

UNTOLD LEGENDS PROBABLY HIDDEN IN OLDEST DORM

In Penfield Hall May Lurk Tales of Famous Mercerians

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It's just an old brick building two stories high. To look at it one would not think it is of very great importance, and really it isn't. True, it is used for a dormitory, but that is not all it is kept for.

It is the most historical building on Mercer University campus, and when any old grad returns to his Alma Mater, Penfield Hall is the first thing he inquires about. Perhaps he will tell you about the good times he had while he roomed in it, and he will tell you that he'll never forget Penfield as long as he lives.

It was erected when Mercer was moved to Macon from Penfield, Ga., in 1871. It can easily be seen by the size of the building that the enrollment at the institution at that time was not very large, for when it was built, it was Mercer University proper. For twelve years it was the only building and during that time it answered every purpose of the University. The kitchen and dining room were located in the rear, rooms on one side of the hall were used for classes and the other side was the dormitory.

The Administration Building was erected twelve years after Penfield, so class rooms were moved to the new building, and Penfield only served as mess hall and dormitory.

A few years later, Sherwood Hall was built for a dormitory, and Penfield was nothing more than a place to cook and eat. But it is not esdu for that any more. Since the student body has increased so much, every available building is used for a dormitory, and Penfield is doing its part. It has only fourteen rooms, and therefore cannot take care of more than twenty-eight boys at one time.

But if the old hall could speak it could tell you some interesting stories. Perhaps it could tell you something about the late Thomas E. Watson that you haven't already heard. It might tell you some interesting facts about Walter F. George, Willie D. Upshaw, and many other great men that once lived in Penfield and later have gone out into the world to make themselves and Mercer University famous.

And if it spoke both for and against the men it once housed, it would tell you of the all night poker games that have been played within its walls; about the "drunks" that came in at all hours of the early morning, and many other things that would interest you.

But Penfield can't stand much more of it. The service it has seen was almost more than it can bear, and it has begun to show the marks of many winters.

No doubt, in ten more years it will exist only in the memories of those that once slept within its walls.

UPSHAW HAILED JANITOR BY CICERONIAN SOCIETY

Julian J. Upshaw, of that part of the terrestrial globe about one Douglasville, Ga., nephew of Congressman Willie D. Upshaw, and keeper of the epistolary communications borne to our campus, added another office unto his string last Monday night when he was awarded the title of janitor of the Ciceronian literary society for the month of January.

C. A. Martin, of Rex, was named president of the society at the time; T. Harris Tyson, of Tennesse, was chosen vice-president; King Israel Evans, of Ogechee, secretary and reporter; J. W. Avery, of Dothan, Ala., chaplain; and S. V. Coffield, of Montee, tensor.

ATHLETIC BOARD WILL DECIDE ON NEW POLICY

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voted in the Mercer rules regarding the award of letters.

A definite policy was established to govern the issuing of passes to players on the different teams so as to avoid confusion in the future. By this new ruling, each letter man is allowed two passes for each game, and as soon as any other player has taken part in a game he is allowed one pass for each game. A permanent list will be kept all season so that there can be no complaints.

The following are the players who

DESIGN OF NEW MERCER GYMNASIUM



Architect's Drawing of the Proposed War Memorial Building to be erected at Mercer

WEAVER TO TOUR FLORIDA CITIES

Mercer President to Present War Memorial Plan to Florida Alumni

Beginning tomorrow, Dr. R. W. Weaver will begin a tour of six Florida cities in the interest of the Mercer War Memorial program. He will be accompanied by Dr. George Hyman, of the First Baptist Church, of Tampa, who is Florida State director in the Mercer program.

Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Tampa, Orlando and Miami will be reached December 14 to 19. The speakers will confer with Mercer alumni in each place concerning their part in the raising of the \$150,000 to erect a gymnasium in honor of heroes who gave their lives in the three wars.

Hard-Boiled Profs Threaten Students With Tough Exams

The nearing holiday season has been dropping joy-bombs throughout all the land but, as yet, none have been seen to fall on that part of the world known as Mercer Campus. Some might have fallen but if they did they fell unnoticed for the student's senses of joy have been dulled by the posting of the schedule for examination.

The schedule in itself isn't bad, if that was all there was to it all of the students would be happy. The rub comes because it reminds the students that examinations are only a few days off. The schedule reminds the student of those happy times that he spent in a bull session when he should have been studying his lessons. The sight of the examination schedule is enough to put all students to work. The freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and post graduates all make "study" their pass words.

The campus these days seems deserted. There is an entire lack of the loafers hanging around the Co-op Club. Freshmen have quit talking about the good times that they will have Christmas and have gone to talking life and their studies more seriously than ever before.

