

# Scholastic Casualties Dim Bird's Hopes

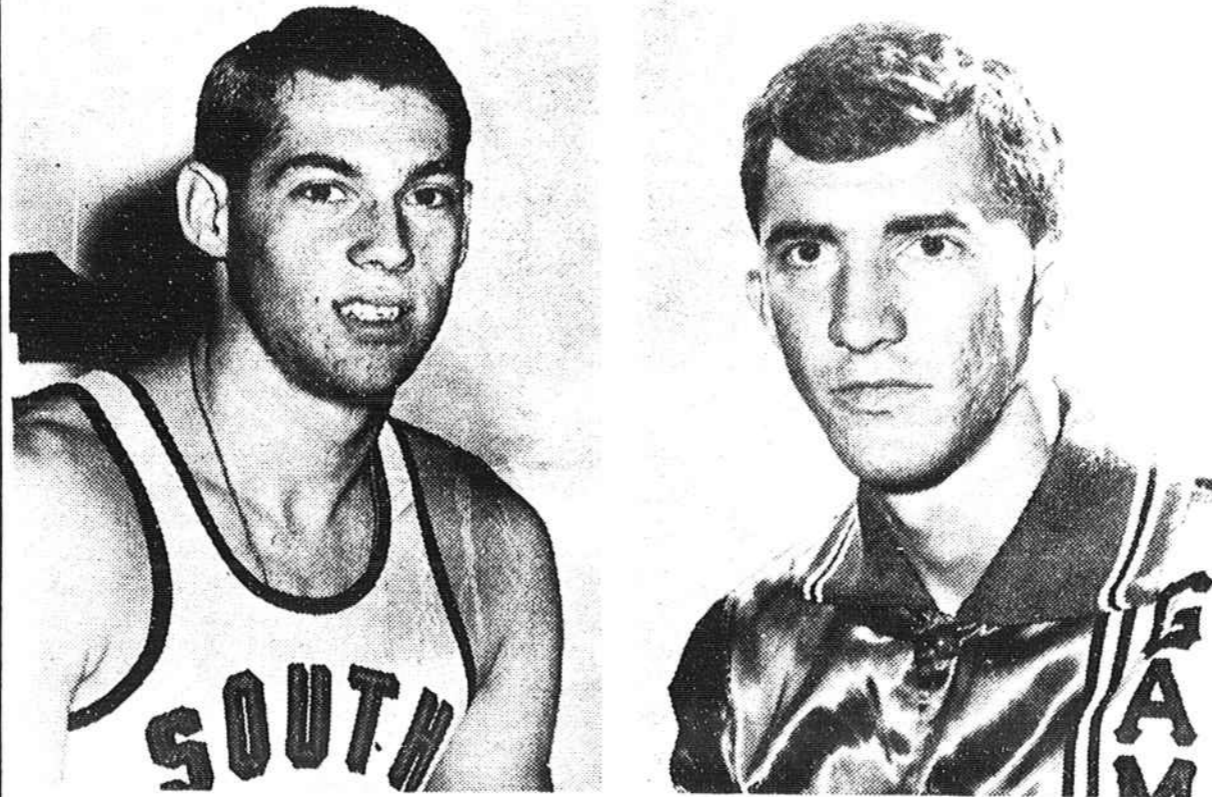
## Team Travels To Clemson Minus Gregor And Croke

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The Gamecocks of South Carolina, minus the services of guard Jerry Croke and forward Gary Gregor, two vital cogs in Frank McGuire's so-far sputtering basketball machine, journey into the Piedmont hills tomorrow night to do battle with Bobby Roberts' sur-

prising Clemson Tigers. The Tigers, expected by many to be on the bottom of the pole in the 1964-65 ACC race, have built a 5-6 mark, primarily on the superb work of five sophomores and two holdovers from last year's squad. The five yearlings include: 6 foot-7 Randy Mahaffey, the latest and perhaps the best of Clemson's Mahaffey family; Jim Sutherland, 6-4, and the Tigs' leading scorer with 16.7 points a game; and Walt Ayers, Hank Channell, and Joe Ayoub, all of whom have proven themselves capable of making things sticky for just about any opponent. Junior guard Buddy Benedict, at 5-8, one of the smallest starters in the conference, has been the playmaker and team leader for Clemson, in addition to averaging 10 points a game. Benedict's finest performance of the season came in Clemson's second game with Duke, when he tossed in 17 points and kept the Tigers in the game in the early going with his alert ball-hawking, making repeated steals. Duke went on to clobber the Tigers, but when Benedict left the game with only moments remaining, it was to a standing ovation from 8,500 Duke fans.

