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IN THE WASH

By JACK CARVER

The old fire-horse is back in harness this week. Dr. Wu we mean. We sent him on a special assignment to cover the Georgia game and he is continuing in Athens to make a complete survey on the miraculous ability of the Bulldogs to win in their own backyard. To give you some idea of the work he is carrying on, we insert herein a paragraph from a special interview the Doctor had with the U. of G. basketball coach.

"They laughed when I said we'd take 'em. How were they to know the referee was my brother-in-law?" The speaker was Rover Outright, papa of the Bulldog Quins. Mr. Outright is a charter member of the Boy Sprouts, he being a gentleman who believes in preparedness and fair play to the nth degree. In fact there are those who even go so far to intimate that Mr. Outright will not stop at purchasing a couple of the best officials in order to be prepared.

Seriously though, nobody likes a bad loser, regardless of the circumstances. No better illustration of this is needed than Yussell Joe Jacobs, who built quite a reputation for himself with his "we wuz robbed" each time Max Schmelling got beat. The way we see it, about the best way out is for the Bears to just beat hell out of the Bulldogs when they meet here on the 12th. From all reports, they should, with impartial officials, have no great deal of trouble accomplishing this. At any rate, the Bruins are looking forward to Friday week. As for us . . . Likewise.

I dunno . . . it seems sort of funny somehow. That crumbled foundation where Penfield used to stand. It's hard to understand that the old place is no longer intact. Well do we remember our first visit. The smell of liniment and damp uniforms . . . telephone numbers and addresses on the walls . . . a radio blaring forth upstairs . . . remembered names burned with hot poker into the mantelpieces . . . sounds of horseplay from the rear . . . "A prayer for the boys upstairs covering the side of one room in a lurid red . . . all going to make up the Penfield that used to be.

We returned a year or so later, after the team had found new quarters in remodeled Sherwood. We were sort of touched with it all, so much so, in fact, that we wrote a poem about it. It was in our Freshman days and we were still taking ourself kind of serious. We've still got a copy somewhere. It went something like this:

I wandered down to old Penfield,
The abandoned place gloomy I
found;
Cobwebs covered the windows
Papers were scattered around.

And while I stood there pensive,
My departure by chance delayed,
The walls to me seemed whispering
Of the men who there had stayed.

Those men who once were there,
Football heroes all,
They played the game; to Mercer
brought fame,

In those days we love to recall
They were the men respected and
feared,—

Jammed stadiums they did fill,
They asked no quarter nor gave
one,

Pinkey, an Phoney, and Bill
Their spirit to me somehow lingers
In forsaken Penfield there,
The spirit of men, who again and
again

Made famous the Mercer Bear.
So uncover your heads to old Pen-
field.

Let reverence your somber heart
fill;
For once out back, in that deserted
old shack

Lived Pinkey, and Phoney, and
BILL.

Verily the old order passeth. That crumbled pile of brick and mortar marks, no doubt, a new era for Mercer. But even more surely it marks the end of the old. To a great number of Mercer graduates the old school can never seem the same. Guess we're just getting to be somewhat of a sentimentalist in our old age. Anyway it just seems sort of funny . . . I dunno.

The announced intention of Pan-Hellenic to sponsor a Ping-Pong tournament meets with our whole-hearted approval. Ping-Pong has rapidly been gaining favor in recent years until it has been said to be second only to smooching and poker in the in-door sports field. And while we're on the subject, it seems to us that a couple of tables would not be out of place in the new student center. Also two or three billiard tables. Practically every school of any size has a recreation center of some sort providing these facilities and we know of no reason why Mercer should be different in this respect.

Cubs Overcome Sparks-Adel Hi

Selbert High Scorer With Eleven Points; Allen Next With Eight in 30-29 Victory

Following the one point victory over the Perry High Panthers the Mercer Cubs journeyed to Adel to gain another one-point decision over the once defeated Sparks-Adel High school team. Hampered by injuries, the Cubs were forced to rely on reserve strength to win in the last seconds of the game.

Getting off to a bad start, the Cubs were led by the high schoolers at the end of the first period 15-4. Rallying in the second period with close guarding and good pass work the freshmen came up to within one point of the leaders. The score at the half time was Sparks-Adel 15—Cubs 14.

As the game was resumed the lead changed continuously until the last seconds of the game, neither team ever leading by more than three points. A pass from Bill Jones to Neal Allen netted the winning points. Allen Selbert led the Cubs with eleven points. Capt. Lovett led the losers with eight markers.

In the preliminary game the Mercer Co-eds were defeated by the Sparks-Adel Lassies 26 to 19.

Scores for the game are:

Mercer	FG.	FT.	TP.
Allen, F.	4	0	8
Selbert, F.	5	1	11
Gerhardt, C.	3	0	6
Dillard, G.	1	0	2
Steadman, G.	0	1	1
Harrison, F.	1	0	2
Jones, G.	0	0	0
Totals	14	2	30

Sparks-Adel	FG.	FT.	TP.
Taylor, F.	4	0	8
Lovett, F.	2	4	8
May	2	2	6
Daughtery, G.	2	3	7
Parrish	0	0	0
Whidby	0	0	0
Totals	9	9	27

GIRLS PRACTICE FOR HARD GAMES IN BASKETBALL

Beggs Is Outstanding; Promising New Players Add Strength To Squad

By Helen Glenn
The co-ed basketball team is now preparing for its annual schedule of games with outstanding teams throughout this section. Several new players have made their appearance and many of the freshmen and new girls are showing great promise, it is reported.