To the students the appearance of the professors have changed. Instead of the bags of hot air that they saw before the professors now appear to be grim and threatening beasts, wishing for the time to come when their thirst for "busting" will be satisfied. Their grim countenances instill no hopes in the hearts of the furlorn students.

The wise look, so often seen on the faces of college men, has vanished and in its place there is a look of meekness, ignorance and supplication. All talks of bootlicks has passed and the students now realize—too late—that the bootlicks of which they have talked are only superficial things.

On the 19 of December all worry on the part of the students will be over. That is the day that the examinations close. Then will the nights of sleeplessness they have spent be mere memories. Then they will go home to partake of the belated joys of the Christmas holidays.

received letters: Ends: B. L. Smith, Ellison, Tipton, Sammons, and E. B. Smith; Tackles: Simmons, McDonald, Jowers, Coffee, and Johnson; Guards: Lancaster, Dunn, and Fleming; Center: Carson; Quarter-backs: Lawrence and Teasley; Half-backs: Poore, Glover, Corll, Adams, Parks, and Bate; Full-backs: Rice and Young.

Boys Feign Illness In Order To Get In Homelike Atmosphere

Play "Red Hot Mamma" While Nurse Is Looking Other Way

"Girls can bear pain better than boys," is the startling statement made by Mrs. William Thomas Rycroft, head nurse at Mercer's Infirmary. "They grit their teeth and fight pain like a martyr."

"They also stay in better spirits when they are sick," continued Mrs. Rycroft, "thereby recovering from their illness much quicker than a boy."

According to Mrs. Rycroft, if a boy blisters his foot he will come to the infirmary and expect to be treated for a week, in that way getting out of classes. This, though is probably due to the homelike atmosphere Mrs. Rycroft has created in the infirmary, and to the home cooking served from the diet kitchen.

"I am beginning to believe that boys actually like to stay in the hospital," stated Mrs. Rycroft with a look of wonder on her face. "Sometimes I have a patient here who complains that he is deathly sick, and yet when he thinks that I am no where about he will start the victrola to all over the room with a fellow playing "Red Hot Mamma," and dance tinent. One student betrayed a feigned case of kidney colic by having a half dozen "hot dogs" sent up from the drug store.

"I have a special interest in Mercer boys because I am in love with one of them," coyly stated Mrs. Rycroft. "Now don't get excited," she hastily explained. "The student I am in love with is my husband who is studying in the School of Theology for work as a nevangeliatic singer."

Mrs. Rycroft has made the Infirmary a signal success by her marked ability as a hospital head and by her winning personality. Every student who leaves the Infirmary leaves with unbounded love and respect for her. "Most like a visit home" was the verdict of one student after being in the hospital with a twisted knee.

Ability to talk intelligently with students on subjects of interest to the college men is one of the chief reasons for Mrs. Rycroft's marked success. She is highly trained in the art of nursing, having taken post graduate work in the University Hospital in Chicago. During her thirteen years of experience previous to taking charge of the Mercer Infirmary she was head nurse in two different hospitals.

Mrs. Rycroft is an ardent football fan, and the splendid condition of the team during the past season is due largely to her ministrations to their bruises, and to the food she would serve them from the diet kitchen.

If Mrs. Rycroft continues to build up the service of the infirmary she will be the inspiration of a sequel to the old song, "I Don't Want to Get Well." The title of this song will be "I Want to Get Sick."

CUB TEAM REWARDED FOR SEASON'S WORK

Mercer's greatest Freshman team were rewarded for their services on Thursday afternoon by the Athletic Association at a special meeting of the Freshman class when numerals were awarded to fifteen cubs. The numerals were presented by Coach Tink Gillam, who praised the Cubs for the spirit they displayed, and expressed the belief that each of them would win a varsity letter before they left Mercer.

The men winning the coveted numerals were Captain "Phony" Smith, Butts, Willis, Rogers, Pierce, Glenn Davis, Herndon, Prentice Neal, Barney Davis, Forrester, Brunner, Smalley, Massey, Heidt, Neal, and Skelton.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Mercer's Pan-Hellenic Council has three representatives in the Inter-Fraternity Conference now in session at Georgia Tech. The Conference will last through the thirteenth of December. The purpose of the conference, which is composed of delegates from the Pan-Hellenic Councils of every college of Georgia, is to draw up a uniform and definite set of regulations governing the pledging of Freshmen. The representatives from Mercer are Edward Everette, Jr., Paul Lawrence, and Martin Burghard.

The main questions under discussion are the problems of pledging new members while they are yet in high school and whether it is advisable to receive any pledges before a certain limit of time placed upon all freshmen entering college.

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