

NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE AMONG BEST IN SOUTH

Mercer Gym Will Have All Modern Conveniences, Say Officials

The memorial gymnasium is to be erected on the Mercer campus in honor of the Mercer men who fell in the World War will be one of the largest and most modernly equipped gymnasiums in all the Southland, according to officials who are in charge of planning the structure. It will be, when completed, one of the largest and most beautiful gymnasiums to be found anywhere, officials say, and will amply accommodate all athletic games of an indoor nature, in addition to a suitable place for students to take exercise.

The structure, when completed, will be 135 feet wide and 205 feet long, and the sports arena, where all of the basketball games are to be held, will be 90 feet by 115 feet in dimension, said to be one of the largest basketball courts in the South, there being only two other gymnasiums in the south which can in any way compare with the one being planned by the Mercer alumni.

The completed building will contain 37 rooms, which will include seven offices, 16 by 20 feet. In addition to the offices there will be twelve class rooms, two parlors and two ladies rest rooms. The quarters for visiting teams will be sufficient to accommodate 25 men.

There will be separate dressing rooms for four different teams, it has been announced, as well as four series of shower baths and locker space to accommodate 1000 men.

The new gymnasium, in fact, will have every modern convenience and will be equipped with a fine swimming pool 35 by 70 feet.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 2,900 people—far more than any of the present buildings in Macon, where indoor games have been played in the past.

Various athletic clubs, such as the "M" club, will have a room, thus fulfilling a long-felt need, in that it will give the clubs a permanent place to meet. There will also be a trophy room in the building.

In addition to all of these advantages, Coach Robinson states that the building will be large enough to hold indoor football practice and indoor baseball practice. In this way, as it may readily be seen, the Mercer teams will be given an opportunity to practice for the various teams all throughout the winter.

It may truly be said of the gymnasium that there will not be anything else in all the South to equal it, as it will be a combination of auditorium, class rooms to accommodate 400 students, business offices, club rooms, sports arena, swimming pool and many other modern conveniences.

CHRISTMAS EXTENDED BY FACULTY DECISION

Three More Holidays Given, Delaying Registration Until Monday, January 5.

Students going home for the Christmas holidays will not be required to return for registration until Monday, January 5, according to announcement following a faculty meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

The stipulation was made, however, that Monday, and Monday only, would be registration time, all those delaying themselves in any way to be held responsible for the usual late registration fee of \$2 to \$3.

The 1924-25 number of the catalogue announced that registration for the Winter term would begin Friday, January 2, and continue through Saturday, but in view of the fact that many other colleges are delaying their registration dates, and considering requests of students that the time be changed, the Mercer faculty reversed the former decision.

Bought Your Xmas Jewelry? Do It by Mail, if You Haven't

Mercer's Lovelorn Lads Who Formerly Languished Over Feminine Gifts Now Use Mail Order System, National Jeweler Says.

By Veazey Howell

Rings!

Engagement rings, wedding rings, and teething rings—all in their order. A nationally known firm of diamond importers have written the business management of the school, stating that they have received several inquiries from students concerning their stock of rings.

Mr. S. W. Garrett has been asked to write his opinion as to whether the whole thing is a joke or whether the students are really in earnest. What must he write?

A famous humorist has said that the student should have more sense than to give a girl a ring, even if he loves her more than a barefoot boy loves Eskimo Pies. His reason for his rash statement is that the girl will always see some other girl with one a little bit larger than the one you have given her, and as a result will be eternally dissatisfied. He advises that the young swain use the line "Love me and not my ring."

It has been suggested that the boys who have inquired about the diamonds have only a Christmas present in view.

But, does the stude give diamonds for Christmas presents?

"An economic impossibility," says Prof. Ralley, when this question was propounded to him. "But," he continued, "If the student is using the diamond for a dual purpose, as an engagement ring as well as a Christmas present, the killing of two birds with one 'stone' makes the purchase of the ring more in the range of possibility."

"An adjustable engagement ring must be invented and offered to the public before we will be in the market for a diamond" was the composite answer of a number of shieks when interviewed. Notable among them were Hillyer Straton, Malcolm Johnson, and Freshman Frank Garrett.

Diamonds sell at a slightly higher price than most articles purchased by the student, so when the news of the diamond craze was received, Dr. Ragsdale was consulted for advice concerning this large expenditure of money.

"Tell the young gentlemen that we have a limited number of cottages for rent at a nominal cash sum to the married students, and tell them that groceries sell for cash."

GRID CAPTAIN FOR 1925 TO BE ELECTED SOON

The election of the football captain to head the Bear eleven for next year has been postponed until next week, it has been announced. The election was supposed to have taken place last week but was postponed because of the absence of Dr. Weaver, who was to give the varsity men a banquet in Loh's cafe, where the election was to take place.

This is considered one of the most important elections of the year in athletic circles and speculation has been rife for the past week as to just who will lead the Grizzlies to victory next year. Bela Lancaster of Gainesville has been favored by the straw voters and it is thought by many that he will be the lucky man. McDonald and Carson are also favored for the coveted place and there is a chance of Jimmy Glover, although only a Sophomore, winning the captainship for next year. It is understood that the election is to be held early next week, if not immediately upon the return from the holiday season.

FRAITS TO HOLD CAGE TOURNEY IN JANUARY

For the first time in the history of the university, inter-fraternity basketball will be held on the campus immediately after the Christmas holidays among the various Greek letter organizations at Mercer, according to a recent announcement made by the Pan-Hellenic council. The movement has been received with much enthusiasm among the various fraternities represented at Mercer and it is thought that considerable interest will be manifested in the games which are to be scheduled early in January.

This is the first time that the fraternities have ever taken an active part in athletics as organizations, and the coaches and fraterties are heartily in favor of the idea, it is said. At the last meeting of the Pan-Hellenic council it was decided to inaugurate inter-fraternity athletics as a custom at Mercer in order to follow the suit of other colleges.

Santa: "Oh! I'm dying!"
Claus: "Can I help you?"
—Washington Column.

National Magazine Lauds The Cluster

"American Campus" Publishes Editorial of Martin C. Burghard

The American Campus, a national publication, which has just made its first appearance from a New York press, and is devoted mainly to the interests and activities of the campus life of America, has recognized the value of Mercer and her journalism and literary school in its initial issue.

Two editorials, entitled "College Dramatics" and "College Idealism," written by Martin C. Burghard, member of the staff of the Cluster, were used by the editor of the magazine. This is just another instance where articles and editorials written by Mercer journalism students have been broadcasted in magazines and newspapers of National reputation.

The students of Mercer may easily recognize the "Emceebee" editorials as those of our nationally known editorial writer, Mr. Burghard.

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Election of officers for the next term featured the meeting of the Ministerial Association last Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. building. The new officers are: W. B. Underwood, president; C. M. Coalson, vice-president; C. E. Rogers, secretary; W. J. Carwell, chorister; K. I. Evans, pianist; Alfred Pullen, janitor. Permission was granted the Mercer ministerial students to visit the local jails, according to the report made by a committee in charge of this matter.

STUDENTS GIVE \$40,000 TO MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

(Continued from page one) whole-hearted support to the proposed plan.

Work upon the gymnasium should begin some time in March, it was announced, and should be near enough completion by next year in order to play all of the varsity basketball games on the new court.

An arrangement has been made so that the students can handle their pledges without difficulty of paying out the sums of \$105 at one time.

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