



BEAR TAILS

by Marty Layfield

A momentous decision is facing Mercer University today. The athletic future of this institution lies within the hands of the administration at this moment. Their decision will be one that will either foster Mercer University and make its future bright or one that will bring the black curtain of death to its sports growth.

The resignation of Coach Jim Cowan, considered by many to be one of the most brilliant basketball coaches in the southeastern area, was announced last Monday. Coming, as it does, on top of the furor about the physical education major, this may be the "kiss of death" to varsity sports at Mercer.

This editor was of the belief that the advantages gained by the dropping of physical education major were superior to the disadvantages. I wrote at that time that the administration could overcome the few disadvantages if it wanted to. I still believe this, but now the administration must take a definite forward step or the results could be disastrous.

The reputation of this institution in the field of sports has been astonishing. How Mercer has fielded the outstanding basketball teams that it has in the past, is a question that many people have asked themselves and are still asking. The answer which comes to my mind is the coaching staff. Many excellent prep-stars have arrived at Mercer because of the fact that our coaches have been of the highest caliber.

I fear that when Cowan leaves Mercer University at the end of this quarter, the future of this institution in the field of intercollegiate sports may leave with him. I hope that the administration will not let this be the coup de grace to Mercer's varsity sports. The decision is up to them.

Why will Mercer leaders not agree to allow our institution to grant athletic scholarships to outstanding prep-stars? The spirit of any college is largely dependent upon its sports powers. Mercer has been known far and wide for her power in the field of basketball during the past years and for her football teams before that.

I urge the alumni of Mercer University to let the administration know their feelings on this important and vital matter. Every person connected with Mercer University at the present time and those who have, during the years, pointed to this institution as their alma mater have a right to help make this decision.

This is truly the hour of decision. I sincerely hope and pray that Mercer will make the right decision—to continue to support varsity sports with all its power.

The step to further growth and a better sports future is not a large one, if we take it now. The longer we wait to advance, the harder it will be to regain what we have lost.

Let's establish a fund to be used for scholarships for outstanding athletes. The gigantic building program planned for Mercer's future will be for no purpose unless we do everything in our power to build up school spirit by building our sports program. We must act! We must make a decision! NOW!



Phi Delt quarterback Mac Smith looks for a receiver in the Phi Delt-Rebel game. In the foreground, going out for the pass, is Jack Moore. Rushing in on the passer are two Rebel linemen.

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IM SCORES, FIRST WEEK

Monday, October 22
 Phi Delt over Crewcuts, forfeit.
 Rebels over Lambda Chi, 65-7.
 RN over Yellowjackets, 13-0.

Tuesday, October 23
 KS over KA, 17-0.
 ATO over SAE, 28-6.
 SN over Lambda Chi, 4-0.

Thursday, October 25
 Phi Delt over Rebels, 22-6.
 ATO over Yellowjackets, 15-13.
 Crewcuts won by forfeit over KA.

22 MEN OUT

Practice Sessions Begin MU Varsity Basketball

by Marty Layfield

Basketball season officially opened with a full-scale practice attended by 22 hopefuls, Wednesday, October 17.

Coach Cowan has five returning lettermen out for this year's Bruin team.

They are Woody Richardson, 6'-2" junior forward who is noted for his rebound ability; Joe Lowe, 5'-10" senior guard with plenty of speed; Roger Bolton, 5'-9" senior guard another fast hoopster; Bobby Graham, 6'-1" senior guard with great ability for set shots; and John McGriff, 6'-1" sophomore who lettered his freshman year.

BEGAN IN 1946

Cowan Resigns After Eight Years As Coach

by Marty Layfield

Coach Jim Cowan was beginning his ninth year as head coach of the Mercer basketball squad this season. He plans to leave Mercer at the end of the fall quarter. Cowan originally came to Mercer in 1946, but left in 1951 for a two year tour with the United States Navy.

Cowan returned to Mercer before the 1953 season and guided the Bruin team to the Dixie Conference crown that year. He has had two teams to win the Conference Championship.

The Coach was born in Apex, North Carolina. There he began his athletic career by lettering in football, basketball and baseball.

After graduation from high school, he left for Mars Hill Junior College and lettered in football and basketball both years he was there.

He left Mars Hill to enter Davidson College. There his athletic career continued as he won letters in football and basketball, and added track to his list of sports.

In his senior year he was selected All-State in football; Southern Conference in basketball; captain of the basketball squad; president of the Athletic Association; president

B-Team men from last year who are out for a spot on the varsity, are: Bill Jago, 6'-3"; Max Smith, 6'-6"; Gene Powell, 6'-3½"; and Joe Murray, 6'-0". Melvin Kinslow, who was out of play last season with a hurt ankle, is back this year for a try at the varsity.

