

# The Huddle

By Harrison Lilly

Miss Mary Ellen VanNus didn't like my little spiel about female basketball players. In fact she seemed extremely unhappy about it. It might be because she is a female basketball player herself or maybe she just doesn't like my looks. Anyway this reaction made me very happy.

At last someone has noticed something I said in my column. I persisted in griping about the attendance at basketball games, and the week I said nothing whatever about it, we had the largest crowd of the year at the Georgia-Mercer fracas. I made glaring mistakes in my facts and got things all fouled up. Still no one had anything at all to say to me about it, in this way proving that no one read the column in the first place. Now I am a veritable epitome of spring heartedness and joy. I know at last someone read my column.

Even tho I am grateful, I still don't like girls' basketball.

### Hopes for the Future

If preliminary whispers can mean anything, my successor to the job of writing a weakly (yes, weakly) bit about Mercer's limited sports doings will have a slightly easier time of it than I had. Plans are being considered for having a Mercer track team this spring. Administrative disapproval to the idea of a football team for next fall still seems adamant with almost everyone consulted thinking it's

a good idea but blaming its banning on someone else.

Student pressure may not be the deciding factor but it certainly can cause the powers that be to sit up and take notice of the undergraduates' ideas if last week's lively show of Administrative face-saving is any indication. Facilities for track are limited at best, but with a little work the Porter Field track could be worked into presentable shape. Several track men with college and high school records creditable to any athlete are solidly behind the idea, and at least two coaches are available to help the squad. David Rowe and Shotgun Sheldon, former University of Texas tracksters, could be counted on to form the nucleus for a talented aggregation of thinny clads.

### Addenda

Intramural basketball seems to be more than reaping its crop of knocked down shoulders, pulled muscles and busted ribs. An inspection of the sick bay at morning sick call proves that the boys are playing a good fast game of basketballized football.

## Texans . . .

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Peaches (maybe she is that Georgia peach that we Texans have been searching for since July, 1943), we Texans have been hit at from all angles, and most of the boys have taken the jibing good naturedly. Sure, we talk about Texas, and we feel we have something to talk about. We came from a big school where there is always something going on, and the change brought about in our college life was too big to come about over night.

The University of Texas was our choosing as the institution from which we desired to receive our degrees. It is not our fault that we are here. These are not normal times, and we Texans here have one object in mind. We want to become Naval officers and do what little we can do to bring our enemies to their knees. Secondly, we want to return to that Texas ranch and roast our toes for a winter on that big wood stove in the galley.

Well, Peaches, before you and your fellow anti-Texans begin writing and talking about the sands of Texas, comparing our Tower with the steeple of the Ad building, and bringing in our favorite recreation places, visit what you are talking about, and then come back and tell us what you think. This amateur author traveled in Georgia, among another state or so, before being sent here. After reading such writings and hearing such talk about Texas, I wouldn't trade an acre of Looney Lucy's ranch in the wild West for the whole place. Don't be jealous, my dear; after all, we fellows from the Lone Star desert country are not a bit jealous of the civilized Georgians.

I will leave you with one word of advice which this author picked up in his vast exper-

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with the University of Georgia, and our thirty-eighth year of defeat. (It's a different story this year, isn't it, fellows!)

Over 100 men (think of it) tried out for Glee Club!

Six hundred and eighty six students were already enrolled in day school for the following term. The number of co-eds decreased from the former eighteen to thirteen. More were expected before the beginning of the term.

In 1924, '25 and '26, the Mercer basketball team won the championship of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

And there were so many things I didn't have time to see. Next time I'm going to take a lunch and spend the day. If anyone would like a job of body guard please let me know. It's sort of scary up there.

iences and travels. . . . Never ask a man where he hails from because if he is from Texas, he will tell you. If not, it will embarrass him!

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