

**VARSITY CAGERS  
BEGIN PRACTICE**

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**Two Teams Practice**

Throughout this week the dimly lighted Husars Armory court has been trampled by both the freshmen candidates and those who aspire to membership on the varsity five.

In spite of the low ceiling, exceedingly snappy workouts, consisting of basket shooting, passing and short scrimmages are being held.

**"Phoney" Only Man Back**

With the exception of Phoney Smith, star forward of the past two seasons, the coaches are facing the problem of developing an entirely new team to take the place of the 1926-27 five which missed winning the S. I. A. A. title by one point at Charleston. Phoney is the only letter man to return. He, with Jonny Douglas of the Citadel, were almost unanimous choices for all S. I. A. A. forwards last year.

Wilbourn Dicks, all S. I. A. A. guard, married and will not return. John Parks and Malcolm Green graduated. Harold McCart, another forward, is not in school.

Nevertheless, the boys practicing in the unsuitable enclosure on Poplar street are looking good and getting better. The freshman team of last year is giving the varsity some good material. This team lost only one game.

**Good Material for Team**

Lynwood Mallard and Art Wright have been practicing at the forward positions. Stovall shows promise at center and Ramage Murray is another dependable sophomore.

From last year's reserve varsity are Frank McWilliams and Clyde Carpenter. The brother of the former, Manly McWilliams, was a star guard at Mercer several years ago.

Mallard was not in uniform during the first practice Monday afternoon and "Mac" Alfriend was Phoney's running mate. Carpenter and Wright worked the guard positions while Stovall took care of things at center.

The Cub team, in concluding its second week of practice, is rapidly becoming a smooth working machine. Coach Morgan is planning on getting games with the freshman teams of Tech, Georgia and Oglethorpe.

**Big Squad Reports**

The following answered the first call of Coach Morgan for varsity practice: Phoney Smith, Clyde Carpenter, Art Wright, Clarence Stovall, Ramage Murray, Frank McWilliams, Herbert Warren, Paul Stevens, Harold Cone, Big Six Salter, Hugh Kelly, Roscoe Stallings, Emerson Bell, Howard Bridges and others.

It is probable that about December 16 the Bears will begin a barnstorming trip through South Georgia, returning here Christmas Eve. The next trip will be made to Tennessee, where Mercer opens the season proper in Nashville against Vanderbilt January 2.

**More Games Planned**

No additions have been made to the schedule published in the Cluster last week. However, Manager Lawson Bell stated that the Citadel will play the Bruins here January 20 and 21, instead of February 24 and 25, as was first announced. It is assured that Mercer will play Georgia and the Albany Y. M. C. A., but the scenes of the games and the dates have not yet been determined.

**ELLER WILL LEAD  
LOCAL MINISTERS**

Circulation Manager of Cluster Elected President of Ministerial Association

Eugene R. Eller, of North Wilkesbarre, N. C., circulation manager of the Mercer Cluster, was elected president of the Mercer Ministerial Association at a meeting held Tuesday night. Other officers elected were: James H. Carr, Florence, S. C., vice-president; James P. Westberry, Columbia, S. C., secretary, and Stanley Reese, treasurer.



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