end the threat.

Pi Kappa Phi had many long pass plays from Campbell to receiver Glen Sawicki throughout the game. When Pi Kappa Phi moved into scoring position, however, the Phi Delta Theta defense would not allow them to score.

Mark Parish was outstanding on the defensive line for Phi Delta Theta and Dale Averitte intercepted two passes to star for Pi Kappa Phi’s defense.

Intramural Golf

Top Ten
Shekhtia 69-AROTC
Cunningham 76-Woodrow
F linked 76-Alpha Tau Omega
Williams 76-Kappa Alpha
Shalosky 76-Sigma Nu
Walters 76-NIC
Wilkinson 76-Pi Kappa Phi
G belt 78-Sigma Nu
Ranney 81-Sigma Nu
Troy 81-Lamba Chi Alpha

Pi Kappa Phi quarterback passes against Phi Delta Theta.