Three other players being counted on more and more by Tiger Coach Roberts are Garry



THE LEADING SCORERS at the start of spring semester for the varsity and freshman basketball squads are Skip Harlicka and Jim Fox, respectively. Both have to carry an extra burden because of the loss of teammates. Fox, 6-9, senior and captain from Atlanta, Georgia, loses the help of Gary Gregor and Jerry Croke. Harlicka, a 6-1 native of Trenton, New Jersey, is handicapped by the loss of backcourt mate Jack Thompson.

Helm, Ron Gardner, and Ronnie Cox.

### McGuire Forces

The Gamecocks, on the other hand, have been having trouble getting started, and the loss of Croke and Gregor could probably magnify those troubles a hundred-fold. Gregor led the 'Cocks in scoring with a 16.7 average, and Croke, the team leader who set up the plays and kept the action moving, was not far back, with a 14.2 average.

On the plus side of the ledger, 6-9 sophomore forward Al Salvadori has recently shown signs of coming into his own. The bespectacled native of Beech Bottom, W. Va., poured in 21 points to lead the victory over Virginia, and in both the Virginia and Maryland

games showed an aggressiveness which was missing from his previous performances.

Center Jim Fox, a mid-year casualty a year ago, survived final exams this time, and his 6 feet 9 inches and great strength will be a definite asset to Coach McGuire's depleted forces. Fox, however, must begin to jump higher, score more often, and grab more rebounds to help compensate for the loss of Gregor. Fox is currently hitting for 16.4 points a game.

To replace Croke, McGuire will call on 5-10 Jim Finnegan, who is not the type of "holler guy" that Croke is, but who is capable of getting the job done. Finnegan will be complemented by Earl Lovelace at the other guard spot.

Lovelace, who is a mere six feet, can dunk the ball, and the great improvement in his ball-handling ability has been a heartening development for Gamecock followers.

### Schroeder, Gorsage

Gregor's vacated forward position will be up for grabs and the battle will probably narrow itself down to John Schroeder, one of last year's regulars, and John Gorsage. Schroeder is 6-5 and Gorsage, 6-5, and neither has seen much action this year. Backing these two up but also a center candidate is 6-8 Lynn Burkholder, who has a pair of the sharpest elbows in captivity. Dave Murrell of Florence and Charlie Farrell of Columbia, two guards, complete the Gamecock roster.

## USC To Host Spring Baseball Tournament

USC will host the first Columbia Spring Festival Baseball Tournament March 31 through April 2 as a feature of the Gamecocks' 1965 schedule which will include 28 games.

The schedule totaling 25 regular season games plus three in the spring tournament, was announced by athletic director Marvin Bass. Coach Bob Reising's Gamecocks will play 16 games at home, including three in the tournament, and 12 on the road.

Coach Reising expects 13 lettermen among candidates for the 1965 team which reports for pre-season workouts Feb. 1. Missing from last year's club which posted a 15-12 record will be seven letter winners including two All-Atlantic Coast Conference performers.

Other participants in the Spring Festival Tournament will be Ohio University, Brown University, and William and Mary. The tournament will be played as a feature of the Columbia Spring Festival sponsored by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

The Gamecocks will play 14 At-

lantic Coast Conference games and outside the conference will meet Georgia Southern, Yale, Newberry, and Erskine twice each, and Furman, Kent State, and The Citadel once each.

The schedule:

March 15, Newberry; March 19-20, Georgia Southern; March 22, at Newberry; March 24, at Furman; March 27, Kent State; March 29-30, Yale; March 31-April 2, Columbia Spring Festival Tournament; April 6, at Erskine; April 9, N. C. State; April 10, North Carolina; April 13, Erskine; April 16-17, at Virginia; April 19-20, at Maryland; April 23, Wake Forest; April 24, Duke; April 30, at N. C. State; May 1, at North Carolina; May 4, at Clemson; May 7, at Wake Forest; May 8, at Duke; May 11, The Citadel; May 13, Clemson.

