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Varsity Leaves This Morning For Grid Game In Birmingham

Bears Play Howard Tomorrow After Tie With Panthers In '36

By Willis Conger
The Mercer Bears left this morning by bus to journey to Birmingham where they meet the Howard Panthers tomorrow in their first conference game.
Last year when Mercer played Howard, the game resulted in a scoreless tie and this turned out to be the only black mark on the Howard record as they went on to win all other games and the conference championship. Needless to say Howard did not like this scoreless tie and they are gunning for the Bears this game.

The comparative strength of the two teams is not known. Howard has played two games, Alabama and Mississippi State, and have lost both encounters. The Bears have played two, winning one by a large score and losing the other by 28 points. Howard lost both of their games by rather large scores but as they were playing out of their class, it is not known exactly what they have. It is thought, however, that Howard is due for another defeat and as Uncle Lee would say "Those Bears are going to glory."

The Mercer team is in better shape for this game than they have been all season. Although they lost to Tech last week by a score of 28 to 0, not a single man was hurt. Art Barrow, the guard that has been out all season, is expected to see service in this game. The only possible casualty is Chuck Harrison who had to have a boil lanced in Atlanta before the Tech tilt. Unless complications set in, he will be able to play.

Coach Russell took his entire squad of 25 men with him. Along with the three coaches, a manager, trainer, and Albert Gelders, of the Evening News, these made up the party.

Because they have started the other two games and nothing has since happened to change it, it is thought that the starting line-up for Mercer will be: Ends, Allen and Lawrence; Tackles, Captain Fitzpatrick and Edge; Guards, Rainey and Kumse; Center, Chastain. Backs, Bazemore, Owen, Robinson and Tusch.

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"but all suggestions should be made in writing to either myself or the student council."
Voting will probably be taken at student chapel next Wednesday, he stated.

BLUE KEY

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by the group Monday night, Oct. 18, it was announced.
The new members have been active in their service to the school in the various phases of campus life. W. R. Lynn has been a member of the Clustar staff, the Mercarian staff, and the Bear Skin staff. He is also editor of the 1938 Cauldron, a member of the Newspaper club, a member of Alpha Psi Omega dramatic fraternity and the Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity. George Brown is a past president of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman school.
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In The Wash

With Jack Tarver

On the left, our good colleague and bosombuddy, Truthful Butch Conger, nee Booby Norris, Jr., has an interesting story regarding the Bruins game tomorrow with the Howard Bulldogs. In the story, Butch says, "because they have started the other two games and nothing has happened since to change it, it is thought the starting line-up will be, etc."

Now we agree with Butch that nothing has happened. Not, that is, if you count only tornadoes; blessed events, or major miracles as things to happen. It does seem, however, that with the kind of games certain of the so called "non-starters" have been turning in it can only be a question of time until some changes will be made.

In the backfield, Johnny Mattox has demonstrated consistently that he's just about the best defensive back the Bears have. In addition, he had the best running average in the Tech game, despite the fact that he was given only four chances to carry the ball. His added weight certainly wouldn't hurt that backfield either.

Then, too, Lashbrook is getting plenty good. His defensive work against the Yellow Jackets should put in a position to receive lots of consideration when any starting line-up is being named. Likewise Steadman, who played a brilliant game against the Techs shows exactly what it takes to give somebody a tussle over one of the starting positions.

Although Jones is at present an understudy of Fitzpatrick, who has already proven one of the greatest tackles in Mercer history, there is no reason, so far as we can see, why Wimpy couldn't be shifted to the other side of the line where he would surely give Edge a battle for a beginners place.

In addition, we can't understand why Roscoe Cline isn't getting to see more service. He's outstanding in every practice, yet he didn't get in the Tech game long enough to get the crease out of his uniform. Admittedly, he's only a sophomore, but time and again sophomore backs have written grid-iron history.

Yes, we agree with Butch that "nothing has happened." Nothing that is, MUCH. But, as the Dear Doctor would say, "It is generally conceded that developments have definitely been made."

Speaking of the old mental marvel and mendacious mirasel, Bert sent him to New York to cover the World's Series for our multitudinous readers. The great one lost his ticket in a jook-joint parchesi game the night before he was to leave, however, and it was necessary for him to make the trip by "air way." For the benefit of his many followers, we present below every word that we have had of and from him since his departure.

Locust Grove, Ga., Oct. 2, via UP

P. K. Wu, journalist extraordinaire, who is at present employed on the sports staff of the Mercer Cluster, spent some time here today. The erudite one is hitch-hiking north to cover the World's Series. When questioned regarding his choice for the victor of the yearly diamond classic, the Doctor answered confidently, "New York looks good to me."

Tullahoma, Tennessee, October 4, via AP.

Authorities are holding an alleged oriental spy here today pending the arrival of federal investigators. The person in question was arrested here early this morning when he dropped off a northbound freight. The prisoner ate a hearty breakfast.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 6, 1937

Editor of the Cluster,
Mercer University, Georgia
Via Western Union, Collect

Wire credentials, overcoat, and thirty cents (no stamps, please) immediately so that I may continue on my way. Urgently.
P. K.

