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STUDENTS GIVE GYM \$40,000 BOOST

Pigskin Dessert Last Course as Class Elebens Clash Next Year

CLASS FOOTBALL TO GET STARTED AFTER HOLIDAYS

Each Class To Be Represented by a Gridiron Team This Winter.

Immediately following the lull in college activities after the Christmas holidays, students at Mercer will again be given a taste of gridiron sport as well as a chance in which to participate, when the class teams once more clash upon Alumni Field. Each class from the Freshmen on up are to produce a team, these teams to play one another in rotation until the elimination declares one team champion.

Coach Robinson's return from the S. I. C. meet in New Orleans brought about the perfection of plans for the opening of the second season of class football at Mercer. The custom was started last year, and considerable interest was manifested in the sport enough to warrant another season of the pig skin sport for the benefit of students who are unable to go out for the varsity team.

Team managers have been named by all of the classes, coaches have been appointed, and the managers, together with Coach Robinson, have decided upon a set of six engagements to be played off on Alumni Field to decide the 1925 championship.

Coaches for the Senior team will be Jowers, Poore, Rice and Simmons, all letter men. The juniors are to be piloted by Lancaster and McDonald, while the sophomores will be coached by eight letter men from the varsity, composed of Parks, Glover, Dunn, Fleming, E. B. Smith, Adams, Lawrence, Teaseley.

Managers for the team as they have been named by their classes are: senior class, "Scotty" Young, and Jeff McKissack, assistant; junior class, J. B. Deariso; sophomore, Gerald Teaseley and Charlie Walker, assistant; freshman class, Courtlandt Gilbert and Jack Craft, assistant.

Practice is to start Monday, January 5, it was announced. The games are to be played off in pairs, and will start on Saturday, January 17. After the schedule is played off and the winner declared, some form of medal will probably be given the top class.

The schedule, as announced by Coach Robinson, is as follows:

January 17—Seniors Vs. Freshmen and Juniors Vs. Sophomores.

January 24—Seniors Vs. Sophomores, and Juniors Vs. Freshmen.

January 31—Seniors Vs. Juniors, and Sophomores Vs. Freshmen.

STAGE THREE-MILE RUN

In further completing Mercer's program calling for participation in organized athletics by all the student body, plans were formulated this week for a cross-country run to be staged January 31, with between 100 and 200 Mercerites expected to take part, Coach Robinson has announced.

The run is to be put on between the last two class football games that are to be played off, according to schedule, also on January 31. Any student is eligible for entrance, and no restrictions are to be placed on training for the sprint.

However, to those who wish to enter training instead of the usual Physical Education classes, college credit in Physical Ed will be given to those who regularly train for the three-mile event.

Jimmie Glover, halfback of the varsity football team and who made a mark in freshman circle circles training, and in case the class becomes large enough an assistant will aid Glover.

MERCER AT S. I. A. A. TO DISCUSS CHANGES

Coach Stanley Robinson and Dr. J. Clay Walker left Thursday for Charleston, S. C., to attend the S. I. A. A. conference on Friday and Saturday there.

One item to come up is the freshman rule, the coach said. This was made two years ago to apply as a two-year trial measure to apply in the playing of freshmen in games between members of the S. I. A. A. It stipulated that teams in the association could play freshmen only by mutual consent of both teams.

Another question is that applying to the playing of college athletes in summer baseball. A rule is proposed which would prevent a college player from playing during the summer on any club under control of the National Baseball Board, which supervises the National, American, Southern, South Atlantic and other such leagues. South Georgia clubs do not come under the control of this board.

Mercer Musicians To Leave State

Next Tour to Take Glee Club Into Florida and Tennessee, Says Director

An itinerary which will carry Mercer's glee club over North and South Georgia and into two outside states is being planned by Roy L. Hurst, technical director of the songsters.

Following the recent road trip when twelve performances were given by the club, such a number of requests for showings was received by the management that it has been difficult to restrict the future tours to the two which had been formerly decided upon, it was indicated.

A feature of the personnel of the club following Christmas will be the return of "Doctor" Marvin Pharr, who is to star again as blackface artist, and "Sleepy" Wilson, drummer deluxe, whose antics while on the stage of last year, brought added prestige to the club, are both to be on hand again.

Friday, January 23, will begin the first trip, the plan has it, Barnesville to be the first showing place of this tour. Following will be, Newnan, Rome, Chattanooga, Tenn., Dalton, Cedartown, La Rance and Columbus.