Brewton-Parker Institute; Middle Georgia College, the Albany Grandmaws, the Roberta Athletic club; The Byron Girls' Team, South Georgia State college, and the Jeffersonville Athletic club are definitely to be included on the schedule this season.

Virginia Williamson, senior, is again captain of the co-eds, with Gladys Holder serving her first term as business manager. Both girls are playing on the team for their fourth season. Hilda Beggs, the most outstanding forward ever to play for Mercer, is also completing her fourth term on the varsity this season. Mary Pennell and Helen Glenn, juniors, are the only players to be serving their third season as members of the first team. Girls who played last year and are again wearing the Orange and Black are Margaret Barrett and Margaret Heard.

Greek Ping-Pong Tourney Begins

All Fraternities To Participate; Matches Scheduled To Start Thursday

The Pan-Hellenic ping-pong tournament is scheduled to start next Thursday according to an announcement made today by Charlie Brown, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. A rotating cup will be given the fraternity winning the tournament, the first group winning the trophy three times obtaining possession of it.

The matches, to be announced and posted the first of next week will be played at the various fraternity houses having official size tables, as approved by the Pan-Hellenic committee in charge. From two to four men may represent each chapter, each encounter consisting of two singles and one doubles match. Regulation ping-pong rules will govern the play.

According to the regulations, each chapter will meet every other chapter on the campus, the referee to be chosen by the competing teams. Any chapter not playing their matches on the day scheduled will automatically forfeit all matches. Each match will consist of three sets of three 21 point games. That is two sets of singles and one set of doubles. Each set won will give the winning team one point, the winner of the tournament being determined by the highest number of points amassed during the course of the tournament.

Mrs. Helen Lowe Williams, who has just entered at Mercer this year, is astonishing everyone with her ability as a sure-shooting forward, while Marjorie Farmer, also a transfer student, is playing very well in that position this year. Manta Adams, Lois Hargrove, and Dorothy Sawyer are three new girls who are showing marked ability as guards. Ann Jones has recently joined the group which practices a little every afternoon and is expected to play well both as a forward and as a guard. Several of the other more experienced players are also gifted in this way, being able to fill any position on the team.

MERCER BASKETEERS TO MEET GEORGIA STATE FIVE TONIGHT

ANNOUNCEMENT

Manager Charlie Ridley of the proposed golf team asks that all students interested in trying out for positions on the team see him within the next week to make arrangements for practice and trials. According to a recent announcement by athletic authorities, there will be sufficient to warrant it. Manager Ridley is anxious to ascertain whether there is sufficient material on the campus at present to make the team worthwhile.

Bears Seek to Avenge Last Season's Loss; Teachers Team Best in Recent Years

The Mercer basketball team, still handicapped by injuries despite a week's idleness, journeyed to Statesboro today where they will meet a strong State Teacher's quintet tonight. The Teachers have one of their best teams of recent years, and give every indication of giving the Bears a real battle tonight.

The Teachers won from the Bruins in their only encounter last year, and the Bears will be seeking revenge tonight. The Teachers have won their only two contests against college opposition this year, however, and are planning on turning the trick again.

Mercer may be handicapped by several injuries incurred in the rough and tumble Bulldog affair last week, which Georgia won 37-35. Kenyon Sellers, flashy forward, received a cut on the head, while Harold Irwin, center had a sprained ligament which kept him out of the Georgia game. Both are expected to start, however, in the game tonight. Other starters will probably be Martin at forward, and Lawrence and Kirksey at guards. This is the last game on the Bruins schedule before they encounter the University of Florida here on Feb. 8.

A West Virginia University statistician with a "hydraulic complex" has calculated that all of the institutions buildings use about 3,000,000 gallons of water monthly.

Kirksey, G.	2	1	5
Lawrence, G.	1	2	4
Totals	12	11	35

Georgia	G.	FG.	TP.
Richards, F.	0	0	0
Vandiver, F.	3	0	6
Harrold, F.	1	0	2
Head, F.	1	0	2
Farren, C.	6	5	17
Culberson, C.	0	0	0
Thompson, G.	1	5	7
Totals	13	11	37

Mercer Defeated In Close Contest

Bruins Drop Decision To Bulldogs After Leading Georgia Throughout Game

Leading all the way until two minutes before the final gun, Mercer's hard-fighting Bruin basketball team was nosed out by Georgia in Athens Friday by the score of 37-35.

At one time in the opening half, Mercer led by 12 points, and at intermission the Bears still had a five point margin. Mercer's defeat may be attributed in part, to the fact that Harold Irwin, star center, was unable to play because of a torn ligament in his shoulder. Other reasons offered for the defeat include the ejection of "Pepper" Martin and "Turk" Rosich from the court because of too many fouls.

Several of the Mercer players were reported to have been injured in the game. Kenyon Sellers suffered from a gash in the back of his head, and Martin was limping after an old hip injury was aggravated.

Line-ups for the game were:

Mercer	G.	FG.	TP.
Martin, F.	1	1	3
Owen, F.	0	1	1
Sellers, F.	4	2	10
Rosich, C.	3	1	7
Shellhouse, G.	0	0	0
Bale, C.	1	3	5

Tune 'em in
HAL KEMP and KAY THOMPSON
Chesterfield's Friday Night Show

