



The school year 1959-60 is the 40th during which The Mercer Cluster has been published.

Since the first issue there have been many changes, large and small, in the format, content, appearance and opinions of The Cluster. Mercer's student newspaper has grown and developed with setbacks and steps forward, as has the school itself.

Few college newspapers can boast of a history as long as ours, and the very fact that we can now look back on 40 years of Clusters is a credit to the school, its high caliber of students through the years, and Georgia Baptists in general.

This list of credits omits the names of the many individuals who have helped to establish and develop The Cluster. If these were all named, the list would take up the space available for most of this issue, and the danger of leaving out some vital names would be present.

It is with this in mind, therefore, that we offer our gratitude to all those persons who have worked with devotion, inspiration and perseverance to contribute to the long history of growth of The Mercer Cluster.

It is to these that we dedicate this special issue, which we hope will be of lasting interest and value to all Mercerians everywhere now, and for many years to come.

It is only by mere chronological chance that the task of creating this special issue fell upon the present Cluster staff. We are, however, honored, and consider ourselves fortunate in that we are given the chance to turn out something of lasting value to our school.

If the results are only a fraction of what we would like them to be then we will feel that perhaps we will have accomplished something.

The 1959-60 Cluster staff now invites you to read through this supplement celebrating 40 years of Clusters with the sincere desire that each reader will find some item herein that will strike a responsive note for his curiosity, fancy, mind, memory or heart.

Preceded by a note of thanks to these staff members themselves, who have worked hard and with deliberation on this issue, and to librarian Charles Stone and Alumni Secretary Frances Floyd, who have made available their sources of material, I would like to speak for them as well as myself in expressing our thanks to Mercer University, and in hoping that you, the reader, will enjoy this 40th Anniversary edition of The Mercer Cluster.

—Haywood L. Ellis, Jr.
Editor, 1959-60

