

# M.U. Seniors Make Annual Pilgrimage To Penfield

Mercer's class of '65 Wednesday made the annual Senior pilgrimage to Penfield, Georgia, site of the original college established in 1833 by Rev. Jesse Mercer.

Dr. Harold McManus, chairman of Mercer's Christianity Department, presided at the morning service held in the old Penfield chapel. The invocation was delivered by Dr. J. J. Hurt, Editor of the Christian Index. Rev. Alfred Kilgore, Pastor of the Penfield Baptist Church, formally welcomed the Seniors, to which Senior class president Tommy Kirbo made a brief response. Mercer Senior Dale Freency was soloist, and Carey Pitts as chorister led the students. Rev. Clifford Jett of the First Baptist Church in Monroe presented the guest speaker, Dr. Thernon Price, chairman of the Department of Religion at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. Lynn Reddick, president of Mercer's Ministerial Association presented the benediction, dismissing those present to the barbeque held on the grounds of the former

campus. Following lunch, students traveled to the college-community cemetery, where wreaths were placed on the graves of Jesse Mercer, Billington Sanders, George Connell and Spright Dowell, former presidents of Mercer. Rev. Thomas J. Holmes, Pastor of the Tattnell Square Baptist Church in Macon, presided at this service. The wreaths were laid by Colin Harris, Dianne McCommons, Sarah Distelhurst, Robert Shirley, Linda Tabor, Jeff Pace, Karen Kennedy, and Don Baxter.

The Penfield Pilgrimage and Founder's Day program, a Mercer tradition, takes the seniors at the end of their college career to the spot where their institution had its beginning. During the first week of each new term, Freshmen and transfer students journey to Penfield for similar ceremonies.

# Bears Take 3-2 Victory Over Piedmont College

Mercer claimed its third win of this young baseball season here Tuesday by defeating Piedmont College, 3-2. However, it took a superb relief effort on the part of Sandy Haris to stifle two Piedmont threats in the last two frames.

After four scoreless innings, Mercer broke open a tight pitching duel between Mercer's Ronnie Davis and Piedmont's Bennyhill, by scoring two runs in the fifth—one of them unearned. Second baseman David Maddox lined out to start the fifth inning. Davis then reached first via fielding miscue, and moved onto second on the throw to the plate Jordan scored on a single throw the box by shortstop Jack Manton. Manton was left stranded as Lester Wright grounded out to end the inning.

Piedmont cut Mercer's lead in half in the seventh inning as they combined a double, single and a fielder's choice to score their first run.

Mercer pushed across their final

and deciding tally in their half of the seventh.

Maddox reached first on a walk to lead off the inning and moved to second on Davis' sacrifice bunt. Maddox stole third and came home when the throw from the catcher went into left field.

Charles Stewart started the eighth inning for the Bears, walked the first man and was relieved by Harris. The first batter Harris faced lined a ball deep to right center which popped out of Jordan's glove, for a three base error, driving in Piedmont's second run. However, the unperturbed Harris struck out the next two batters and got the third on a ground ball to third.

The Bears failed to produce another run in the bottom of the eighth, but none were needed for the southpaw Harris retired the side in order in the final frame.

Jordan and first baseman John Collier led Mercer's eighth hit attack with two safeties each.

This year Mercer welcomed Captain J. D. Benson, U. S. Army, to its staff for a three year tour.

Captain Benson is a native of Jackson, Miss., where he began his military training in high school ROTC. Upon graduation in 1955 he had entered his first of three years in the National Guard.

He entered Millsaps College in Jackson and after one year transferred to the University of Southern Miss where he resumed his ROTC training. Becoming Cadet Lt. Col. Regimental S-3 in his senior year.

While in college he was very active in many organizations including Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity, and Pi Kappa Pi, a national scholastic fraternity. He was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and also also to his university's Hall of Fame.

Benson, majoring in history and political science graduated from Southern Miss. in 1959 with high-

est honors and as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

In September of the same year he went on active duty as a second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps entering basic training at Ft. Gordon, Ga. Having finished first of 54 in his basic training course he was transferred for a two year period to Ft. Stewart, Ga. where he soon became the Assistant Provost Marshal.

After training in physical security at Ft. Gordon, motor vehicle and traffic safety at Northwestern University and civil affairs at Ft. Gordon he was reassigned to the 7th Civil Affairs Group in Okinawa.

In March of 1962 he was placed

on special duty at the Pacific Command Counterinsurgency School and in October of the same year he joined a Special Forces "A" Detachment in Thailand conducting counterinsurgency training to the Royal Thai Army.

He returned to the States in 1963 and attended the Military Police Officers Career Course until his graduation in May 1964.

Captain Benson was then reassigned to the Mercer ROTC department as assistant professor of military science.

As a member of the Macon Junior Chamber of Commerce, he has recently been serving as Contestant Chairman for the 1965 Macon Pageant.



Benson

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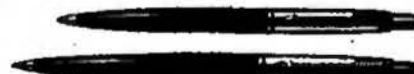
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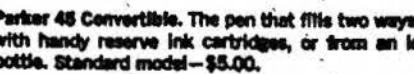


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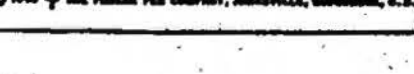
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### MERCER UNIVERSITY

#### 1965 INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL CORRECTED SCHEDULE

- April 1, Thursday  
Rebels vs Crescents—1  
Snakes vs Leo's—2
- April 5, Monday  
Min. vs Atoms—1  
Willards vs MIMA—2
- April 8, Thursday  
Rebels vs Legal Eagles—1  
Crescents vs MIMA—2
- April 15, Thursday  
Min. vs Leo's—1  
Willards vs Atoms—2
- April 19, Monday  
Rebels vs Snakes—1  
Crescents vs Legal Eagles—2
- April 20, Tuesday  
Legal Eagles vs Leo's—1  
Atoms vs MIMA—2
- April 21, Wednesday  
Rebels vs Min.—1  
Crescents vs Snakes—2
- April 22, Thursday  
Willards vs MIMA—1  
Atoms vs Leo's—2
- April 26, Monday  
Rebels vs Willards—1  
Crescents vs Min.—2

- April 27, Tuesday  
Legal Eagles vs Snakes—1  
Leo's vs MIMA—2
- April 29, Thursday  
Rebels vs Atoms—1  
Crescents vs Willards—2
- May 3, Monday  
Legal Eagles vs Min.—1  
Snakes vs MIMA—2
- May 4, Tuesday  
Rebels vs Leo's—1  
Crescents vs Atoms—2
- May 5, Wednesday  
Legal Eagles vs Willards—1  
Snakes vs Min.—2
- May 6, Thursday  
Crescents vs Leo's—1  
Legal Eagles vs Atoms—2
- May 10, Monday  
Snakes vs Willards—1  
Min. vs MIMA—2
- May 11, Tuesday  
Rebels vs MIMA—1  
Legal Eagles vs Leo's—2
- May 12, Wednesday  
Snakes vs Atoms—1  
Min. vs Willards—2

\* Monday games start at 4:15 p.m.; other games start at 4 p.m.

Each team will furnish one official. The officials will be paid by the Physical Education Department and must report to the department office to pick up necessary equipment prior to the game.

Rained-out games will be played at the end of the season if necessary.