

Baseball Season Opens Today With Presbyterian

"Presbyterian is supposed to be strong, but weather permitting, we ought to be ready for them Friday," commented Mercer baseball mentor Claude Smith.

The Bears open their regular season Friday afternoon with Presbyterian College at Willingham Field.

In giving the probable starting line-up, Coach Smith added that he had three pitchers that were ready to go now and if need be, all three could be used this afternoon. These include returning varsity hurler Doug Skelton, Clay Bailey, junior-by-way-of Norman Park and Doug Fullington, who has seen action for the Bears in previous years.

"Harold Scoggins will probably start at catcher," the coach continued, and I'll use Marvin Tarpley on first, Drayton Sander will be at second, Donny Veal at short and Bill Crane on third. The outfield is uncertain, but Don Ford will probably start in left, W. L. Shepard in center and Larry Painter, Dean Crane or Doug Harris in right.

"Harris, the coach went on to say, "is a very good man to have around. He can play the outfield, first base, pitch or even catch. He'll start somewhere."

At present, letterman from last year Jim Hannah is still out with a leg injury and is not expected to play immediately.

"We'll use Jim as soon as he is well enough to play," Coach Smith added.

As far as other reserve strength is concerned, Coach Smith went on, "we have Richard Davis and Robert Norton as catchers. Furman York, who is undecided at present as to whether or not he will play, will be able to help a lot if he decides to come out. Both Norton and York are letterman from previous years.

Last year the Bears dropped the Blue Hose in Clinton, S. C. on a ninth inning home run by outfielder Don Ford.

Bears Drop Tennis Bout

Mercer's Bears opened the 1958 tennis campaign by dropping their first match to Georgia State last week 7-2.

Mercer's lone victories came both in the doubles department as the Bruin No. 2 duo composed of Norman Carter and Tommy Johnson defeated the Staters 5-7, 7-5. The No. 3 Georgia State team forfeited to George Thompson and Bernard Garwood.

In singles action, Sam Daniel represented the Bears in the No. 1 slot, followed by Joe Garwood in No. 2, Norman Carter in No. 3 and Tommy Johnson in No. 4. George Thompson and Jim Hinson played Nos. 5 and 6 respectively. Daniel and Hinson composed the No. 1 doubles team.

The Bears journeyed to Auburn yesterday to tangle with API netters and will take on the University of Georgia Bulldogs Saturday on the Mercer courts.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place
Mar. 21	Ga. State	Atlanta
Mar. 27	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.
Mar. 29	Univ. of Ga.	Macon
Apr. 5	Stetson	Macon
Apr. 8	Davidson	Macon
Apr. 11	U. of Fla. Gainesville, Fla.	
Apr. 12	Fla. State	Tallahassee
Apr. 19	Ga. State	Macon
Apr. 22	Univ. of Ga.	Athens
Apr. 25	Fla. State	Macon
Apr. 29	Emory	Macon
May 2	Auburn	Macon
May 6	Emory	Atlanta
May 15-17	Ga. Tourney	Athens

Coach: Bobby Wilder

Phi Mu Clinches Championship

Phi Mu clinched the championship of the Girls' IM basketball tournament by stopping MICA 31-15. Chi O also wound up the season with a win, 31-30 over ADPI.

Sharon Bonne led the Phi Mu assault point-wise with 15 markers. Beverly Belk was high for MICA with 11.

In the other contest, Helen Dodd took high scoring honors for Chi O by posting 21 points. Carolyn Gaskins led the ADPI scorers with 12.

The final standings saw Phi Mu in first place with an overall 5-1 record, Chi O and MICA tied for second with 3 wins and as many defeats and ADPI third with a 1-5 standing.