Four transfer students have turned up in the list of hopefuls. Included in this list are: Fred Whitely, 6'-4", from Truett McConnell Junior College; Bryant Martin, 6'-4", from Clemson; Tom Phipps, 5'-11"; and Don Tribble, 5'-10½".

Georgia prep stars who have come to Mercer this year end the list of hopefuls. They are: Doug McGlaughlin, 5'-10", from last year's famous Harris County squad; Lamont Craft, 6'-6", from Mt Vernon; Noel Osteen, 6'-0", from Bryan County; Tom Johnson, 6'-0", a former Lanier Post; Ray Banks, 6'-3" from a Class B Squad; Marvin Tarpley, 6'-2", a Dublin hoopster; and Doug Harris, 6'-0", of Thomasville.

The team has shown good spirit and enthusiasm so far. Coach Jim Cowan has termed the practice as the "hottest I have ever seen in my years at Mercer".

The Bears open the season on December 5th with a game in Athens against the University of Georgia. Mercer fans will have a chance to see this new team in action on the 10th of December when the Bruin squad will meet David-Lipscomb in the first home game.

After graduation from Davidson, with a major in history and a minor in education, he worked for B. F. Goodrich Company for a short time. In 1941 he went to Mars Hill as assistant football coach and head basketball and track coach. He left Mars Hill in 1943 for a three year stretch in the Navy during World War II.

Cowan, who has received his master's from the University of North Carolina, came to Mercer in 1946.

Aside from being the head Bruin basketball coach, he also coaches the cross country and the track squads and is an assistant professor in physical education.

ROTC Cadet Colonel . . .

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F. Park Jr., Columbia, Executive Officer; Cadet 1st Lt. Jere P. Greer, Buford, 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 2nd Lt. Charles E. Hardy, Sycamore, Assistant 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 1st Lt. Luther U. Campbell, Easton, 2nd Platoon Leader; and Cadet 2nd Lt. Robert E. Schell, Macon, Assistant 2nd Platoon Leader.

Company "B". Cadet 1st Lt. William M. Pickard, Columbus, Company Executive Officer; Cadet 1st Lt. William F. Nash Jr., Macon, 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 2nd Lt. Thomas H. Bigham Jr., Macon, Assistant 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 1st Lt. Joe F. Lowe, Buena Vista, 2nd Platoon Leader; and Cadet 2nd Lt. Brevard T. Hunt, Macon, Assistant 2nd Platoon Leader.

Company "E". Cadet 1st Lt. James A. McFarlane, Macon, Company Executive Officer; Cadet 1st Lt. John W. Cameron, Savannah, 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 2nd Lt. James F. Biles Jr., East Point, Assistant 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 1st Lt. Claud E. Westbrook Jr., Macon, 2nd

Platoon Leader; and Cadet 2nd Lt. Jackson C. Moore, Macon, Assistant 2nd Platoon Leader.

Company "F". Cadet 1st Lt. Warren A. Robertson, Greenville, S. C., Company Executive Officer; Cadet 1st Lt. Charles M. Durham, Union Point, 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 2nd Lt. James W. Campbell, Dawson, Assistant 1st Platoon Leader; Cadet 1st Lt. Walker L. Tedders Jr., Albany, 2nd Platoon Leader; and Cadet 2nd Lt. Billy B. Williams, Macon, Assistant 2nd Platoon Leader.

Sigma Nu Pledges Announce Sweetheart

The Sigma Nu pledges have chosen Sally Hawkins as their pledge sweetheart. The announcement was made at a party on Oct. 19 at Joycliff. A pledge of Chi Omegas, Sally is a freshman from Atlanta.

Netman Goes Into Army

Chuck Litvany, a bright prospect for Mercer's starting basketball team has notified Coach Jim Cowan that he has received a notice to take his pre-induction physical for the Army.

Litvany, who transferred to Mercer this year from Georgia Teachers College, told Cowan that he is dropping out of Mercer to return home and enter the service.

Litvany, who was being counted on for experience, played one year at Brewton-Parker Junior College and another year at Georgia Teachers College. Believed to be near the top on the list of Mercer starters, Litvany will be missed during the season.

IM Standings

(Through Tues., Oct. 30.)

	W	L	T
ATO	3	0	0
SN	3	0	0
Phi Delt	2	1	0
KS	2	1	0
Rebels	2	1	0
SAE	1	2	0
Yellow Jackets	1	2	0
Crewcuts	1	2	0
KA	0	3	0
Lambda Chi	0	3	0

BOB and DON invite you to tune in this Saturday and every Saturday at 10 A. M. to 12 A. M.

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