

Mercer Athletics Receive \$10,000 Lift from Dr. Lee

by Cliff Hendrix
Cluster Sports Editor

Readers of The Mercorian, alumni rag, were shocked to learn of the windfall that has just been dropped in the appreciative lap of the Mercer Athletic Association.

Out of the blue, the Association has been presented with a cool 10 grand with the hope that the Alumni will come up with another 40 g's to put Mercer on the grant-in-aid map.

The blue generally goes under the name, Lee, Dr. W. G. to be exact, a name long associated with Mercer improvement. Dr. Lee has just recently given the University industrial stock valued at ten thousand dollars to be the focal point of a scholarship fund known as the "Dr. W. G. Lee Alumni Scholarship Fund." Alumni will be solicited for additional funds, which it is hoped, will eventually bring the total in the neighborhood of \$50,000 in deflated American currency.

To nobody's surprise, Dr. Lee's gift has met with no objection. Mercer has needed something of this sort about like a fish needs water. The Bruins face grant-in-aid competition in every inter-collegiate sport in which they participate.

Examples are rife. Presbyterian, for instance, basketball opponent of long standing, sports 10 full scholarships on the hoop squad. The same sort of thing makes it hard for the Bears to keep their cold black noses above water on the tennis courts. And so on.

Words are incapable of describing the benefit that Mercer athletics can derive from the Lee Fund if it is supported by the Alumni. In years to come it may turn out that Dr. Lee stands to Mercer sports like George Washington stands to the USA.

Athletic Director Zeb D. Vance has high hopes for the project. According to Mr. Vance, all the scholarship money that has been available of late is that coming from the corporation known as "Mercer Student Aid, Inc."

But this has been poorly supported and the funds, contributed by a few interested alumni have amounted only to a couple of thousand dollars. This is the source of funds used to help the Mercer basketball players currently receiving given athletic aid. Mr. Vance hopes that the Alumni will back Lee to the hilt in building a real athletic fund that will put some real financial teeth in the athletic program.

He points out that at Davidson, alumni are given a chance to designate alumni contributions for use by the Davidson athletic department. The same thing will be done at Mercer to supplement the Lee Fund.

"If every alumnus of Mercer gave five dollars a year, we would have enough money to give scholarships for every sport at Mercer." Mr. Vance went on to point out many alumni, including many former Mercer athletes who would never have gotten through Mercer had it not been for aid, have never contributed as much as a dime to the Mercer athletic program.

While the deadheads in the ranks of Mercer graduates make up their minds about this opportunity to give Mercer athletics a shot in the arm, the students and athletes wait to see how it will come. Students will be given the chance to contribute along with the grads.

This is what many Mercerians have been awaiting for years. The time has come to put up or shut up. For all those who have advocated Mercer athletic scholarships in the past, the time is ripe to do something to correct a bad situation. Let's hope Mercer doesn't miss the chance.

MERCER SPORTS SCENE

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Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Place
Snakes	7	0	1	1
Ministers	6	2	0	2
Leos	5	2	1	3
Willards	5	3	0	4
Crescents	4	4	0	5
MIMA	4	4	0	5
Atoms	3	5	0	6
Togas	1	7	0	7
Big L's	0	8	0	8

SIGMA NU TAKES IM FOOTBALL TITLE WITH 7-0-1 STANDING

by John McLean

Sigma Nu is the 1958 intra-mural football champion. The Snakes posted a 7-0-1 record for the campaign, a tie with SAE being the only blemish.

The Snakes copped the title last week with a win over the KA Togas. Going into that contest with a 6-0 standing, this win was number seven for the year, more than any other team could manage by this stage of the campaign.

Highly organized, the Snakes under the direction of Mercer baseballer Marvin Tarpley employed their natural talents of speed and passing accuracy to carry them to the title. The Snakes played a wide-open offense, with Tarpley deep and throwing first to one and then another of his favorite receivers, Charner Heard, Snuffy Smith, David Kellam and Byron Foster.

Captain Tarpley explained that the Snakes employed little of what might be called complicated offense.

"We just went short once and then long. It was just wide open football," he commented.

According to Tarpley, the Snake defensive line was another vital factor in producing a winning team.

"Pete Sharber and Lamar Samples handled this job for us," Tarpley explained. Samples was out toward the end of the season and John Kennedy helped us in his place. These boys rushing the passer probably made the difference in some of our tighter ball games."

Asked to illustrate this last statement, Tarpley pointed out the work of his defensive line in such games as the Phi Delt, Ministers and SAE contests.

Other members of the Snake squad who saw a good deal of action were Doug MacLaughlin, blocking back and rusher; Melvin Jones, Bob Allen and Jim Holliday.

Placing two men on the '58 all-Star Squad, the Snakes were represented on this honor unit by Snuffy Smith and Doug MacLaughlin.

Last year, the Snakes took second place behind the winning Phi Delt Willards.

Leos	15	Willards	6
Atoms	33	Big L's	15
Ministers	39	Big L's	0
Snakes	32	Togas	7
Leos	13	MIMA	6
Snakes	6**	Leos	6**
Willards	13	MIMA	0
Ministers	21	Crescents	0
Crescents	35	Togas	7

SAE Downs Phi Delt
Although fighting bravely the Phi Delt Willards were clawed for two TDs and a safety by the SAE Leos in a 15-7 intra-mural ball game.

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14 Are Intra-Mural All-stars

Fourteen men were selected to the Mercer intra-mural football All-Star team for the 1958 season.

This team played league titlist Sigma Nu Thursday in the All-Star football classic.

Selected to the first team were Charles Deal, Crescents; Ronnie Thomas, Leos; Harold Scoggins, Ministers; Jerry "Snuffy" Smith, Snakes; Don Ford, Willards; Brother Madrey, Ministers; and David Sims.

Members of the second string included David Bailey, Atoms; Sam Letson, MIMA; Marvin Hardy, Willards; Doug MacLaughlin, Snakes; Bill Crane, Ministers; Maynard Chambers, Crescents, and Charles Jay, Leos.

Last year the All-Stars defeated the champion Phi Delt Willards by a score of 25-7.

ATO Netters Disqualified

ATO, winner of the 1958 tennis title, has been disqualified from the title according to a ruling by IM coordinator Claude Smith.

The Atoms, it was learned, had played an ineligible man in competition and are thus barred from the championship.

Coch Smith then ruled that all teams that had been eliminated by the ATOs will get a chance at the title. These teams include Phi Delt, SAE and MIMA. The Willards and Leos occupied second and third places in the original standings.

MIMA and Sigma Alpha Epsilon met this week to decide who would meet Phi Delt for the title.

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