CORRECTION

The no-raise-in-tuition-story in the last issue of the Cluster was intended to report that there had been no raise since the one that has already been made for the coming fall quarter. For facts on this raise, see your new catalog.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place
Mar. 28	Presbyterian	Macon
Apr. 2	Auburn	Macon
Apr. 4	Ga. State	Macon
Apr. 5	Ga. State	Atlanta
Apr. 8	Davidson	Macon
(Double Header)		
Apr. 10	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.
Apr. 11	North Ga.	Macon
Apr. 16	Presbyterian, Clinton, S.C.	
Apr. 17	Wofford	Spartanburg
Apr. 18	Davidson	Davidson, N.C.

Peaches Take Baseballers

Mercer's Bears dropped a practice game with the Macon Peaches last Saturday, 11-1.

The Bruins started off tight and in the first 3 innings, behind the one-hit pitching of Clay Bailey, held the Peaches scoreless.

Doug Skelton came on in the fourth and he was followed in the seventh by Doug Fullington.

The Bruins' lone tally was posted by freshman W. L. Shepard. Doug Skelton and Drayton Sanders got the only two hits posted by the Bears for the afternoon.

After the game, Coach Smith commented that the Bears would need a good bit more practice before taking on their next opponent with particular attention being paid towards physical condition.

\$500 Scholarship Offered In Silver Opinions Contest

During the months of February and March, Reed & Barton, America's oldest major silversmiths, are conducting a Silver Opinion Competition in which valuable scholarship awards totalling \$1050 are being offered to duly enrolled women students at a few selected colleges and universities. Mercer University has been selected to enter this competition.

The First Grand Award is a \$500 cash scholarship; Second Grand Award is a \$250 scholarship, and Third, Fourth and Fifth awards are \$100 scholarships. In addition there will be 100 other awards with winners having the option of receiving a \$25 Savings Bond or a starter set of sterling silver, fine china and crystal with a retail value of approximately \$45.

In the Silver Opinion Competition an entrant is asked to name her favorite china pattern, her favorite crystal and the sterling silver design she likes best. Then in her own words she must tell why she has chosen the three particular designs. She can use as few or as many words as she likes. Entries will be judged on the basis of interesting opinions rather than on literary techniques. Closing date is midnight, March 31.

Golf Game Is Tomorrow

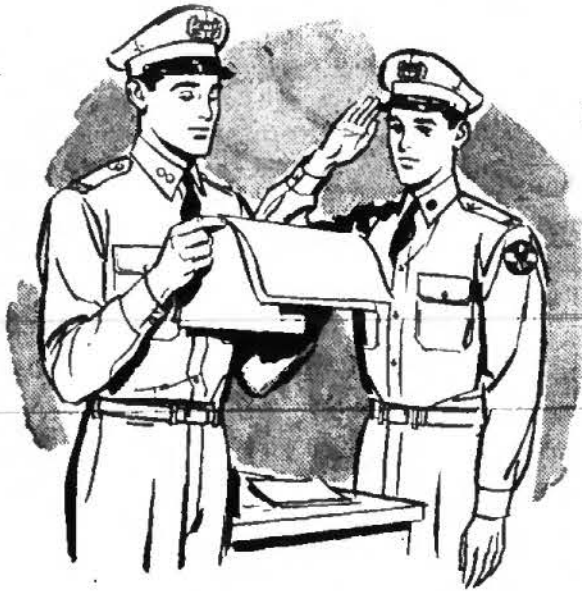
Mercer's 1958 golf season gets underway tomorrow as the Bears play their opening match with Robins Air Force Base. The match will be played in Warner Robins.

The golf team, coached by Dr. Ben Griffin, is composed of Jerry Joyner, John Thomas, Ben Woodall, David Shiplett and Olaf Bergwall. Joyner, Woodall and Shiplett have all seen action for the Bears in previous seasons.

Jerre White is the student representative who is conducting the Silver Opinion Competition for Reed & Barton at Mercer. Those interested in entering the Silver Opinion Competition should contact Jerre White at MEP for entry blanks and for complete details concerning the competition rules. She also has samples of nine of the most popular Reed & Barton designs so that entrants can see how these sterling patterns actually look.

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