## Track Dates Announced

The third annual Carolina State-Record Relays April 3 will highlight what Coach Weems Baskin considers his finest track and field schedule in 16 years at the University of South Carolina. The schedule was announced by Athletic Director Marvin Bass.

The Gamecocks will warm up for the outdoor season with a three-way indoor meet with Clemson and North Carolina Feb. 20 at Chapel Hill, N. C., and the Atlantic Coast Conference indoor meet Feb. 27 at Raleigh. The Gamecocks may also send some competitors to the NCAA Indoor Championships March 12-13 at Detroit.

The outdoor season begins March 27 when Baskin takes his team to the Florida Relays at Gainesville. William and Mary, Brown and Duke will visit the Rex Enright Athletic Center March 31 for a four-way meet that will serve as a tuneup for the Carolina State-Record Relays three days later.

A record field of college and high school athletes is expected for the relays which last year drew more than 700 participants.

Florida State, a perennially strong Southeastern Independent, comes to Columbia April 5. The Gamecocks run at North Carolina April 10, at N. C. State April 14, and at Georgia April 17.

Georgia Tech comes to Columbia April 24 and Clemson visits the Rex Enright Athletic Center May 1. The State Intercollegiate Meet will be hosted again by the University, May 7-8, and the Gamecocks will participate in the Atlantic Coast Conference Meet, May 14-15, at Raleigh.

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### ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH

Today I begin my eleventh year of writing this column in your campus newspaper.

I wasn't sure I'd be coming back this year. After a decade of doing this column, I had retreated to my country seat, tired but happy, to enjoy a nice long rest. But last night as I sat on my verandah, peaceful and serene, humming the largo from *A Long Day's Night* and warming my dog, a stranger suddenly appeared before me.

He was a tall, clean-limbed man, crinkly-eyed and crooked-grinned, stalwart and virile. "How do you do," he said. "My name is Stalwart Virile and I am with the Personna Stainless Steel Razor Blade people."

"Enchanted," I said. "Take off your homburg and sit down." I clasped my hands sharply. "Norman!" I called. "Another chair for Mr. Virile!"



"Another chair for Mr. Virile!"

Obediently my dog trotted away and returned directly with a fanback chair of Malayan rattan. He is the smartest dog in our block.

"I suppose you're wondering why I am here," said Mr. Virile, seating himself.

"Well, sir," I replied, my old eyes twinkling roguishly, "I'll wager you didn't come to read my meter."

You can imagine how we howled at that one!

"That's a doozy!" cried Mr. Virile, finally catching his breath. "I must remember to tell it to Alice when I get home."

"Your wife?" I said.

"My father," he said.

"Oh," I said.

"But enough of wit and humor," he said. "Let us get down to business. How would you like to write a campus column for Personna Stainless Steel Razor Blades?"

"For money?" I said.

"Yes," he said.

"My hand, sir," I said and clasped his. Warmly he returned the pressure, and soft smiles played upon our lips, and our eyes were moist with the hint of tears, and we were silent, not trusting ourselves to speak.

"What will you write about in your campus column?" asked Mr. Virile when he was able to talk again.

"I will take up the burning issues that vex the American undergraduate!" I cried, bounding to my feet. "I will explore, without fear or favor, such explosive questions as 'Are roommates sanitary?' and 'Should proctors be given a saliva test?' and 'Should capital punishment for pledges be abolished?' and 'Can a student of 19 find happiness with an economics professor of 80?'"

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"Yes," he admitted.

And then he shook my hand again and smiled bravely and was gone—a tall silhouette moving erectly into the setting sun.

"Farewell, good tonsorialist!" I cried after him. "Aloha!"

And turned with a will to my typewriter.

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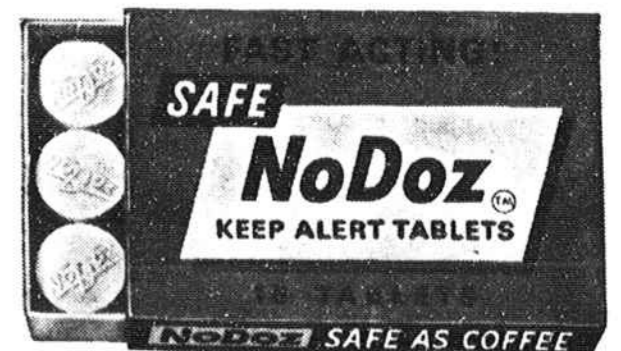
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