In March or April seven other engagements are to be booked, starting with Augusta and including Waynesboro, Statesboro, Savannah, Waycross, Jacksonville, Fla., and Valdosta.

AUBURN QUINTET TO MEET MERCER ON WEDNESDAY

Bear Basketeers Begin Schedule With Next Game on North-ern Jaunt.

With the opening game of the season only four days off, Coach "Tink" Gillam has been putting his twenty odd basketeers through strenuous practices for the past week. The Auburn Plainsmen will pry off the lid of the season for Mercer Wednesday, nM College or, ablyrs We dnesday

December 17, at the Macon Sports Arena. This will be the only chance to see the basketball team in action before the return from the Western trip toward the middle of January.

Coach Gillam has a formidable task to mold a smooth working quintet this year, due to the loss of Harmon, McWilliams, and Lawrence. In addition to the loss of these men, Captain "Crook" Smith will not be able to don the abbreviated athletic uniform until after the Christmas holidays. A wealth of material has come from last year's Freshman squad, which will take a long step forward toward solving the problem.

The practices, so far have been devoted mainly to passing pivoting, and shooting. Especial emphasis is being placed on pivoting, because of the new rule which broadens its possibilities. The candidates have not been put through a severe scrimmage as yet, but it is expected that battles between the first and second varsity will occupy an important place in the practice schedule for next week.

"Red" Simmons and Sid Ellison, after a short rest, have reported for practice and are making rapid strides toward mid-season form. Burns, Skinner, Long, Green and Dicks, from the Freshman team of '24, are reported to have a start on the other candidates because of practice through the fall at the Y. M. C. A., and are making strong bids for varsity berths.

The other candidates out who are showing excellent early season form are: "Kid" Cecil, John Parks, Pinkston, Cadenhead, "Bubber" Owen, who comes with a big reputation from Emory; Dunn, Wade, Phillips, Bennett, Averill, Connell, Alfriend, and the Heyward twins, Andrew and Emory.

Coach Gillam has not yet decided as to who will start the fracas with Auburn, but is planning to use as many of the candidates as possible so as to test the strength of each new man under fire.

EX-EDITOR WILL STUDY WHERE CAESAR FOUGHT

Hugh Rainey Awtrey, who hails from Franklin, N. C., was last year's pilot of The Cluster and at present sponsor for Mercer news in the Macon Telegraph, is to invade staid old Europe single-handed while the rest of us participate in Christmas festivities.

He will sail December 30 from New York on the good ship 'Rochambeau,' to land in Avignon, an ancient town of France built by the Romans of Caesar's day. Awtrey is to study the French language there and later will enter the Alliance Francaise, of Paris.

After his six months of French schooling, Hugh is to be joined by Dr. J. Clay Walker and a group of Mercer students for a tour of France and Germany. He hopes to return at the end of that time and have enough credits from Mercer and the French colleges together to receive an A. B. degree here.

In continuing his study of French, Awtrey plans to forsake the unsettled life of the pen-pusher for that involving a dignified professional career. After taking the A. B. degree upon his return, he will begin work upon his M. A.

ATHLETIC BOARD DECIDES POLICY

24 Gridsmen to Receive Gold Balls or Black Sweaters This Year

Monday night the Athletic Board of Control voted letters to twenty-four football men and one cheer-leader. These men will receive in addition to the letter, either a black sweater or a gold football inscribed with the score of the Florida game. Those who have already made letters will get the footballs, and the new letter men will receive sweaters.

R. E. Chandler, otherwise known as "Parson," is the first cheer-leader in the history of Mercer, to receive a letter. Chandler has been head cheer-leader for two years and as this is his last year, he has been awarded this honor which speaks for the record that he has made.

At this meeting a committee was formed to investigate the policies of other colleges in regard to awarding letters, and report the various methods at the next meeting of the board. The information gained from this investigation will be considered and the best features will probably be incorporated. (Continued on page three)

THURSDAY BRINGS OPENING PLEDGES IN BUILDING DRIVE

Next Move of Organization Will Ask Alumni to Raise to \$150,000.

Proving their loyalty to their Alma Mater, students of Mercer University pledged over \$40,000 to the War Memorial drive being staged by the alumni association in honor of the alumni who fell in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the World War, Thursday.

