

EARLY PRACTICE SCHEDULED FOR BASEBALL TEAM

Jim Tom Bush, Captain, will be in charge for first week.

Mercer's baseball team will begin intensive practice early in March according to Coach E. Parker Moseley. Bush will be in charge of the team for the first week or two due to the fact that the coach will be out of the city.

Never before has Mercer had a better schedule than has been made out for the coming season. The first game will be played at Central City Park on March 25, against the Mississippi Argies.

The team will practice on the Alumnae field, according to statements made by Bush, and the work of preparing the diamond has already begun.

Though the weather of late has not been such as to provoke it, there has been some discussion on the campus during the past week, among the stovish league fans of baseball. When the baseball fan reflects that not a single pitcher of last year will be back for the coming season and that Bobby Pinkston and Jakey Dunn are gone he is at first inclined to believe that the outlook for a winning team is not very encouraging.

But, when he tries to justify this first impression, he finds that he cannot do so and, after he has considered Coach Parker Moseley's prospects for 1927 for a while, he is apt to arrive at the following conclusions: The pitching staff will be as good if not better than last year's staff, the infield better and the outfield just as good.

If any reader is inclined to be skeptical about the above statements let him consider the following team: catcher, John Parks; pitchers, Crowe, Manly, Purcell, Overstreet; first base, Charley Stapleton; second base, Darby Cannon; short-stop, Jim Tom Bush; third base, Butch Hammock; right field, Sam Guerry; center field, Phoney Smith; left field, "Six" Salter.

The pitchers named in the above team were all freshmen last year but they were all winners and every one of them gives promise to make winners on the varsity. If need be Charlie Stapleton who pitched some the season before last can be called upon to do batter's service.

While it is true that the infield this season will be minus Bobby Pinkston and Jakey Dunn, there is every reason to believe that the above infield will be a better balanced one, with its two freshman stars of last year playing between two veterans. Then there is Wallace Butts, who has been treated rather badly by not even being mentioned until now, that is going to make some of these infielders play real baseball if he is left off the team.

As for the outfield it is sure to have Phoney Smith on it and that with Sam Guerry, "Six" Salter and Harold McCarty trying out for it will assure its being as good as it was last year, at least.

Coach Moseley has not yet announced when practice for the coming season will begin but he has announced a rather hectic schedule. Twenty-one games are already scheduled and three or four will probably be arranged. The following is the schedule as it now stands:

- March 25-26—Mississippi A. & M. in Macon.
- March 31—Michigan State in Macon.
- April 2-9—University of Georgia in Macon.
- April 13-14—University of Michigan in Macon.
- April 18-19—Notre Dame in Macon.
- April 22-23—Oglethorpe in Atlanta.
- May 10-11—Oglethorpe in Macon.
- May 13-14—University of Florida in Macon.

The dates for four games with Auburn and two with Tech are yet to be fixed.

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Climbing Higher—"So your wife is determined to move. What is her idea?" "She is convinced that she can keep up with a more rapid train of neighbors."—(Boston Transcript).

JACOB'S SPEECH IN NEW ORLEANS STIRS COMMENT

Says Senior College Will Give Way to High School and Junior College

Dean Jacobs returned last Saturday from New Orleans where he attended the meeting of the Southern Baptist Education Association.

In commenting editorially on Dean Jacob's part in the program the Telegraph says, "Professor Peyton Jacob in a startling speech made in New Orleans Friday before the Southern Baptist educators, in their annual session, took the position that the Senior College or the higher grade work done by the old time college, is actually passing and giving place, on the one hand, to the high school and the Junior College and on the other hand to the University."

Quoting from Dean Jacob's speech, he says: "A candid survey of the facts point to the conclusion that it is only a matter of time when our present four year college must give way. Irresistible forces are bringing about an entirely new alignment of educational institutions. Every educational unit in our American scheme is even now undergoing reconstruction."

"The high school is expanding into the junior college; appropriating the first two years. The professional schools are already beginning to absorb the last two years. Soon there will be no place for the present four-year liberal arts college."

Dean Jacob's statements were met with considerable opposition from members of the delegates from the smaller colleges. These men pointed out the fact that the reverse had been true in the past. However Dean Jacob found ample support of his contentions in the younger men just finishing their courses and from the representatives from the larger institutions. It is true that in recent years the trend of the professional schools has been for more rigid requirements, but in the past two or three years a reaction has taken place.

At Johns Hopkins University a student may begin taking the course for his Ph.D. after he finishes the first two years of college work. Recently Leland Stanford announced a similar policy and the faculty of the University of Chicago is at present debating the adoption of practically the same system.

Several views regarding college finance were advanced. An estimate shows that the alumni of colleges owe their Alma Maters from \$200 to \$800 above the tuition fee. This sum is accumulated as a result of activities participated in by the students other than the regular college course. It is the duty of the alumni, therefore, to help support the college. M. A. Huggins, Secretary of Education for the Baptists of North Carolina, and President Wood of Stevens College, Missouri both stressed the fact that the student should bear more of the cost of his education. At present many of the Colleges depend upon endowment funds for their existence. Educators reason that a college education increases the individual's earning power, therefore it is his duty to pay a proportionate amount of the expense.

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Where Only Man is Vile—"How does the land lie out here?" Native—"It ain't the land that lies; it's the real estate agents."—(Good Hardware).

Roadside Tinker—Brown, "I hear Jones is letting the rest of the world go by." Greene—"Retired, eh?" Brown—"No, bought a used car."—(Allison Recorder).

Business That Don't Bust—The guy who named small change "chick-on face" evidently never took a girl out to supper.—(Judge).

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OPEN FORUM

Mercer University, Feb. 1, 1927. Editor Cluster:

Each afternoon when the weather permits there may be seen students playing on the tennis courts in front of the athletic office. These are only a small number of what would play if there were sufficient courts. Yet there is a court right beside the courts that are being used that could be put in playing condition for an expenditure of less than \$5.00.

In front of the Science Hall there are two other courts which the students would be only too glad to utilize if the holes in the wire surrounding them were patched.

As the students well know, at the beginning of each term there is punched on their receipt a small item (1) called University fees. Now, the catalogue says that, among other things, is included in these fees "play ground privileges."

Could it be that the students are paying for something they are not getting?

If this is the case we are sure that those in authority have only been unintentionally negligent of our wants. Now, that this little matter in regard to tennis courts has been called to their attention we are sure that it will be attended to at once.

Yours truly, Howard H. Greene.

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