Chicago, Ill., October 8, 1937

Editor of the Cluster,
Mercer University, Georgia
Via Western Union, Collect.

Arrived safely Chicago today. Unable to locate World's Series Stop Didn't the Cubs win? Unable understand Stop So sorry Stop Wire return fare.
P. K.

Anyway, our other man Junior continues merrily on his way, astounding all and sundry with his marvelous calculations. So far he has called 37 games, missing only three which is some record in any man's league.

Mercer Bears Not Daunted By 28-0 Defeat

By Art Barrow
Whatever pangs the Mercer Bears suffer over their 28 to 0 defeat at the hands of Georgia Tech last Saturday, a loss of spirit will not be one of them. A great last half stand which saw the Bears hold the Yellow Jackets scoreless and outplay their heavier opponents in every department of the game served to give them the amount of self-confidence necessary to win ball games.

Observers of the Tech game agree that if a quick kick attempted by the Bruins on their first play had not gone awry, the outcome of the contest might have been far different. Al Owen, who does his booting from a crouch, had been quick kicking consistently for fifty to sixty yards in practice. Such a punt would have thrown the Engineers far into their own territory and raised the Mercer split. As it happened, Owen's kick was partially blocked, and that, following a

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Freshmen Eleven To Play GMA Tonight

Student Tickets Good In Columbus

Large Crowd Expected To See Game Between Mercer And Birmingham

Mercer student tickets will be good for next Saturday's tilt in Columbus between the Mercer Bears and Birmingham-Southern Panthers, it was announced here today.

This game will be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Columbus. From reports of the advance sale of tickets this game will probably rival the annual Georgia-Auburn game in number of spectators.

Abe Conger, president of the student body, announced that there will be transportation at a nominal cost for all students who desire to attend this game. Definite plans will be announced later.

Plunkett, Davis, Richter Listed As Main Players

By Al Hospers

Mercer Freshmen take on a formidable Gordon Military Academy eleven tonight at Barnesville.

Unlike last year's squad the Cubs have only two or three outstanding players in Plunkett, Davis, and Richter. Don Joiner, the best back, on the team will not see action due to an injury sustained in Wednesday's scrimmage.

Coaches Tyson and Smith will be forced to play the game with but thirteen who know the signals. The remainder of the squad will be composed of volunteers recruited from the student body.

The starting line-up for Mercer will be: Ends, Davis and O'Quinn; Tackles, Plunkett and Hendricks; Guards, Slappey and Yon; Center, Richter; Backs, Thomas, Lewis, Holland and Smith.

Herbert Bailey Says . . .

VARSITY PLAYERS TELL MORE SECRETS

The daring revelations made last week by your fearless correspondent concerning the private lives of the new varsity players aroused such a bitter typhoon of protests from disappointed co-eds that already several of the players have been forced to revise their opinions.

Nevertheless, quite a few of the players not only refused to recant their earlier statements, but insisted upon their immediate publication. Therefore, with an attempt at impartiality the additional responses of the new varsity players is presented.

Q. Who is the proud object of your affections?

A. (Wimpy Jones) My first and last and only love is, of course, Peggie Chapman. I thrill to the very marrow of my bones whenever she chances to give me a smile.

Q. Do you have a motto?

A. (Max Fair) Sweeter and fairer co-eds always. (Looks as though your motto were bearing fruit, Maxie).

Q. To what do you attribute the serenity of your love affair?

A. (Tom Steadman) I only drink milk from contented cows. I owe what small success I have had in my numerous love affairs to that alone.

Q. Why did a certain girl named Hillman transfer to Mercer, this year?

A. (Al Gerhardt) What did you say her name was? I'm a bit hard of hearing. (Al was never able to catch the name, although the entire squad repeated it with a mighty shout).

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of students interested in "Silhouettes," new Mercer magazine publication, will be held Tuesday at Chapel period. The editor stressed that prospective contributors as well as tentative staff members should be present, as the style pattern of the magazine will be outlined.

Q. What do you think of the freshmen co-eds?

A. (Neal Allen) I think there's a likely crop this year, and will be able to say more at a later date when I've had a chance to investigate this matter in a thoroughly scientific manner.

Q. What type of girls do you like best?

A. (Speck Landrum) Any kind as long as they're short, freckle-faced and smack chewing gum so that it may be heard at least thirty

paces away. (whew!).

Q. If you were marooned on a desert island with the girl of your dreams, would you act as the hero of a well-known novel did?

A. (Lynn Norris) My mother always told me that newspaper men weren't gentlemen.

Q. How do you intend to pursue your love policy this year?

A. (Grady Gillon) Living in Macon, I possess an advantage over the other boys of the squad and I intend to cash in. Watch my technique! (We surely will, Grady).

Q. Well, you're the last one. What do you think about this grand pursuit game of love?

A. (Omitted because your bewildered correspondent turned his head for a fleeting second and Roscoe Cline, the questioned one, had fled, when he looked back again. Obviously, he didn't want to be interrogated in the slightest about this all-important question. And incidentally, his is the only love-life that was not completely revealed by your snooping reporter.

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