It was one of the most enthusiastic campaigns ever staged on the Mercer campus, and authorities say that this is one of the first great steps toward a movement for expansion for the University. Many prominent students spoke at a chapel meeting on Thursday morning and urged that every student pledge his quota of \$105 toward the erection of the war memorial in the form of a gymnasium that shall accommodate the needs of Mercer athletes in the future. Among these were, W. O. Dorough, president of the Senior class, Bill Freeman, W. A. Bootle, Kenneth Pray and others.

The campaign among the students was a success from every standpoint, authorities in charge of the drive say, and even more than the \$50,000 first asked for among the students is expected to be raised, it is thought. At noon Thursday the committee in charge of checking the pledging of students reported over \$35,000 with still more reports coming in.

John K. Williams, alumni secretary, said that this number covered pledges of \$105 each from approximately 335 members of the students and faculty. Upon continuance of the drive throughout today, it is believed that the goal of \$50,000 from the students will be reached.

Members of the varsity football team, the Presidents Club and other students were guests of the alumni association at a banquet held in the Hotel Lanier last Wednesday evening when the first organization on the campus was perfected. Upwards of \$4000 was raised at that time.

January 3-13 has been set as the time when an appeal will be made to the 5000 alumni over the state and elsewhere to subscribe the remainder of the \$150,000 which the students fail to raise. For some months an organization has been worked upon which gives directors of the drive in each district of Georgia. Adjacent states where there were sufficient alumni have also been organized, according to reports. A tour of the entire state has been planned for the next few days by John K. Williams. Already letters explaining the drive have been sent to the alumni of Mercer over the entire state of Georgia, and it is expected that no trouble will be incurred in raising the required amount of \$200,000 necessary to erect the new gymnasium.

Mr. Williams announced Thursday afternoon that the drive would be continued among the students after the Christmas holidays in order that every Mercer student might be given an opportunity to contribute to the cause. The Alumni secretary expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the students had proved their loyalty to Mercer thus far and said that he did not believe there would be any trouble in raising even more than the necessary amount when the alumni throughout the South learned of how the students had so splendidly responded to the call for funds. Mr. Williams said that he did not see how the alumni could possibly refuse to lend their aid in view of the fact that the students themselves had already pledged their (Continued on page six)

Snaky Fingers Rebel Future for Studes Prophet Predicts Great Future for "Crook" in Restaurant Business

By Humbert Ray

He was here last Wednesday. He had long snaky fingers, cold white fingers, fingers that reached into the future and touched the Unfathomable Mysteries.

Those fingers could glide over the solid ivory of a freshman's dome and discover the secret talents, traits, and instincts of the Youth Hopeful. By caressing that vast Uncultivated Region above one's ears this man of mystery could tell exactly whether one could make a success of keeping light-houses—for twenty-five cents.

He stood by the stove in the Co-op club and revealed the future and character of anyone who cared two-bits worth about such things. A group quickly surrounded him, and soon mysterious secrets and suppressed talents were bared to the edification of his audience.

Shaking his white hair from side to side, and talking jerkily in his shrill

voice he told the future of "Crook" Smith; "You would make a good restaurant man, or a hotel keeper. You could make a success by feeding people. No, you had better not come out for basketball or any other sport; you won't make a good athlete. It's not in you."

The old man passed his hands over the cranium of Malcolm Johnson and squeaked in his cracked voice: "Ah! A good engineer. You will be good in any science. You are a good mathematician, and should make high marks in chemistry and physics. You have the ability to make great inventions, and should become a good musician."

W. O. Dorough decided to see what fate had in store for him, so he stepped up. After collecting the two-bits, the "phrenologist" did his stuff and announced: "This man is a good poker-player, he knows well how to manipulate the cards. Aces, kings, and all high cards just naturally get into his hands. He is a dangerous

fellow to play against."

"You are a good father to your children," he said to Red Simmons, "but you should treat your wife more kindly." Upon this unexpected disclosure, Red blushed fluently and fled to his room.

The next on the program was Julian Upshaw. Mr. Upshaw sat gracefully upon the bench while the sooth-sayer fingered his scalp. Suddenly the man stopped, deathly still, as though astounded, he bent over and whispered something in Julian's ear. Mr. Upshaw was so surprised that he fell off the bench. Then, tucking his head under his arm in shame, he fled from the campus.

The mysterious flight of Mr. Upshaw is puzzling the best brains of the school, and many theories have been advanced to explain his hasty disappearance. No information can be gained from the sooth-sayer, in fact he refuses to talk for less than two-bits—and the thing is not so very important anyway.