

# IN THE WASH

with Jack Tarver

We see in the paper where a couple of Mercer athletes made headlines this week. Norman Smith and Gerald McQuig, we mean. The latter is doing pretty well with the Crackers and may latch on to one of those regular assignments before Spring Training is over. Norman is also looking mighty good with the Peaches and seems all set for Class B ball this summer. He certainly is far superior to any of the other rookies the local club had up for tryouts. For the most part, they reminded one more of a Rotary or Kiwanis outfit in which the Fats are always pitted against the Leans, or something.

These boys are about Mercer's only representatives in the horsehide world. Since the decline of baseball hereabouts as an intercollegiate sport, the Bears have not had their share of Diamond representatives. For one current big leaguer, however, we are in no small portion responsible. We refer, of course, to Luke Appling, stellar second-sacker for the Chicago White Sox. Luke went direct from the Oglethorpe campus to the Chisox by way of the Atlanta Crackers. It was in regard to his tryout and acceptance by the Crackers, that the Bears played a major part. The Atlanta Club, it seems, had heard quite a bit about Oglethorpe's star, but were never interested enough to give him a tryout until he got four home runs in four times at bat in a game against the Bears. So far as Baseball Annals show, that record still holds, too.

We were out to see the Bruins practice yesterday, and we couldn't help but think about a piece of paper we found last week in our little-used dictionary. It was a list of the room assignments in the Richmond Hotel in Augusta last year for the Clemson game. It's really amazing how quickly the familiar faces pass on. There were twenty boys on the club roster then who have put away the orange and black forever. Shag, and the Ox, and Old Pop, and Pudge, and the Greek, and Ope, and Tom, and Chandler, and Big Walt, and Lockert, and Sonny, and Corbett, and J. C. Not to mention Bloody, and Red, and Mammy, and the captain, and Varner, and Turk, and Goof.

"Ole Hard-Rock Hurst" was rooming with the managers. He was more or less extra all that year, always the twenty-fifth man. Never once did he get into a game. And now he stands out, as Gelders would say, a grizzled old veteran. That was the year they wrote about Ragged Edge, "the ugly ducklin'." And there was a rookie tackle with an awful brogue who gave the Clemson line plain "hades" next day. His name was Fitzpatrick, and "Who's the Champion of the World" was the topic of the day. And there was a lad who insisted his name was Wright, and who was pretty much of a dark horse, and another dubbed Al who looked like Grange one day and hell the next. And when we realize that these boys are the Senior crop for next year, we can but reiterate with the Editors of that lively redfronted magazine that "Time Marches On!"

Though that Clemson game seems centuries ago, we'll never forget an incident that happened at the dance that night. We were dancing with one of the nicest tricks we've ever come across. Red headed, with big grey eyes. As cute, no less, as the well known speckled pup. It was pretty hot on the inside, and besides we look better in the dark, so we broached the subject of going outside on the balcony. Only, of course, to cool off.

"Do you," the fair one asked, "see that big man over by the door? Well, he's my husband, and I'm afraid he wouldn't like it."

It was, as Wu would state, 'enough said!'

## Track Team Starts Practice On Monday

### Dr. Rogers Says Only Two Things Needed For Winning Team; Money And Manager

The Mercer Track team started practice Monday under the direction of Dr. H. H. Rogers, former track star at N. C. State and former freshmen track coach at Penn State.

Because the school was unable to sponsor the team this year, the work has been taken over by the "M" club. Each boy must furnish his own shoes and equipment.

Lanier High school, host this year to the G.I.A.A., will probably allow Mercer to use their field equipment, including hurdles and jump stands.

Practice time has been set at 4:15 but some of the potential members must be at football practice at that time and do their practicing at an earlier period. Two things are needed for a winning track team at Mercer, money and a good manager, Dr. Rogers said.

A tentative schedule includes a match with Statesboro and two meets with the University of Georgia.

## Frat Tourney Waits Competition Of Gym

### Basketball Contest Postponed For Second Time This Year

The Inter-fraternity Basketball tournament, conducted by the Pan-Hellenic council of Mercer, has been postponed until a later date. The tournament, scheduled to begin last Monday, was postponed because of construction work being done on the old gymnasium. Arrangements have been made for the tournament to be held at the earliest date possible. It will be played in the new gymnasium, (Porter Hall) as soon as the floors and seats have been adjusted.

The tournament is an annual affair, being won last year by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. The trophy is a regulation size basketball. It is a rotating award and three winnings are necessary to retain it.

## GRID PRACTICE BEGUN MAR. 22

### Twenty-Seven Candidates Report This Week For Spring Workouts

By Bob Sparks

The first week of spring football practice featured light workouts, as twenty-seven Mercer candidates turned out in response to Coach Lake Russell's call for gridders. Heavy work will begin next week, with much emphasis placed on blocking and tackling.

The work thus far has dealt with calisthenics and limbering-up exercises, with the backs working on simple plays and the linemen practicing charging and blocking. No rough work will be started until next week when scrimmages will be held.

The backfield has been showing skill in execution of plays, with Al Owen, Wright Bazemore, Rod Tuach, and Red Robinson running in the first backfield combination. and Harrison, Gillon, Martin, and Cline forming the second backfield. Robert Malone, Lynn Morris, Geo Middleton, a newcomer from Hillsborough High in Tampa, Florida are other promising backfield candidates.

Mercer seems to be well fortified in the line, with Allen, Steadman, Lawrence, Mattox, and Hillier at the flanks. A lively fight for tackle positions seems certain with Fitzpatrick, Edge, Jones, Gerhardt, McClure, and McMahan all scaling over the second century mark in weight. At guards, Kumse, Rainey, Barrow, Hinton, and Hurst are showing up well. Only in the center position is Mercer weak, having only two centers, Phil Chastain and Gordon Lashbrook.

## PETITION REFUSED

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should be no reason to re-open the case. The action of the committee was in no way final, but simply a recommendation to the University Executive Council.

Dr. W. A. Keel was present at the meeting by the invitation of the committee and concurred with its unanimous decision.

A swap of English professors for the summer session has been arranged between Michigan State college and Massachusetts State.

Practice is scheduled to last five weeks, but may be extended longer if necessary. Assistant Coach Harrison believes that Mercer will have a much-improved team next fall, provided the sophomores develop as expected.

# Boake Carter speaking: "Luckies don't catch your throat—they're easy and smooth"



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*Boake Carter*



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