

FROM THE

BRUIN SPORTLOG

BY JOHN B. CALLAWAY

Johnson Sees Harriers Win..



Will Johnson, staff cartoonist for the CLUSTER, gives his impression of the cross-country squad engaged in a race. The Mercer harriers missed a perfect score in the P. C. race last week by only three points, and Coach Rogers expressed satisfaction with the results of the first try for the squad.

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two . . . And when did his realm get the frog he brought home (or vice versa) at five A. M.? . . . Bloody was touring with his doll Sunday . . . with her nursing the battle scars, no doubt . . . Carolina is my choice of the Southern clubs . . . You were wrong, boss, about the beauty queen . . . she's okay . . . if you don't believe it, ask her . . . A. J. Land is back in town, peddling his wares with a local law firm . . . Jane Huckabee phoned while you were out . . . It was no compliment . . . Scallions to Blue Key for ranking Cowboy second to Willie in the parade . . . after all, she's the drum major . . . So they ran in a dirt collum on you . . . hah . . . while I was away, too . . . shows how you need me . . . Cooper Etheridge, principal at Pearson, reports that two young female pupils of his can get an A anytime . . . oh, but the price, boss, the price . . . And incidentally, you were in fine fettle at the game . . . after you finally got there, that is . . . (Fire Bixby Monday) . . . Charlie Thompson said he felt fine Sunday after he finally managed to pull his lower lip in out of the window . . . Davis struck three matches in Overton's class . . . on a bet . . . And who at the College Hill Sunday but Deena and Henry . . . what! no Connie? Oh, well, the lives and loves on this campus would take a book . . . And anyway, I'm still tired . . . Personal Memo: Fire Bixby for good Monday. We hate her . . .

A slow start has gradually developed into a good mid-season with two wins for the Bears and two losses. Now, if the team can just keep up the power that they have shown in the last two games, the championships of two conferences are in the bag. But, then you have to think of Furman, who will give the Bears plenty of opposition tomorrow afternoon in Greenville. Not once in the last ten years have the Bears been able to defeat this South Carolina team. Most of the games have been by a close score.

Mercer led last year up to the fourth quarter with a score of 3-0, but this failed to put a damper on the Furman team. In the last quarter Furman came back to score 9 points to take the game from the Bears. It will be a hard fight and Russell's boys will have to put up plenty of scrap to take the game tomorrow.

BEARS STOP HIGBE

Just as in the Birmingham-Southern game, Mercer was hot last Friday night against Presbyterian. It was the same Higbee who gave Mercer so much trouble last year, when Presbyterian gave the Bears their first defeat, who was continually bringing the fans to their feet with his thrilling runs last Saturday. P. C. was a mean team to play, as some time they appeared to be weakening fast and the next moment would make a serious threat for a second score.

BLOODY HEMPLE STAR

Allen Bloodworth was good for touchdowns last week as he was in the game one week before. A smooth working backfield was responsible for another victory being "chalked up" for the Bears. John Hemple "from Temple" was continually in the line making good plays. Once when Bloodworth punted from Mercer's 30 yard line down to about the Blue Stockings 25 yard stripe, Hemple was right there to tackle Higbee in his tracks. Such playing as this was responsible for the second victory of the Bears. A real fight was started when the Blue Stockings scored after Mercer had failed to carry the ball over from the five yard stripe. Higbee scampered down the field to make the first score of the evening, giving P. C. a seven point lead, converting the extra point. Mercer came back to tie the score after the half period, and in the fourth quarter another points were scored to mark another victory for the Bears.

HARRIERS IMPRESSIVE

A track team at Mercer is something that has been dreamed of for years, and at last that dream has come to a reality. Last Saturday night during the half period of the Presbyterian-Mercer football game Coach Rogers sent his cross-country team out on the road against a picked team from the Blue Stockings campus, in a three mile race. Norman Smith, a freshman from Edison, Ga., led the man around with a fast pace to bring the Mercer team in first with a score of 18-43. Only one Presbyterian man came into the line of Mercer's first five men to finish, when the number one man of the opposing team came in third. Other contests have been scheduled for the Harriers during the season.

With the high breaks we should have a good track team to enter in the Southern Conference meet this year. And while the cross-country team is working, some of the other types of track activities could be brought into play along some of the dash men that showed up so well last year in the intra-mural track meet. It looks as if Mercer will retain a place in athletics other than football. Why can't the old baseball spirit be worked over and a team placed in the college league next year?

Intramural Sports Program Retained

Last year's schedule for intramural sports, which worked so successfully, will be followed in full this year, with the possible addition of boxing and wrestling to the list. It was announced recently by Major J. D. Blair, athletic director.

"Surprising ability and interest shown by students in physical education work indicate that there will be greater enthusiasm in intramural sports this year than ever before," Major Blair stated.

At present there are 247 junior college students enrolled in seven classes and meeting twice each week to "keep themselves physically fit." Callisthenics are given during the first fifteen minutes of the class period, and the remainder of the time is devoted to volleyball and basketball.

Only those students presenting an excuse from a physician, or taking part in some university sport are exempt from the classes.

Nicholson Talks Before Theologs

Dr. D. B. Nicholson, State B. S. U. secretary, spoke on the problems that confront the minister after he has graduated from school and is on the field, at the regular meeting of the Mercer Ministerial association Tuesday night.

"The major difference between college life and our later life," said "Brother Nick," "is that while we are in college we have the scene in which we are to work before us in an orderly well-regulated scheme of things, while after we are on the field we have to create our own scenes. When we behold that all is not as we have imagined, we are heartbroken and crushed in spirit."

"Brother Nick" went on to say, "that the major problem today is that the youth of our land is totally confused. The cause of this is the confusion that reigns among our elders in every walk of life. There is not a man in politics or any other public position that the youth of today can afford to emulate. Our home life, moral life, and social life is hopelessly confused because of lack of competent leaders." The remedy that "Brother Nick" gave was a life that should center closer around Jesus Christ. He stated that no amount of theological argument or economical arrangement would suffice. Jesus is the only answer.

Plans are being made in the association for an extension campaign to include a series of "morning devotionals over the radio and evangelistic campaigns on the streets of Macon.

Mercer Trackmen Victors Over Presbyterian Runners

Coach Rogers Sees Good Material in Norman Smith, Francis Blanks and Others

By Will Johnson

Mercer's newest addition to the realm of inter-collegiate sports, the cross country team, met Presbyterian here last Saturday night at the Centennial stadium and literally ran away with the show by defeating the P. C. harriers 18 to 43.

This victory by the track team recently organized here by Dr. Henry Rogers, aspirant to 1936 Olympic honors and former cross-country coach at Penn State, has created much interest among Mercer sport fans. The sport at Mercer is new, however, and some questions have been asked about the rules governing such a contest.

In a cross country race collegiate runners usually run a distance of from three to five miles. The team is composed of five regular men and two "spares." Each runner, no matter which team he runs on, is numbered consecutively with number when he crosses the finishing line. Then the numbers acquired by each team are added, the lower score winning. The two extra men, termed "spares," are run by each team for the purpose of replacing one of the first five who may happen to drop out or to crowd men on the opposing team back so that the score of the opposition will be higher.

In the meet against P. C. last week over a 2 1/2 mile course, Mercer won by a total of 18 points, just three points above the perfect score, 15. The highest score a team can accumulate and still win a race is 50 points.

The Mercer- Presbyterian run last week was lead by Mercer's number

one man, lightning-like Norman Smith, of Edison, who made the 2 1/2 mile circuit in 12 minutes and 55 seconds. He was followed by Mercer number two man, Francis Blanks, who did the course in 13 minutes flat.

Following is a composite record of all runners in the meet: Norman Smith, Mercer, 12:55; Francis Blanks, Mercer, 13; Preston Clarke, P. C., 13:05; Edison Yates, Mercer, 13:25; Jim Wallace, Mercer, 14; Tom Snow, Mercer, 14:05; Tom Estes, P. C., 14:10; Solon Couch, Mercer, 14:25; Dan Higgins, Mercer, 14:30; Douglas Patton, P. C., 15; John Woodward, P. C., 17:31; Ashby Johnson, P. C., 19:25.

In their first meet the Mercer runners defeated a team which has beaten Florida and Georgia in the past two seasons, although, according to the coach, none of the runners has had previous experience in cross country running.

Dr. Henry Rogers is one of the three running coaches in the country who actually trains with his boys. He was connected with the Penn State track teams for five years and is also one of eight runners in the country from whom three will be chosen to represent the United States in the 10,000 meter race in the 1936 olympic games.

For Men Only

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ably have never wanted it before. We know, because there was a time when we were in their shoes. Every man on the campus should make it his personal responsibility to see that these boys leave us with Mercer a part of them. It's a fairly easy thing to be pleasant (except

early in the morning); and you'll never know what it means to those boys.

Incidentally, their coming constitutes something for us in the way of opportunity. A wag has said that the quietest way to learn a language is to live with a woman of that nationality. It follows that a close second choice would be the living with a man. Anyone who takes it upon himself to teach those boys an hour's conversational English everyday, and, in turn, absorb an hour's Spanish from them, will speak fluent Spanish by June. We may even do it ourselves.

—MC—

BIXBY (takes notes in our moments of relaxation):

Ah, boss, 'M exhausted . . . thass all . . . exhausted . . . what with running back and forth from one set of hops to the other . . . never time to dance myself . . . But cheer up my fran . . . I dished up dirt that'll put the other mice out of the running; Overby (your pal) was tearing his hair of a Sat'dy p.m. . . something about two dates and student tickets . . . he mumbled, so how should I know what was going on in that brain of his . . . Earle Carter had a visitor over the week-end . . . lovely, too . . . he's still walkin' on air . . . An orchid to Shorter . . . they've got what it takes in the way of dolls . . . George Daniel, the original fly in Mohamet's soup, was feeling gugeous a night or

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